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Owens River Fire Update

The Owens River Fire remains 6,050 acres and is 20% contained.

Last night, crews made good progress to contain and mop up spot fires and work the active edges of the fire and that effort will be ongoing today. The fire remains active on the west, north, and east flanks and crews will focus on these areas. Crews will strengthen firelines and mop up along the line where safe to do so.

The weather forecast for the coming days will remain hot and dry and wind remains a concern. These conditions will continue to test containment lines.

Four uninhabited outbuildings, several pieces of heavy equipment, and a vehicle were destroyed during the initial response.

The fire is burning along Owens River Road near Clark Canyon, east of Highway 395 in sagebrush and Jeffrey pine, and annual grasses.

The Big Springs Campground, Clark Canyon, and nearby ranches and developments have been evacuated. The Owens River Road and the Whitmore Springs Roads are closed and visitors are advised to avoid the Bald Mountain Road as well. *For your and fire crew safety, please avoid the fire area.*

Smoke is visible, although diminished, from locations throughout the Highway 395 corridor including Mammoth Lakes, June Lake, and Lee Vining. It will settle in the valleys at night under the cool inversion layer.

There are 11 hand crews, 48 engines, 7 helicopters, 6 dozers, and 7 water tenders assigned to the fire. There are 536 people assigned to the incident.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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