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## **Heritage Fire: Tuesday Morning Update**

**Date/Time:** **March 15, 2022 / 07:00 am**  
**Location:** **Heritage Way / Mojave River Oro Grande**  
**Incident:** **Heritage Incident (Vegetation Fire) #22-65645**

### **Summary:**

Update: At 10:00 am, the fire was mapped at 500 acres. Containment has increased proportionally and remains at 10%.

The #HeritageFire which began Monday afternoon before 1:00 pm burned actively well past midnight with numerous winds shifts until the pre-dawn hours before finally settling down. The active burning period saw continued forward progress along with heavy fuels burning within the interior all the way back toward the heel of the incident.

Firefighters are being reinforced with new personnel this morning. Three strike teams of engines, one dozer and a hand crew from County Fire will be supported by additional resources from CalFire and Victorville Fire Department.

Objectives today will include the extension and improvement of existing containment lines and assessing for any structure damage or loss. Smoke will continue to be visible throughout the high desert with a possible increase in fire activity as the day continues to warm.

An evacuation warning remains in place for residences in the community of Oro Grande from Melrose Avenue south to Roy Rogers Road and between Bryman Road and the Mojave river bottom. Sporadic power outages exist due to damage to numerous utility poles and power lines.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters have been reported. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by County Fire's Office of the Fire Marshal.

Aerial mapping of the fire will take place mid-morning at which point an updated acreage will be provided. For continued updates, please follow our Twitter feed: @SBCountyFire.