



# TRINITY COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## **Press Release August Complex Recovery Meeting**

Trinity County, CA (November 10, 2020) – Trinity County is partnering with state and federal agencies to host a community meeting at the Ruth Lake Community Hall at 591 Van Duzen Rd. Mad River, CA 95526 on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM. Those impacted by the August Complex fire can learn about the Debris Removal Program, as well as assistance available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individual Assistance program. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, all visitors will undergo a temperature check and must wear facial coverings and practice social distancing.

Debris removal operations are underway in Trinity County. Phase 1 Debris Removal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at properties affected by the August Complex fire started on November 3, 2020. Phase 2 - removal of remaining burn debris – will begin in December. Property owners are urged to participate in Phase 2 as it results in removal of wildfire debris at no out-of-pocket cost to the property owner. Owners choosing to opt-out of Phase 2 assume the responsibility of removing debris at their own expense and consequence. Property owners who wish to participate in Phase 2 must complete a Right-of-Entry (ROE) Form. ROE forms have been mailed to property owners and will be available at the meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. More information, and the ROE form, is <https://www.trinitycounty.org/recovery/debrisremoval>.

Trinity County has been included in the major disaster declaration for the California Wildfires (DR-4558-CA), providing access to Public Assistance and Individual Assistance. FEMA's individual assistance program provides grants to help eligible survivors with financial assistance that may include rent, home repair, home replacement and other disaster-related needs such as childcare, medical and dental expenses. FEMA Assistance for Fire-Damaged Septic Systems and Wells is also available. Apply for disaster assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov); by downloading the FEMA app to a smartphone or tablet; or by calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585) between 7 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Pacific. The deadline to apply for FEMA Individual Assistance is November 23, 2020.

For up to date information and access to resources, please go to [www.trinitycounty.org](http://www.trinitycounty.org), call 530-623-8223, or email [hhs.disasterrecovery@trinitycounty.org](mailto:hhs.disasterrecovery@trinitycounty.org).

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