

# Bastrop County Fire Complex

## FACT SHEET

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 - 12:00 PM

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**Acres:** 34,068 Total  
**Cause:** Under investigation  
**Containment:** 70% (Bastrop Fire)  
90% (Union Chapel Fire)  
**Resources:** 21 crews, 131 engines, 4 helicopters, 8 water tenders, 9 dozers

**Start date of fire:** September 4, 2011  
**Location:** 6 miles northeast of Bastrop, Texas  
**Fuels:** Timber/residential area  
**Total personnel:** 1210

A re-entry plan is established that will allow registered residents with placards re-entry to the following subdivisions at 10 a.m. on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, September 13**—ColoVista South, Wilderness Ridge, Harmon Road, Cottletown Road, and Park Road 1C South.
- **Thursday, September 15**--Pine Forest, Tahitian Village East, ColoVista North, Mcallister.

Placards for residents returning today are available at the intersection of Highway 71 and Ponderosa Road or at the Sheriff's Office at 200 Jackson Street in Bastrop. Media will be allowed into these areas at 2:00 pm today.

**Open areas-** Highway 21 and Highway 71 to through traffic; Union Chapel; Circle D, Pine Valley, KC Estates, and Pine Hill Estates only to residents and media with placards.

**Closed areas-** Bastrop State Park and Beuscher State Park.

**CURRENT CONDITION OF BASTROP FIRE AREA-** As residential areas are re-opened, returning residents will notice many areas with trees, stumps, and other vegetation smoldering or possibly still burning. The Bastrop County 911 system has received a large number of calls reporting smoldering or burning areas within the fire perimeter. In order to not overwhelm the 911 system, residents are encouraged to only call 911 to report fires adjacent to their homes. Please do not call 911 to report smoldering or burning material that is not threatening a residence. Fire crews are patrolling the fire areas to mop-up any lingering smoldering or burning materials.

A list of homes burned has been posted at the front of the Bastrop Convention Center. 875 homes have been GPS confirmed and verified with 911 addresses. As county assessment crews get into the burned areas they are verifying houses burned; no homes have burned since September 7.

**ASSISTANCE:** 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or dial **211** for local information and statewide public services. A FEMA Disaster Recovery Center has been established at the Bastrop High School West Campus, 1602 Hill Street, Bastrop, TX. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 9:00 am-7:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00pm.

**SAFETY MESSAGE-***Residents are strongly encouraged to take safety precautions during re-entry due to possible dangers that may exist in the ashes around their property. For questions on these precautions, please call the Public Information for the Bastrop County Fire Complex at 512-332-8814 or 8856.*

### ROAD CLOSURE UPDATE (Opening dates are for RESIDENTS ONLY):

- **Park Road 1C is closed at Old Antioch Road-OPENS TUESDAY SEPT.13**
- **Cottletown Road is closed at Antioch Road- OPENS TUESDAY SEPT. 13**
- **Gotier Trace westbound is closed at Antioch Road- OPENS TUESDAY SEPT. 13**
- **Tahitian Village north of Wahane Lane and east of Akaloa-OPENS THURSDAY. SEPT.15**

For further information, go to the Bastrop County website at <http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/> or call 512-332-8814 or 512-332-8856. Also see <http://www.inciweb.org> for updates, maps and photos.