August Complex Damage Assessment

Date: October 6, 2020 9:00AM

Trinity County - To date, the August Complex has been documented to have destroyed 302 structures, including 127 residences and 175 outbuildings, in Southern Trinity County. Due to active fire behavior, evacuation orders, and present safety issues such as fire debris and fallen trees, many areas continue to be inaccessible for further evaluation. The number of damaged or destroyed structures is expected to increase, as these dangers are mitigated and further evaluation can occur.

At this time, Trinity County Environmental Health is urging the public, as evacuation orders lift, to use extreme caution. Any handling of fire debris is highly discouraged, as handling/sifting of fire debris and ash can be extremely hazardous to human health and the environment. Please note that this debris cannot be taken to local solid waste facilities, and has to be removed properly with demolition permits and hazardous waste evaluations. Trinity County has requested fire debris removal assistance from the state and will keep the public updated with this effort.

Families searching for loved ones who have evacuated due to fires can contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767) or go to safeandwell.org. Evacuees can register and post a brief message for family members who are searching for them.

If you are a property owner and would like more information, please call 530-623-8223 or email hhs.disasterrecovery@trinitycounty.org. Be sure to provide your property address, Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN), mailing address, and phone number. County staff will get in touch with you as soon as possible. Please be aware that damage assessment is underway and information about your property may not yet be available.

There is a virtual community meeting tonight, August 6th at 7:30 PM to provide the latest information on the August Complex North Zone Fire, including updates on firefighting efforts, projections on fire behavior, and strategies for the days ahead. The Incident Management Team will take questions via Facebook Comments, and provide answers during the event. Join at https://www.facebook.com/ShastaTrinityNF or https://www.facebook.com/TrinityCoOES/. #AugustComplexNorthZone

More information and resources are available at www.trinitycounty.org/recovery.

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