



NEWS

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For Immediate Release

CZU Lightning Complex: What You Need to Know:

Updates as of noon, Friday, Aug. 21, 2020:

Care and Shelter

Approximately 4,600 people are under evacuation orders in the San Mateo County fire area. The County along with the American Red Cross is providing alternative housing for those who need it.

Approximately 800 animals have been evacuated.

Road Closures in Fire Zone

Major roadways across southern San Mateo County west of Highway 35 (Skyline Boulevard) are closed. The list includes:

- Highway 84 west of Highway 35 (the “[four corners](#)” intersection)
- Highway 35 south of Highway 84
- Highway 1 between Rossi Road and Año Nuevo
- Sections of Alpine Road, Pescadero Creek Road, Whitehouse Canyon Road, Cloverdale Road and other local roads

A full list of closures is at: <https://www.smcgov.org/smc-wildfire-response>

Additional road closures may occur at any time due to emergency needs.

**Public Safety Officials Urge People to Stay Away from Beaches;
City of Half Moon Bay Closes Beaches for the Weekend**

“The number one contribution to the fire-fighting effort everyone can make is to avoid the coast” to allow first responders to do their jobs and keep roads clear for evacuees, said CalFire Deputy Chief Jonathan Cox.

Pacifica Mayor Deirdre Martin said, “First responders from across Northern California need to focus on stamping out the vast number of wildfires and protecting lives and property. They don’t need or want to be fighting traffic so someone can enjoy a day at the beach.” [Read the news release.](#)

The City of Half Moon Bay has closed all its beaches through the weekend to discourage visitors and help keep roads clear for first responders and evacuees.

How You Can Help: Donate to American Red Cross, Puente de la Costa Sur

“Show how much you care about your fellow residents by donating to the Red Cross or to Puente de la Costa Sur’s Emergency Fire Relief Fund,” said San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley, whose District 3 encompasses much of the fire zone.

“Many of the residents who have been forced to evacuate and are in danger of losing their homes are farmworkers and others who struggle even in the best of times,” he said.

Financial donations can be sent to Puente or the Red Cross. Donation Links:

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

No goods are being accepted at evacuation centers.

All San Mateo County Parks Closed Until Further Notice

All [San Mateo County Parks](#) are closed until further notice as park rangers are supporting firefighting efforts. Coyote Point Marina tenants will have access to boats. Please support everyone's efforts by respecting closures at park entrances and trail heads. [Read the news release.](#)

Additional 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

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