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Owens River Fire Update

The Owens River Fire remains at 5,443 acres and is 75% contained.

Today, crews will work on extinguishing some hot spots on the southern edge of the fireline, and some burning continues in the interior of the fire. Firefighters are mopping up and backhauling equipment. Demobilization will continue throughout the weekend. Fire behavior is expected to be minimal. Warmer and dryer weather is predicted for the weekend.

Fire officials will open some roads to public traffic northeast of the fire area today. The Owens River Road remains closed and the public is asked to stay out of this area to keep it safe for firefighters who are still working in the vicinity. The Big Springs Campground, Clark Canyon, and nearby ranches and developments have been evacuated and those areas remain closed.

There are 9 hand crews, 19 engines, 2 helicopters, 2 dozers, and 5 water tenders assigned to the fire. There are 354 personnel working on the incident.

The cost of the fire is estimated to be \$3,900,000.00. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

This will be the final daily update and the next update will be when there is something significant to report.

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