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Clark Fire and Rock Creek Fire Updates

The **Rock Creek Fire** is estimated to be 122 acres and 20% contained. The decrease in acreage is a result of more accurate mapping. Last night, strong northern winds challenged the southern portion of the fire that continues to push towards the Swall Meadows area. Today, crews will continue to construct direct line, patrol and mop up along the perimeter.

Swall Meadows was evacuated on August 5, 2016. Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff, will notify locals regarding repopulation, via the Red Code System by 4:00 p.m. today. This will be dependent on local wind events and fire conditions.

Lower Rock Creek Road is closed between Swall Meadows and Highway 395. The fire is under investigation but appears to be human caused.

Low relative humidity and afternoon winds continue to be concern for both fires.

The Clark Fire is 3,030 acres and is 60% contained. The fire is located east of Highway 395 near Bald Mountain and was started by lightning on August 4th.

Crews today will continue to construct direct line and pick up any spots that may occur along the northeast flank. The crews will also monitor the burning of interior islands of unburned fuel.

Clark Canyon, a popular climbing area, has been evacuated. There are several Forest Service roads that lead to the Bald Mountain area and visitors should avoid these roads and the fire area for their safety and firefighter safety.

There are 8 hand crews, 14 engines, 2 air tankers, 5 helicopters, air attack and a lead plane, and a 1 dozer assigned to the fire. There are 389 people assigned to the incident.

The Central Coast Team arrived yesterday. They in-briefed and shadowed the local Type 3 IMT and took over management of the fire this morning at 6:00 a.m.

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