



Canyon Fire Incident Update



Tuesday, September 6, 2011
12:00 p.m.

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Fire Information Line: (661) 752-5128

Incident Name: Canyon Incident

Location: Old West Ranch, Tehachapi

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

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

Cause: Plane Crash

Acres: 13,473

Containment: 20%

Expected Containment: 09/09/2011

Fire Engines: 87

Fire Crews: 47

Bulldozers: 27

Helicopters: 6

Airtankers: 7

Total Personnel: 1255

Injuries: 2

Residences Destroyed: 12

Outbuildings/Other Destroyed: 18

Current Situation: The fire is burning in a mix of grass, brush, oak and pine trees in steep rugged terrain with heavy fuels. Do to high mortality of Pine Trees in the area, it is generating intense fire activity. As the fire continues to burn to the southeast, a portion of the fire is transitioning out of the hills onto the desert floor, comprised of sparse brush and grass. The communities of Old West Ranch, Oak Creek and Rosamond continue to be threatened due to possible wind changes. Windmill Farms and Southern California Edison Infrastructure and Power lines continue to be at risk. Firefighters are working in extreme conditions, with low humidity and the potential for erratic winds. Fire Crews continue to diligently protect structures, build control line and start mop up operations using crews, dozers and aircraft.

Recommended Evacuation Orders: Old West Ranch, Owens Ranch and two miles South of Oak Creek and for 10 to 20 homes west of Tehachapi Willow Springs Rd. BLM has closed the Pacific Crest Trail in the fire area.

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, CAL EMA, Tehachapi PD, SCE, Red Cross, KCSO, CHP

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