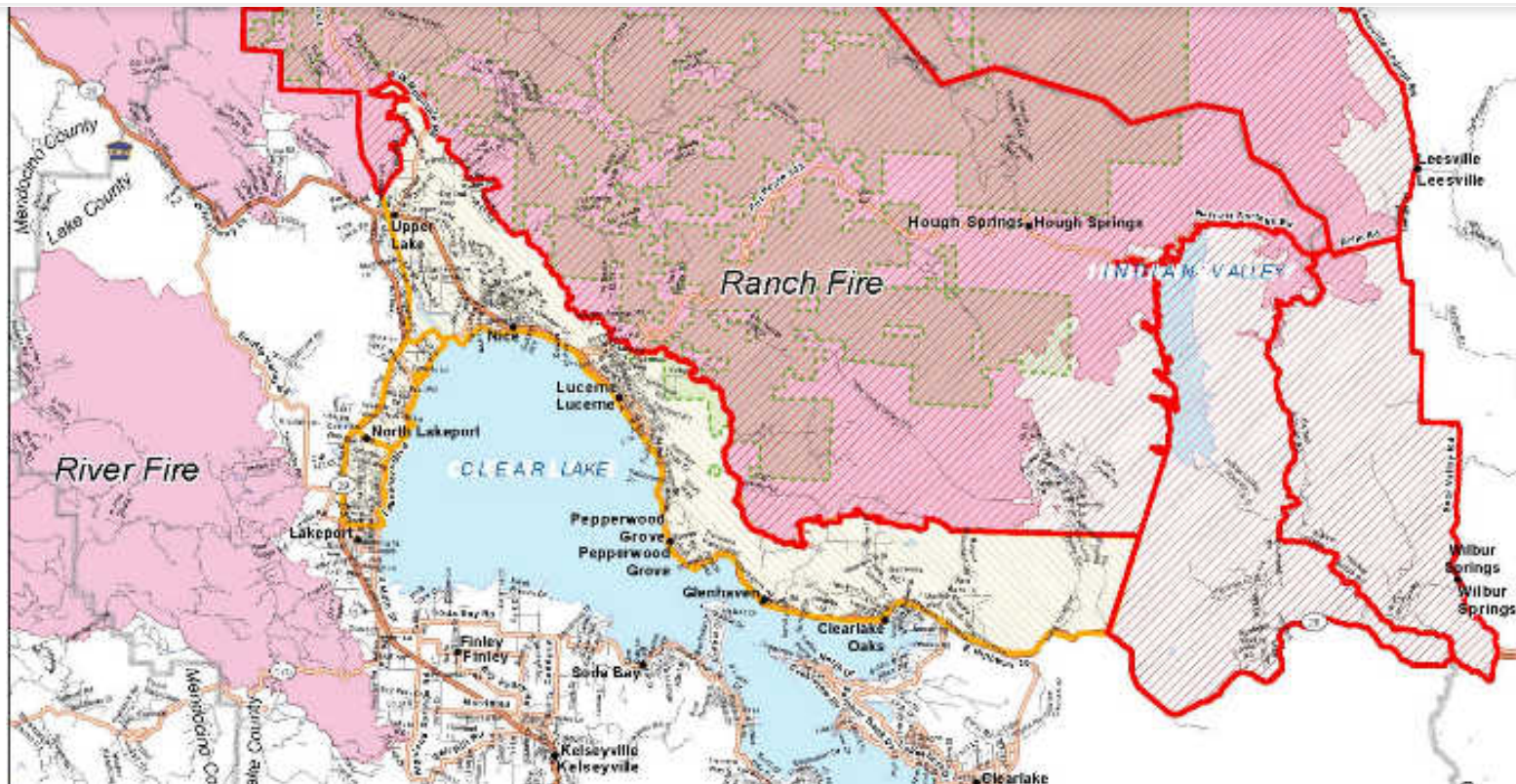




Mendocino Complex: General incident and community information for Aug. 8



The updated Mendocino Complex evacuation map for portions of Lake and Colusa counties, Calif., issued on the morning of Wednesday, August 8, 2018, by Cal Fire. Areas with red boundaries remain under mandatory evacuation, while yellow area are in advisory evacuation status.

LAKE COUNTY, Calif. – This is the Mendocino Complex general information update for Wednesday, Aug. 8.

This story will be updated on a rolling basis until 11:59 p.m. with important new information, including acreage and containment estimates, and evacuation developments.



With a large increase in containment, the mandatory evacuations for the communities of Upper Lakes, Nice, Lucerne, Pepperwood Grove, Paradise Valley, Glenhaven and Clearlake Oaks was lifted as of 11 a.m. Wednesday. Those areas remain under advisory evacuation, but residents may return home.

With the changes in evacuation status, a number of road closures were modified. See list below.

The following summary includes updated information on sheltering for humans and animals, air quality, road closures, reconnecting with friends and family after an evacuation, where to donate and volunteer, prescriptions and important information numbers, including how to contact local emergency operation centers.

To suggest additions to this resource and information list, please contact Editor and Publisher Elizabeth Larson at elarson@lakeconews.com or 707-274-9904.

AIR QUALITY

The Lake County Air Quality Control District issued an “unhealthy” air quality alert for the portions of Clearlake and all of the Northshore results from the heavy smoke conditions expected from the burn areas. All other areas of Lake County are forecast to have “moderate” to “unhealthy” conditions depending on the wind and fire conditions.

Conditions in the South County (Middletown, Hidden Valley, and Cobb) are “unhealthy” and Lakeport and Kelseyville were “moderate” on Tuesday morning, though conditions worsened to “unhealthy” by midday. When particulate levels reach “unhealthy” levels, everyone needs to take steps to protect themselves from exposure.



through the work week.

All areas of the county may experience “unhealthy” air quality as smoke settles into the basin in the overnight and morning hours. The smoke typically lifts by mid day into the evening resulting in “good” to “moderate” air quality later in the day.

Current air quality information can be found here:

https://www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.local_state&stateid=5&mapcenter=0&tabs=0.





large smoke plume to the north.

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTERS/PUBLIC INFORMATION

County of Lake Emergency Operations Center: 707-263-3450

City of Lakeport Lake Emergency Operations Center (24/7): 707-263-5683

Cal Fire Public Information Line: 707-574-8261

Caltrans: <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> or <http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi>; 800-427-7623

Pacific Gas and Electric online outage center: <https://m.pge.com/#outages>.

EVACUATIONS

MANDATORY

Anyone who remains in the areas under mandatory evacuation orders must remain on their property. Any unauthorized person who willfully and knowingly enters a disaster area and who willfully remains within the area after receiving notice to evacuate or leave shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Lake County



Mendocino County

- South of Eel River, west of the Mendocino-Lake County line, east of 10500 block of Mid Mountain Road, and north of Pine Avenue. Note: Houses on Pine Avenue are not affected.

Colusa County

- South of the Glenn-Colusa County line, east of the Lake-Colusa County line, north of Highway 20, and west of Bear Valley/Leesville Lodoga Road/Sites Lodoga Road/County Road 401.

ADVISORIES/WARNINGS

Lake County

- Upper Lakes, Nice, Lucerne, Pepperwood Grove, Paradise Valley, Glenhaven and Clearlake Oaks (CHANGED TO ADVISORY FROM MANDATORY AT 11 A.M. WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8).

Mendocino County

- Mendocino County north of Mid Mountain Road, south of the Eel River, west of the 10500 block of Mid Mountain Road and east of East Potter Valley/Eel River roads.
- The Bureau of Land Management closure remains in effect for the Cow Mountain Recreation Area.

Glenn County

- North of the Glenn County/Colusa County line, west of County Road 306, south of County Road



Evacuation shelters offer overnight accommodations.

- Mendocino College, Dance Room, 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah
- Lower Lake High School, 9430 Lake St. • Twin Pine Casino, 22223 Highway 29, Middletown
- Twin Pine Casino, 22223 Highway 29, Middletown
- Middletown High School, 20932 Big Canyon Road (AT CAPACITY)
- Middletown Middle School, 15846 Wardlaw St.
- Mountain Vista Middle School, 5081 Knocti Road in Kelseyville
- Colusa County Veterans Hall, 108 E. Main St., Colusa

CONNECTING WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY AFTER EVACUATIONS

The Safe and Well locating service from the American Red Cross is now active.

Visit <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php> to list yourself as safe, using the Mendocino Complex Fire–July 2018 Disaster Event.

If you're looking for someone, use the same link and click on "Search Registrants."

ANIMAL EVACUATIONS

Lake County

Large livestock can be taken to Cole Creek Equestrian Center, 4985 Steelhead Drive, Kelseyville, telephone 707-279-0915; or to Helen Owens' AI Horse Programs, 18585 Guenoc Lane, Hidden Valley Lake, telephone 707-355-0121.



are answered by staff between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.; requests can be made to check on animals that were left behind.

The Animal Care and Control Shelter is not accepting pets at this time.

The SPCA of Clear Lake, 8025 Highway 29, is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and is accepting senior pets, or pets with medical issues and/or heat distress.

If you can keep your pets with you, please do so. Pet supplies are delivered to all open evacuation shelters regularly.

Mendocino County

Redwood Riders Arena, 8300 East Road, Redwood Valley is accepting horses.

Mendocino County Animal Care, 298 Plant Road, Ukiah is accepting small animals.

ROAD CLOSURES

Lake County

- Elk Mountain Road at Middle Creek
- Clover Valley Road at Clover Drive (Upper Lake Cemetery)
- Bartlett Springs Road at Highway 20
- Old Long Valley Road at Highway 20
- New Old Long Valley Road at Highway 20
- High Valley Road, half a mile north of High Valley Ranch Road



- Mill Creek Road, half a mile east of Old River Road
- Eel River Road at County Road M6 (20N01)

Colusa County

- Northbound Bear Valley at Highway 20
- Leesville at Bear Valley Road
- Southbound Leesville-Lodoga Road at Sites-Lodoga Road
- Sites-Lodoga Road north of Maxwell Sites Road
- County Road 306, half a mile north of the county line

PUBLIC LAND AND PARK CLOSURES

Cache Creek Management Area

The Bureau of Land Management Ukiah Field Office is temporarily closing the Cache Creek Management Area, which includes Cowboy Camp, due to the potential risk to public safety from the nearby Mendocino Complex Fire.

Included in this temporary closure are the Cowboy Camp Equestrian Area; Blue Ridge, Cache Creek Ridge, Frog Pond, Fisk Creek, High Bridge, Judge Davis, Langs Peak, Perkins Creek Ridge and Redbud trails; Cache Creek; Cache Creek Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas; and the Buck Island Rafting Area. The BLM has also closed the Cow Mountain Recreation Area and Indian Valley, which are actively burning. Public lands on Walker Ridge are also closed to all access.

The Ukiah Field Office has increased fire restrictions, which prohibit recreational target shooting and ban all campfires and open flame.



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A complete listing off all fire restrictions on BLM-managed public lands in California is available at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions>

. For specific questions, please contact the Ukiah Field Office, Monday through Friday, at 707-468-4000.

Highland Springs Recreation Area and Mt. Konocti County Park

Highland Springs Recreation Area, Mt. Konocti County Park and regional trails are closed until further notice, action the county of Lake took on July 27 due to concerns about fire danger and the availability of local fire resources. The River fire also had moved toward Highland Springs at one point.

Indian Valley Management Area

On Aug. 2 the Bureau of Land Management Ukiah Field Office temporarily closed the Indian Valley Management Area in eastern Lake and western Colusa counties for public safety due to the proximity of the Mendocino Complex Fire.

Mendocino National Forest

Mendocino National Forest officials have issued two orders for closures on the forest due to the Ranch fire.



Fire on the Upper Lake ranger district. The purpose of the closure is to provide safety to the public and for the firefighters on the incident.

The closure will remain in place until hazards to the public are diminished.

The details are posted on the forest Web site at <https://tinyurl.com/yapyxxpm>.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE – MAIL DELIVERY

The Lakeport Post Office reopened on Friday, with normal hours of 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Kelseyville and Finley Post Offices are open with normal hours of operation.

Customers served by the Upper Lake, Nice, Lucerne, Glenhaven, and Clearlake Oaks Post Offices can pick up their mail at the Clearlake Post Office between the hours of 1 and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m., The Clearlake Post Office is located at 14500 Olympic Dr., Clearlake.

Photo identification required. Change of address forms for temporary mail forwarding are available at the post office.

PRESCRIPTIONS

State law allows for residents in declared emergency areas to fill prescriptions at available pharmacies, even if it is not where your prescription is on file.

Please bring your medication bottle(s) and/or the actual medication with you to help the pharmacist fill your prescription. The pharmacist will contact your physician for confirmation.



Patients who need to obtain prescription medications or devices on an emergency basis should go to an open pharmacy and bring their original prescription containers or be able to provide their physician's name.

Before filling the prescription, the pharmacist should make every reasonable effort to contact the original prescriber, and should make an appropriate record. That record must include the basis for proceeding under this section.

It is important to remember that the prescriber will not have any liability as a result of refilling a prescription under this section of law. The law was designed to offer this protection during states of emergency.

Any questions or concerns about this section of California Pharmacy Law that may arise should be referred to the Lake County Emergency Operations Center, 707-263-3450.

HOW TO DONATE

The county of Lake is unable to accept in-kind donations, such as clothing, household goods and other supplies, in the fire recovery effort. In-kind donations require significant time and financial resources to distribute.

Cash donations are most helpful at this time; such donations allow those supporting disaster relief efforts to direct assistance where it is most needed.

Donations can be made to the fire fund established by North Coast Opportunities,
<https://www.ncoinc.org/>.



American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is immediately seeking volunteers to assist with disaster response in Lake County. Help is needed with shelters, feeding, logistics and administrative tasks.

For general inquiries about volunteering, email CANWVolunteers@redcross.org. To apply online visit <https://tinyurl.com/MendoComplexVol>.

Organizations and agencies seeking volunteers can email elarson@lakeconews.com to be added to this list.



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