

California Wildfires – Smith River Complex and Happy Camp Complex Fires August 30, 2023

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Most recent press release related to California Wildfires:

“Governor Newsom Proclaims State of Emergency in Del Norte and Siskiyou Counties Due to Fires

Published: Aug 29, 2023

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today proclaimed a state of emergency in Del Norte County due to the Smith River Complex fires and in Siskiyou County due to the Happy Camp Complex fires. The proclamations support the ongoing emergency response to the fires, which have destroyed homes, caused power outages, and driven the evacuation of residents.

Among other provisions, the proclamations waive certain licensing requirements and fees for out-of-state contractors and others working with California utilities to restore electricity. The proclamations also support impacted residents by easing access to unemployment benefits and waiving fees to replace driver’s licenses and records such as marriage and birth certificates.

The text of the Del Norte County emergency proclamation can be found [here](#) and the text of the Siskiyou County emergency proclamation can be found [here](#).”

Governor’s Office of Emergency Services

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(916) 845-8510

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Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services

1312 Fairlane Road

Yreka, CA 96097

(530) 841-2155

[Office of Emergency Services | Siskiyou County California](#)

[Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services | Yreka CA | Facebook](#)

Recent social media post related to California Wildfires:

August 30, 2023 at 12:38pm - *HANCOCK FIRE EVACUATIONS UPDATE*

NEW ZONES ADDED TO WARNINGS

PLEASE NOTE Zone SIS-1515 has been added to warnings

PLEASE NOTE Zone SIS-1518 has been added to warnings

*Due to fire activity on the #Hancockfire the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, with the support of our fire partners, is issuing an **EVACUATION WARNING** for the following zone(s):*

- ***Zone SIS-1515***
- ***Zone SIS-1518***

- Residents under EVACUATION ORDERS need to evacuate IMMEDIATELY.

- Residents under EVACUATION WARNINGS need to be ready to evacuate.

- Surrounding areas should be ready to evacuate if needed.

- See ZoneHaven Map for more information: community.zonehaven.com

- Resources are continuing to arrive at the incident.

- SHELTERS -

If you are in need of shelter, the Kahtishraam Wellness Center (1403 Kahtrishraam, Yreka, CA 96097) is open to those affected. If you have questions about the shelter, please call 530-340-3539.

We want to ensure the public of our commitment to provide adequate time for safe evacuation should fire behavior intensify to the point of issuing Evacuation Orders in the future.

Visit community.zonehaven.com for current evacuation zone statuses.

County of Del Norte Emergency Services

981 H Street, Suite 240
Crescent City, CA 95531
(707) 464-7255

[County of Del Norte, California - Emergency Services \(del-norte.ca.us\)](http://del-norte.ca.us)

[County of Del Norte, California | Facebook](#)

Recent social media post related to California Wildfires:

August 29, 2023 at 8:49pm - DEL NORTE OES UPDATE 8/29/2023 8 pm
Update # 30 (indicates updates)**

GENERAL INFORMATION

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: *The City and County have been on a full activation of the Emergency Operations Center to support the Smith River Complex wildfires. Now that our team has secured generator power for most of the county, our updates will continue but not as often. Be assured, the public will receive any information that is relevant and if there are any evacuation or road closure changes, this information will be shared immediately. Please check on your neighbors!! If you or someone you know has an emergency, please call 911.*

****FIRE INFORMATION:** *75,775 acres. 7% containment. Over 2700 personnel are fighting these fires.*

****GOOD NEWS TODAY!!** *Governor Newsom has proclaimed a State of Emergency for Del Norte County.*

EVACUATIONS: *Current evacuation levels:*

LEVEL 3 (GO NOW) - *From Slant Bridge to the Oregon border (including Gasquet, Patrick Creek, Little Jones Creek, Copper Creek Drainage, Cook Creek/16n19 17n07, Washington Flat, Pioneer Rd, Panther Flat Campground area, Sun Star Community, French Hill Road.*

LEVEL 2 (GET SET) – *Rowdy Creek Road from MM 3 (from Hwy 101) to MM 6, Rock Creek, Big Flat. (For Clarification, this does include the Boulder Creek, Paradise Flat and surrounding communities near Rock Creek) and LOW DIVIDE ROAD, from MM 1 to MM 13 (intersection of Low Divide Road and Rowdy Creek) This was previously a Level 3.*

LEVEL 1 (BE READY) *Hiouchi from Slant Bridge to east end of Hwy 197/North Bank Rd.*

ROAD CLOSURES: *Access to South Fork Road, Douglas Park and Howland Hill Rd is limited to residents only. This action is to ensure incident safety as fire personnel work in the area. This area of the forest is closed for all activities, including hunting, by Order 10-23-06 issued by the Forest Supervisor for the Six Rivers National Forest.*

Hwy 199 is closed from Sunkist Road to Slant Bridge in Hiouchi, except for residents – currently, you can get through at Slant Bridge, with proof of residence.

*****HIGHWAY 199 LIMITED REOPENING – CURRENTLY, THE CHP IS UNSURE WHEN HWY 199 WILL RE-OPEN SAFELY. WATCH FOR UPDATES ON THE CHP FACEBOOK PAGE AND LISTEN TO LOCAL RADIO STATIONS.***

AIR QUALITY: You can check current air quality conditions at [Fire and Smoke Map \(airnow.gov\)](https://www.airnow.gov) or [North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District \(ncuagmd.org\)](https://ncuagmd.org).

Current Air Quality and Environmental Health Food Safety Information have been posted at the Del Norte County Public Health facebook page: [Del Norte County Public Health | Crescent City CA | Facebook](#)

Due to poor air quality, the Office of Emergency Services established 2 Clean Air Shelters on 8/26/23:

*Hiouchi Community Fellowship
105 Sunkist Lane, Crescent City (Hiouchi), 95531
**8/29/23 Open 8 am – 8 pm
**8/30-9/1/23 – Open 8 am – 5 pm*

*Family Resource Center of the Redwoods
494 Pacific Ave, Crescent City, CA 95531
8/29 to 9/1/23 – Open 8 am – 8 pm*

*Coffee, water, snacks, and N95 masks are available at each location.
Dates and times are subject to change based on the community's needs.*

ASSISTANCE: Many people have asked if there is assistance for generator fuel costs and spoiled food. What we know now is that your home insurance policy could be a source, but you would need to speak to your insurance carrier. If you received CalFresh benefits for the month of August, 2023 and lost perishable food items due to the current Smith River Complex fire, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at 880 Northcrest Drive, Crescent City, or call 707-464-3191 to check for eligibility for replacement of lost CalFresh benefits.

*****PACIFIC POWER UPDATE: All power in the county has been restored with the exception of Gasquet & Patrick Creek areas that are still evacuated. Pacific Power has mobilized their large generators into Gasquet so that when it is safe to do so, they can start the process of re-energizing the community. The Office of Emergency Services is working with the Sheriff to coordinate when that time will be and the process in which Gasquet will move from an Evacuation Level 3 so that they can re-populate. Due to damage to some of the es, Pacific Power will***

need to make some repairs before restoring power to Patrick Creek residents. However, there is a plan to provide residential generators to those customers during this time until the substation can safely be powered. As you can imagine, a lot of coordination will take place in the coming days and we'll update you as soon as we know more.

***Generator power can sometimes fluctuate so prepare on the safe side of caution as to how much food you purchase until we are back to full power from the Pacific Power transmission lines. Pacific Power Customer Service: (888)-221-7070.*

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

11X17 POSTERS CONTAINING COMMUNITY RESOURCE INFORMATION HAVE BEEN PLACED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY, INCLUDING POST OFFICES, TRIBAL OFFICES, AND MANY BUSINESSES. (OVER 70 LOCATIONS).

***Del Norte Transfer Station – Due to poor air quality, the transfer station may close temporarily when necessary to protect their employees.*

***N-95 MASKS: During times of air quality risk, it's advised to stay inside and wear a N-95 mask should you need to be outside. Thanks to the DNUSD, N-95 masks are being made available to local businesses. You can pick up a small supply at the Chamber of Commerce office while supplies last.*

RED CROSS SHELTERS: *American Red Cross has set up an emergency shelter for those affected by the fire at the Del Norte County Fairgrounds and at Rogue Community College in Grants Pass, Oregon.*

OTHER RESOURCES & SERVICES

FOOD:

Family Resource Center / Pacific Pantry is providing boxes of food and diapers (494 Pacific Ave.).

Del Norte County Unified School District is distributing meals to kids 0-18, M-F only.

Neighbors helping Neighbors has food boxes to distribute to Hiouchi Residents Only. Call Hank @ 707-218-7250 to coordinate pickup.

Senior Center is open for lunch service (persons age 60 and older) Monday-Friday 11-12:30pm.

Brookings Community Helpers has gift cards and food boxes for those who have been evacuated. You must show proof of residency in Del Norte County. Supplies are limited. Please call 541-469-6988.

FREE MEALS -

In collaboration with Humboldt Area Foundation, Wild Rivers Community Foundation and the Del Norte Unified School District's Nutrition Services, additional meals are being provided for free to students and residents of all ages. From August 28, 2023 to September 1, 2023, each person will receive one bag containing breakfast and lunch for the day. You must be present to pick up your meal from 11 am – 12 pm. For information, call Julie Clark @ 707-464-0246.

Below are the locations:

*Del Norte High School, 1301 Eldorado St. Crescent City
Del Norte Unified School District, 301 W. Washington Blvd. Crescent City
Summer Park Apts, 1500 Summer Park Court, Crescent City
Hidden Creek Apts, 1000 Scenic Creek Drive, Crescent City
House of Deliverance, 2455 Oliver St. Crescent City
Open Door Health Center, 550 E. Washington Blvd. Crescent City
Family Resource Center, 494 Pacific Ave. Crescent City
Redwood Elementary School, 6900 Lake Earl Drive, Crescent City (Fort Dick)
Howonquet Hall, 101 Indian Court, Smith River
Smith River Elementary School, 564 First St. Smith River
Yurok Tribe Boys & Girls Club, 168 Klamath Blvd. Klamath*

WHERE TO GET INFORMATION - ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

RADIO & COMMUNITY UPDATES: *Please continue to tune into local radio stations KPOD 97.9 and KCRE 94.3 as well as the Del Norte Office of Emergency and City of Crescent City facebook pages.*

Del Norte County School District – sending out regular updates via their public information system

Forest Service Fire Hotline (707) 383-9727

Six Rivers Fire Email: 2023.smithrivercomplex@firenet.gov

Del Norte County Office of Emergency Services INFORMATION LINE: 707-464-0911 (This will be a recorded message until further notice.)

Del Norte Office of Emergency Services Facebook has current, official communication.

COMMUNITY ALERT SYSTEM

If you haven't signed up or need to update your information for community alerts, please go to [Home | Prepare Del Norte](#) to sign up for Everbridge to receive targeted disaster notifications.

Trusted Facebook Pages:

Del Norte Office of Emergency Services – THIS page includes the latest official information for the community.

Crescent City CA – City Hall

County of Del Norte, California

Caltrans Division 1

Del Norte County Sheriff's Office

U.S. Forest Service - Six Rivers National Forest

Trusted Websites:

<https://inciweb.nwc.gov> (Six Rivers National Forest incident update page)

[Official Website for the City of Crescent City California - home](#)
[County of Del Norte, California - Home Page \(del-norte.ca.us\)](#)

American Red Cross California Gold Country Region

1565 Exposition Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95815
(916) 993-7070

[Gold Country | California | American Red Cross](#)

[American Red Cross California Gold Country Region | Sacramento CA | Facebook](#)

Open Shelters:

- Karuk Wellness Center
1403 Kahtishraam Road
Yreka, CA 96097
- Del Norte County Fairgrounds
421 US-101
Crescent City, CA 95531

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 654-2852

[California Department of Transportation | Caltrans](#)

[Caltrans HQ | Sacramento CA | Facebook](#)

[Caltrans HQ \(@CaltransHQ\) / X \(twitter.com\)](#)

To view current road conditions, visit [QuickMap \(ca.gov\)](#)

United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at <https://www.211.org>.

2-1-1 Del Norte County

Dial 2-1-1 or (844) 987-0078
[211 Del Norte County | Home Page](#)

2-1-1 Siskiyou

Dial 2-1-1 or (530) 241-7521
[Siskiyou - 2-1-1 NorCal \(211norcal.org\)](#)

For Natural Disasters

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

500 C Street SW

Washington, DC 20472

(800) 621-3362

<http://www.fema.gov>

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit <http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance> to apply online.

DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov>

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit <http://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies>

AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL

National Headquarters

2025 East Street, NW

Washington, DC 20006

(202) 303-4498 or (800) 733-2767

<http://www.redcross.org>

Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SAFE AND WELL LIST

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

Residents affected can notify their friends and family that they are safe by visiting the website and selecting “*List Myself as Safe and Well*.” Individuals can also search for loved ones by selecting “*Search Registrants*.”

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Weather alerts by state are available at <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>.

THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at <http://www.weather.com>.

NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo>

SAFE TRAVEL USA

<http://www.safetravelusa.com>

Free Help Line:

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.