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CZU Lightning Complex Update:

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: Most Evacuees May Return Home

Some Roads Reopen as Evacuation Orders Lifted

Online Database for Addresses in Open Area

Water, Food, Basic Needs Available for Evacuees

Non-Residents Urged to Stay Out of Area

HALF MOON Bay, Calif. – As of noon today, most residents along the southern San Mateo County coast evacuated from the CZU Lightning Complex may return to their homes.

Evacuees should check an online database available at <https://www.smcgov.org/smc-wildfire-recovery> to determine if their home is now accessible before reentering the area.

Evacuees may also call 2-1-1 to speak with a trained professional to learn if their address is in an area open as of noon today. [2-1-1 is a free service](#) available in more than 150 languages operated in cooperation with United Way of the Area.

Evacuees temporarily housed in hotels with vouchers should not check out until confirming their home is accessible. Assistance in hotel lobbies is available from the American Red Cross.

Areas open as of noon are generally in the areas of La Honda, San Gregorio and Pescadero.

Effective at noon today, evacuation orders are lifted for the following areas:

1. Pescadero Beach area (ZONE: SMC- E073)
2. Pescadero Creek County Park area (ZONE: SMC – E075)
3. Pescadero area (ZONE: SMC – E043)
4. San Gregorio area (ZONE: SMC – E022)
5. La Honda area (ZONE: SMC – E028)
6. Langley Hill and Red Barn area (ZONE: SMC – E010)
7. Russian Ridge Open Space area (ZONE: SMC – E027)
8. Skylonda (ZONE: SMC- E012)
9. Portola Redwoods State Park, Portola Heights (SMC E-048)
10. Middleton Tract (ZONE: SMC- E044)

Re-entry is NOT allowed in evacuated zones not included on this list.

The following roadblocks will be lifted at noon:

1. Highway 1 at Gazos Creek Road
2. Cloverdale Road at Butano Cutoff
3. Pescadero Creek Road at Butano Cutoff
4. Pescadero Creek Road at Burns Valley Road

Public works, utility and public safety crews have completed inspections and deemed the area safe for travel.

County officials encourage residents to exercise caution as they travel to their homes, drive safely and obey public safety personnel. Residents are urged to yield to emergency vehicles.

And please – nonresidents are urged to stay out of the area.

Public safety officials are working on re-opening plans for areas that remain under evacuation orders.

Emergency Supplies

Water, food and toiletries for evacuees are available at two locations until further notice:

1. The evacuation center at Half Moon Bay High School, 1 Lewis Foster Drive; Hours 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
2. Puente de la Costa Sur, 620 North St., Pescadero; Hours 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 650-879-1691 for further information.

Public Health

The County remains under public health orders for COVID-19, so physical distancing, wearing a facial covering and not gathering with people outside of your household is still in effect.

Animal Evacuees

More than 1,500 large animals as well as many small animals have been cared for by a variety of volunteer organizations and other agencies.

Contact for large animal pick up or return contact:

Robin Camozzi 650-450-0516

Laura Camozzi 650-450-0520

For dogs, cats and exotics contact the Peninsula Humane Society/SPCA at 650-340-7022.

Fire Update

The fire overnight grew slowly to 81,333 acres from 80,137 acres the day before with containment at 21 percent as of this morning.

The fire has destroyed 456 homes and damaged an additional 46 across San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties. One fatality in Santa Cruz County has been reported.

Wildfire Survivors Can Register With FEMA for Assistance

Residents impacted by the CZU Lightning Complex fires may be eligible for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through [disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov).

Grants may help eligible survivors with financial assistance that includes rent, home repair, home replacement and other disaster-related needs such as childcare, medical and dental expenses.

People who suffered losses from the fires should contact their insurance companies first. Insurance delivers the majority of financial help in disasters. For losses not covered by insurance, people can register for disaster assistance in three ways: online through [disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov), by using the FEMA App or by calling 800-621-3362.

Registrations and inspections can be done remotely, keeping survivors safe.

Learn more about the process and how to apply by visiting the [California Office of Emergency Services website](https://www.californiaemergency.com).

Additional Information and Resources:

For additional information when returning home, refer to www.fire.ca.gov
Click on the link, “Post wildfire” for safety precautions.

For electrical safety tips after a wildfire, refer to PG&E at <https://tinyurl.com/y7dny9tt>

To find the most current evacuation map, go to <https://arcg.is/PSSv10>

Sign up for CalFire email updates at <https://tinyurl.com/czulightning>

Stay up-to date on air conditions at <https://www.airnow.gov/>

CALFire CZU San Mateo–Santa Cruz Unit Twitter Page: <https://twitter.com/CALFIRECZU>

Sign up for SMC Alerts at www.smcalert.info

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