



Canyon Fire Incident Update

Tuesday, September 6, 2011
6:00 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: 40%

Expected Containment: 09/09/2011

Fire Engines: 181

Fire Crews: 65

Bulldozers: 26

Helicopters: 4

Airtankers: 2

Total Personnel: 2099

Injuries: 3

Residences Destroyed: 12

Outbuildings/Other Destroyed: 18

Current Situation: The fires progression has decreased due to firefighting efforts and favorable weather conditions. The fuels continue to burn in a mix of grass, brush, oak and pine trees in steep rugged terrain. Although the fire has slowed down, there is still 16 miles of uncontained fire line that needs to be constructed. 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: All evacuations have been lifted. Blackburn Canyon Rd is open to residences only with identification.

Road Closures in effect for the general public: Tehachapi Willows Spring Road.

Cooperating Agencies: CAL FIRE, Kern County Fire Department, CAL EMA, Tehachapi PD, SCE, Red Cross, KCSO, CHP, Salvation Army

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