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**For Immediate Release**

## **CZU Lightning Complex: What You Need to Know:**

**Updates as of noon, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020:**

### **Fire Update**

Favorable weather conditions – higher humidity and lower temperatures – assisted firefighters overnight. As of this morning, the fire has consumed a total of 78,869 acres across San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties with 17 percent containment. No estimate is given on full containment.

The fire has destroyed 246 homes, damaged 21 homes and damaged or destroyed approximately 95 additional structures. One fatality has been reported.

Access to the [evacuation zone](#) remains restricted. Public safety officials urge residents not to attempt to enter the zone until the area is declared safe to do so and evacuation orders (which remain in effect) are lifted.

The public is advised not to go to evacuation centers or to roadblocks to inquire about a property's status or to attempt to gain entry to the evacuation zone.

The County of San Mateo is working with numerous agencies to inspect roads, bridges and other infrastructure and to remove hazards and potential hazards. This includes CalFire, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Transportation, Pacific Gas & Electric, California State Parks and additional public and private agencies.

For CalFire updates, follow <https://twitter/CALFIRECZU> or sign up for email updates at <https://tinyurl.com/czulightning>

For information about the County of San Mateo's response as well as evacuation zone maps, go to <https://www.smcgov.org/smc-wildfire-response>

## **Road Closures**

Numerous highways – including sections of Highway 1, Highway 84 and Highway 35 (Skyline Boulevard) – and local roads are closed in and near the fire zone. For a current list of closures, visit <https://www.smcgov.org/smc-wildfire-response#map>

## **Care and Shelter**

The County of San Mateo has established two evacuation centers:

- Half Moon Bay High School, 1 Lewis Foster Dr, Half Moon Bay
- San Mateo County Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo

## **Donations**

New, unopened donations of diapers, baby formula and school supplies will be accepted starting today through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the [San Mateo County Event Center](#), Expo Hall, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo.

For school supplies, day packs, pens, highlighters, notebooks, pencil sharpeners, markers and clipboards as well as small bottles of hand sanitizer are needed.

No other donations are being accepted as this time at any location.

The situation is fluid and, while we appreciate interest in donating, we are not equipped to accept, sort and distribute donations beyond what is requested at this time.

Financial donations can be sent to Puente de la Costa Sur or the American Red Cross or a charity of your choice. Donation Links:

[American Red Cross Northern California Coastal Region](#)  
[Puente de la Costa Sur Emergency Fire Relief Fund](#)

## **Animal Care: Donations Needed**

Serving as an official animal evacuation center, the Cow Palace in Daly City is housing 296 animals ranging from horses and cows to llamas and peacocks.

Visit [www.cowpalace.com](http://www.cowpalace.com) for a list of needs updated regularly.

If you have animals that need to be evacuated, please call 650-450-0516 to make arrangements with the San Mateo County Large Animal Evacuation Group or visit <https://smclaeg.org/>

Farm animals that have not been evacuated yet are being fed and cared for by the San Mateo County Large Animal Evacuation Group. To help feed and support animals evacuated by the group, go to [www.smclaeg.org](http://www.smclaeg.org) and click on the Volunteer Now button.

The Peninsula Humane Society is accepting donations of pet food, cat litter and newspapers at its Coyote Point Shelter location, 12 Airport Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94401 and financial donations online at <https://phs-sPCA.org/donateonline>

Donate feed and supplies to support the large animal evacuees at HMB Feed & Fuel, 331 Main St., Half Moon Bay, CA ; 650-726-4814. Financial donations can be made online at <https://smclaeg.org>

### **Additional Information and Resources:**

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](http://www.smcalert.info)

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