



Keene Complex Incident Update



**Sunday, September 11, 2011
6:00 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: 1701

Keene Complex is managing three branches totaling 6,950 acres. The complex is 60% contained:

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)

Hart Branch

Location: West side of Walker Road

Acres: Estimated
100

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

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

Harper Branch

Location: West side of Walker Road

Acres: Estimated
150

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

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

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)

Current Situation:

Firefighters continue to suppress multiple fires ignited by a large lightning storm that passed through the region. These suppression efforts include the utilization of dozers, hand crews, aircraft and fire engines that are deployed throughout the Keene complex. Firefighters are making good progress constructing containment lines around the fires. Resources were sent from the Keene Complex to the Comanche Complex to reinforce the firefighting efforts in that area.

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: Kern County Fire Department, Kern County Sheriff's Department, Tehachapi Police Department, California Highway Patrol, CAL FIRE, CAL EMA, CCC.

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.