

**Bastrop County Fire Complex**  
**FACT SHEET**  
**Wednesday, September 14, 2011 - 12:00 PM**

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**Acres:** 34,068 Total  
**Cause:** Under investigation  
**Containment:** 70% (Bastrop Fire)  
90% (Union Chapel Fire)  
**Resources:** 8 fire crews, 66 engines, 4 helicopters, 7 water tenders, 4 dozers

**Start date of fire:** September 4, 2011  
**Location:** 6 miles northeast of Bastrop, Texas  
**Fuels:** Timber/residential area  
**Total personnel:** 771

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

- **Thursday, September 15**--Pine Forest, Tahitian Village East, ColoVista North, Mcallister.
- **Tahitian Village north of Wahane Lane and east of Akaloa-OPENS THURSDAY. SEPT.15**

Placards for residents returning tomorrow are available at the entrance of Tahitian Village near the Clubhouse and at the intersection of Tahitian Drive and Riverside Drive. They are also available at the Bastrop County Sherriff's Office. Media will be allowed into these areas at 2:00 pm on Thursday.

- **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. ColoVista South, Wilderness Ridge, Harmon Road, Cottle town Road, and Park Road 1C South.

**CURRENT CONDITION OF BASTROP FIRE AREA-** Hazards associated with wildland urban interface still exist. As residential areas are re-opened, returning residents will notice many areas with trees, stumps, and other vegetation possibly still smoldering and *are strongly encouraged to use safety precautions (proper protective clothing, masks, etc.) during re-entry of their property and in moving debris piles as fuels may still be burning underneath.*

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.** Fire crews are patrolling the fire areas to mop-up any lingering smoldering or burning materials.

A list of addresses that have been GPS confirmed and verified with the Bastrop County 911 system has been posted at the front of the Bastrop Convention Center. 181 additional homes have been added to that list for a total of 1056 of the 1554 homes known to be destroyed by the fire. As county assessment crews get into the burned areas they are verifying houses burned; *no homes have burned since September 7. Bastrop State Park and Beuscher State Park remain closed.*

**ANIMAL CARCASSES:** A burn ban is in place for Bastrop County. Burning carcasses or any debris is prohibited. For more information on what to do with animal carcasses if found, please call the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) at 512-339-2929.

**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-DRIVE DEFENSIVELY-** *With the increase in fire traffic around local communities and utility personnel working along major highways, drivers are cautioned to drive safely, drive defensively.*

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.