



# Keene Complex Incident Update



**Sunday, September 11, 2011  
2:00 pm.**

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## Keene Complex Information Line: (661) 375-7815

**Incident Name:** Keene Complex

**Location:** South West Kern County,  
Tehachapi Area

**Incident Command:** CAL FIRE Incident Command Team # 6 has established Unified Command with the Kern County Fire Department

**Start Date:** September 10, 2011

**Cause:** Lightning

**Firefighter Injuries:** 2

**Total Personal:** 1305

*Keene Complex is managing three branches totaling 6,200 acres. The complex is 60% contained:*

### Black Branch

Location: between Harts Flat Road and Black Mountain Road

**Acres:** Estimated  
3,000

**Containment:** 80%  
**Structures Damaged:** 0  
*(None Reported)*

**Expected Containment:** Unknown  
**Structures Destroyed:** 0  
*(None Reported)*

### Indian Branch

Location: In the area of Piute Road and Indian Creek Road

**Acres:** Estimated  
2,000

**Containment:** 40%  
**Structures Damaged:** 0  
*(None Reported)*

**Expected Containment:** Unknown  
**Structures Destroyed:** 0  
*(None Reported)*

### Baker Branch

Location: West side of Walker Road

**Acres:** Estimated  
1200

**Containment:** 80%  
**Structures Damaged:** 0  
*(None Reported)*

**Expected Containment:** Unknown  
**Structures Destroyed:** 0  
*(None Reported)*

**Current Situation:**

Kern County experienced large thunderstorms with lightning strikes that have caused multiple fires throughout the County. Firefighters are actively engaged in firefighting efforts throughout the Keene complex area and are making progress constructing containment lines. Other fires identified in the Keene Complex will be added to the updates throughout the day. Revised acreage and containment information based upon GIS mapping is expected this evening.

**Recommended Evacuation Orders:** None

**Road Closures (Residents allowed with ID):**

- Walker Basin @ Bodfish Road
- Keene @ Woodford Tehachapi Road
- Woodford Tehachapi Road @ Tehachapi Loop
- Caliente Creek @ Bodfish Road- This intersection is closed until 9/12/11 due to firefighting operations. However, residents may return to their homes through other routes.

**Cooperating Agencies:** CAL FIRE, Kern County Fire Department, Tehachapi Police Department, Kern County Sheriff's Department

**Additional Information:**

- Kern County residents can call 211 for general information.
- Media and residents should call the Kern County Joint Information Center at **661-873-2680** for county-wide fire information.
- Keene Complex Public Information will provide interviews and specific information about the Keene Complex fires. The telephone number is (661) 375-7815.