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### Clark Fire Grows to 1,603 acres

The Clark Fire is a lightning-caused fire that was detected yesterday afternoon. It is estimated to be 1,603 acres and 10% contained.

The fire is burning near Bald Mountain, east of Highway 395, and north of the Owens River Road.

The fire is burning at 7,000 - 8,000 feet in elevation in sagebrush and cheat grass and into Jeffrey pine in the higher elevations.

The fire remained active throughout night and burned north towards Bald Mountain and into Indiana Summit Research Natural Area; primarily burning in Jeffrey pine forest.

Crews focused on fireline on the south east flank of the fire to protect nearby private developments and ranches and used nearby forest service roads as containment lines. They will continue to strengthen these lines today.

Clark Canyon, a popular climbing area, has been evacuated. Afternoon wind and low relative humidity continues to be a concern for fire crews

There are several Forest Service roads that lead to the Bald Mountain area and visitors are advised to avoid these roads and the fire area for their safety and firefighter safety.

There are numerous hand crews, engines, air tankers, helicopters, air attack and lead planes, and a dozer assigned to the fire. There are approximately 200 people assigned to the incident.

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