



Canyon Fire Incident Update



Monday, September 5, 2011
4:00 p.m.

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Fire Information Line: (661) 330-0133

Incident Name: Canyon Incident

Location: Old West Ranch, Tehachapi

Incident Command: CAL FIRE Incident Command Team #6. CAL FIRE unified with the Kern County Fire Department

Start Date & Report Time: September 4, 2011 11:32 am

Cause: Plane Crash

Acres: 4,759

Containment: 5%

Expected Containment: Unknown

Fire Engines: 69

Fire Crews: 21

Bulldozers: 10

Helicopters: 2

Airtankers: N/A

Total Personnel: 600

Injuries: 1

Structures Damaged: 0

Structures Destroyed: 1

Current Situation: The fire is burning in a mix of grass, brush, oak and pine trees in steep rugged terrain with heavy fuels, and a high mortality of Digger Pines. The fire is moving southeast towards the communities of Old West Ranch, Tehachapi City and Oak Creek. Windmill Farms and Southern California Edison Infrastructure and Power lines continue to be threatened. Firefighters are working in extreme conditions, high heat, low humidity, with the potential for erratic winds. Fire Crews continue to diligently protect structures, construct direct handline and build bulldozer perimeter lines.

Recommended Evacuation Orders: Old West Ranch, Owens Ranch and two miles South of Oak Creek and East of Willow Springs Rd.

Large Animal Rescue: Tehachapi Rodeo Grounds – 714-791-6806

Road Closures in effect for the general public: Blackburn Canyon Road, Water Canyon Road, and Oak Creek Rd.

Cooperating Agencies: CAL FIRE, Kern County Fire Department, Tehachapi PD, SCE, Red Cross, KCSO, CHP, L.A. County Fire, Santa Barbara County Fire, Ventura County Fire, Orange County Fire Authority.

Additional Information: Kern County residents who need more information can call 211