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Date: 9/1/2020 Time: 7:00 a.m.

**Resource Assistance Center:** 140 Front Street, Santa Cruz Evacuation Map: http://www.smco.community.zonehaven.com

Email Updates (sign up): https://tinyurl.com/czulightning

Santa Cruz County Hotel Hotline: (831) 454-2182

Information Line: (831) 335-6717

Information Line Santa Cruz/ San Mateo County: 211

Media Line: (831) 337-8445

Incident Website: https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/

INCIDENT FACTS									
Incident Start Date: August 16, 2020			Incident Start Time: 3:15 am						
Incident Type: Wildfire			Cause: Lightning						
Incident Location: Various locations across San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties									
CAL FIRE Unit: San Mateo-Santa Cruz									
<b>Unified Command Agencies:</b> CAL FIRE - Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, San Mateo's County Sheriff's Office, Felton Fire Protection District, Santa Cruz County Fire Department, San Mateo County Fire Department, Boulder Creek Fire Department, Ben Lomond Fire Protection District									
Size: 85,218 acres Containment: 43%			Expected Full Containment: TBD						
First Responder Fatalities: 0			First Responder Injuries: 0						
Civilian Fatalities: 1			Civilian Injuries: 1						
Structures Threatened: 6,700 and approximately 35,000 people evacuated	Reside	nces Destroyed: 921		Residences Damaged: 90					
	<b>Multiple Residences Destroyed:</b> 3			Multiple Residences Damaged: 0					
	Non-residential Commercial Destroyed: 171			Non-residential Commercial Damaged: 16					
	Other Minor Structures Destroyed: 385		Other Minor Structures Damaged: 34						
	<b>Mixed Commercial/Residential Destroyed:</b> 3			Mixed Commercial/Residential Damaged: 0					

# **CURRENT SITUATION**

**Situation Summary:** 

Firefighters, utility workers and heavy equipment operators are busy working to mitigate safety concerns to ensure that residents can return home safely on the CZU Lightning Complex. The California National Guard troops are on the fire line, working side by side with fire crews, mopping up hot spots and patrolling the fire's perimeter. Very warm and dry conditions continue inland through the end of the week, with local temperatures well above normal. Many known and unknown hazards exist following an intense fire. This includes fire weakened or dead trees that can fall without warning, burned out stumps creating holes under trails and damage to parking areas and roads. There are many considerations before allowing an area to be repopulated. A methodical, multi-pronged process of inspection and evaluation must be conducted to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all the residents affected. This process includes

guaranteeing roads are safe for travel and basic utilities to infrasture is secured. Fire
Suppression Repair Teams have begun implementing their plan in the affected areas.
The number of destroyed structures reflected may change as teams continue to make
progress and damage inspection is now 99% complete. Be aware that traffic
interruptions may exist due to fire and utilities equipment working in the area. A
Resource Assistance Center (RAC) is open at 140 Front Street, Santa Cruz, for
residents affected by the CZU Lightning Complex.

## **EVACUATION WARNINGS FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY:**

No Evacuation Warnings currently in place

## **EVACUATION ORDERS FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY:**

- Communities of Loma Mar and Dearborn Park Area (Zone: SMC E018) (8/18/2020 5:00 pm)
- Pescadero Creek County Park Area (Zone SMC E024) (8/18/2020 5:00 pm)
- Butano Community Area (Zone: SMC E098) (8/18/2020 5:00 pm)
- Butano State Park including Barranca Knolls Community (Zone: SMC E019) (8/18/2020 4:30 pm)
- Butano Creek Drainage (Zone: SMC E055) (8/18/2020 4:30 pm)
- South Skyline Blvd. Area near Highway 9 (Zone: SMC E049) (8/18/2020 11:00 pm)

## **EVACUATION WARNINGS FOR SANTAT CRUZ COUNTY:**

No Evacuation Warnings currently in place

## **EVACUATION ORDERS FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY:**

- Waterman Gap Loop, Upper HWY 236, Boulder Creek Golf Course,
  - Heartwood Hill, Lodge Road, Community of Little Basin, Lower China Grade, Upper China Grade, Community of Kings Hwy, Lower Jamison Creek, Gallion Heights, Fallen Leaf Neighborhood, Foxglove Lane (Zones CRZ10, CRZ13, BOU20, BOU30, BOU31, BOU36, BOU37, BOU21) (8/18/2020 10:00 pm)
  - Saratoga Toll Road, San Lorenzo Park, Riverside Grove-Community of Teilh Drive, Wildwood Road (BOU38, BOU39, BOU40, BOU41, BOU42, BOU43) (8/18/2020 10:00 pm)
  - Everyone on Empire Grade Road, from Felton Empire north, all of Pine Flat Road, all of Ice Cream Grade, Bonny Doon Road, in between Pine Flat Road, Martin Road, and all associated side streets are under an evacuation order. (Zones: CRZ1, CRZ2, CRZ3, CRZ4, CRZ5, CRZ10, CRZ11, CRZ12, CRZ13, CRZ14B) (8/19/2020) 1:00 am)
  - Bonny Doon south of Ice Cream Grade, to include Pine Flat Road South. (Zones: CRZ7, CRZ8) (8/19/2020 1:00am)
  - Areas of Alba Road, Hubbards Gulch and Fanning Grade (Zone: BEN- 1) (8/19/2020 6:00 pm)
  - All areas adjacent of Bonny Doon in the San Lorenzo Valley (Notes: CRZ-7, CRZ 8) (8/20/2020 1:00 am)
  - Area in BEN-2, specifically Valley View Road

#### **Evacuations:**

Evacuation Center(s):	San Mateo County Half Moon Bay High School, 1 Lewis Foster Drive, Half Moon Bay  Santa Cruz County Santa Cruz County Fairground 2601 E. Lake Avenue in Watsonville (At Capacity) Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street, Santa Cruz Seventh Day Adventist Camp Grounds, 1931 Soquel San Jose Rd (At Capacity) Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel, Aptos Simpkins Family Swim Center, 919 17 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Twin Lakes Church, 2701 Cabrillo College Drive (No longer accepting evacuees) Congregational Church Shelter, 4951 Soquel Drive, Soquel Harbor High School, 300 La Fonda Ave, Santa Cruz Coastlands Church, 280 State Park Drive, Aptos (Closing September 1, 2020) Rodeway Inn, 1620 West Beach St. Watsonville			
Road Closures:	<ul> <li>San Mateo County</li> <li>State Route 1 at Gazos Creek</li> <li>Cloverdale Road at Butano cut off</li> <li>Pescadero Creek Road at Butano cut off</li> <li>Pescadero Creek Road at Burns Valley Road</li> </ul> Santa Cruz County <ul> <li>State Route 1 at Lower Swanton Road to Ano Nuevo</li> <li>Back Ranch Road at Majors Road</li> <li>Warnell Truck Trail at Cement Plant Road</li> <li>Empire Grade at Twin Gates</li> <li>San Lorenzo Avenue at the Quarry entrance</li> <li>Felton Empire Road at the Felton Cemetary</li> <li>State Route 9 at State Route 35 to Pike Road</li> <li>Alba Road at State Route 9</li> <li>Valley View Road west of Fiddlesticks Road</li> <li>Hubbard Gulch Road at State Route 9</li> <li>El Solyo Heights Drive at Hillview Drive</li> <li>Bear Creek Road at Amber Ridge Loop to Boulder Creek</li> </ul>			
Animal Evac. Center(s):	Large farm animals are being accepted, for information and assistance contact (650) 450-0520 Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 2601 E. Lake Avenue, Watsonville Watsonville Animal Shelter, 580 Airport Blvd.			

ASSIGNED RESOURCES								
Engines: 204	Water Tenders: 37	Helicopters: 12	<b>Hand Crews: 53</b>	Dozers: 12				
Other:		<b>Total Personnel:</b> 2,394						
Air Tankers:	Numerous firefighting air tankers from throughout the State are flying fire suppression missions as conditions allow.							
<b>Cooperating Agencies:</b> County of Santa Cruz, County of San Mateo, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, American Red Cross, California Highway Patrol, California Conservation Corps, PG&E, California State Parks, CAL OES, Bureau of Land Management, California Army National Guard.								

## San Mateo County CZU Lightning Complex damage assesment information:

https://smcmaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=29554e1826a14225a2fa971a5bbcc30a

# Santa Cruz County CZU Lightning Complex damage assessment information:

https://sccgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id+5461c7f372e24ab68ca386e73d58e35a

# **San Mateo County Fire Recovery:**

https://www.smcgov.org/smc-wildfire-recovery

## Santa Cruz County Fire Recovery:

https://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/FireRecovery.aspx

For additional information when returning home after a wildfire, refer to <a href="www.readyforwildfire.org">www.readyforwildfire.org</a>. Click on the link, "Post wildfire".

View the most current evacuation map at: www.smco.community.zonehaven.com

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

Visit us at www.fire.ca.gov