

Slinkard Fire at 6,241 acres, no containment

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The Slinkard Fire is estimated to have burned 6,241 acres, with zero percent containment as of Thursday afternoon.

The fire has burned to Highway 395 and crossed Highway 89 to the north.

The power outage in the Coleville-Topaz-Walker area due to fire burning poles and wire. Approximately 30 customers had power restored along 395 south of the state line near agricultural inspection station.

"Fire continues to threaten utility structures. Crews on the scene ready to make repairs when allowed access. Positioning generator near site for possible use if outage is multi-day," Liberty Utilities spokeswoman Kathy Carter said. An extended power outage is likely.

Wednesday night, fire crews focused on the eastern flank of the fire along Highway 395 and engine crews were dedicated to structure protection in northern Topaz. There have been no injuries and no structures lost at this time.

Topaz has been evacuated north of Highway 89 to the Nevada state line.

North of the fire, Highway 395 is closed in both directions at Highway 208. South of the fire, 395 is closed in both directions at Highway 182 in Bridgeport. In Topaz Ranch Estates, Highway 208 is now open.

The fire is located in Slinkard Valley and the west slope of Antelope Valley, west of Topaz in Mono County.

Lightning started the fire on Aug. 29.

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