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Firefighters Respond to 150-Acre Walker Fire

The Walker Fire, located north of Walker Lake, started yesterday evening and is estimated to be 150 acres.

Approximately 20 structures are threatened and have been evacuated near Walker Lake.

Walker Lake is a popular recreation area for fishing and hiking. It is located west of June Lake, on the north end of the June Lake Loop, and is accessed by a dirt road 1N17. This road is closed at this time for fire response and public safety. The trail to Mono Pass (trailhead is at Walker Lake) is also closed at this time for public safety.

The fire is burning in mixed conifer, mahogany, and brush. Critical sage grouse habitat is also threatened. The forecast calls for hot and dry conditions today.

Visitors and residents should expect to see smoke today from the June Lake area and along Highway 395.

Approximately 150 firefighters are on scene. Numerous resources from Mono County, local fire departments, the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest, BLM Bishop Field Office, and the Mono County Sheriff's Office are assisting.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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***** Please note that there are two Mono Passes on the Inyo National Forest. The Mono Pass accessed via Mosquito Flat from the Rock Creek Road remains opened.*****