



# AUGUST COMPLEX - WEST ZONE INCIDENT UPDATE

**Date:** 9/14/2020 **Time:** 7:00 pm

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**Incident Website:** <https://tinyurl.com/augustcomplex>

**West Zone - Information Line:** (707) 355-4926

**North Zone - Information Line:** (530) 628-0039

**South Zone - Information Line:** (530) 487-4602

**Incident Website:** [www.fire.ca.gov/current\\_incidents](http://www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents)

**Evacuation Map:** <https://tinyurl.com/MendoEvac>

**Email Sign Up:** <https://tinyurl.com/calfire-signup>

## INCIDENT FACTS

<b>Incident Start Date:</b> 9/10/2020		<b>Incident Start Time:</b> 2:58 PM	
<b>Incident Type:</b> Wildland Fire		<b>Cause:</b> Lightning/Natural	
<b>Incident Location:</b> Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte, & Trinity County			
<b>CAL FIRE Unit:</b> Mendocino & Humboldt Del Norte			
<b>August Complex Total Size:</b> 755,603 acres		<b>August Complex West Zone Size:</b> 49,009 acres	
<b>Containment:</b> 0%		<b>Expected Full Containment:</b> 9/30/20	
<b>Civilian Injuries/Fatalities:</b> 0		<b>Firefighter Injuries/Fatalities:</b> 0	
<b>Structures Threatened:</b> 13,926	<b>Structures Damaged:</b> 0	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 5	
<b>Minor Structures Threatened:</b> 0	<b>Minor Structures Damaged:</b> 2	<b>Minor Structures Destroyed:</b> 3	

## CURRENT SITUATION

<b>Current Situation:</b>	<p>CAL FIRE has entered into Unified Command on the August Complex West Zone with the Mendocino County and Humboldt County Sheriff Offices. CAL FIRE'S unified team and the U.S. Forest Service are engaged in a coordinated response to take suppressive action on the August Complex, which has been split into three zones to effectively provide a response for the communities at risk. Resources from across the state of California as well as Montana, Utah, Texas, and New Jersey have been assigned to assist on the August Complex West Zone. The overall acreage of the August Complex has decreased due to more accurate mapping, intel and rezoning of the incident. Today the fire made active runs to the west and north with spotting, uphill runs and torching when it was aligned with drainages and topography. The potential for active fire behavior will continue over the next few days. Damage Inspections teams are actively assessing the area. Aerial firefighting resources will be utilized as smoke conditions allow.</p>
<b>Evacuation Orders &amp; Evacuation Warnings &amp; Road Closures (BY COUNTY)</b>	<b>HUMBOLDT COUNTY</b>
	<p>For the latest road closures and evacuation information in Humboldt County please visit <a href="http://Humboldt.gov/evacmap">Humboldt.gov/evacmap</a></p> <p><b>EVACUATION ORDER:</b></p> <p>Areas south of Casterlin Road, including all properties on Casterlin Road, to the Mendocino/ Trinity County line and east of Dyerville Loop Road and Bell Springs Road to the county line.</p>

**EVACUATION WARNING:**

All areas west of Bell Springs Road to Highway 101 spanning from Elk Creek Road / Dyerville Loop Road to the Mendocino / Trinity County line in Southern Humboldt County.

All areas east of Alderpoint Road spanning from Highway 36 to Casterlin Road, not including all properties on Casterlin Road.

**ROAD CLOSURES:**

- Alderpoint Road at Fort Seward Road
- Alderpoint Road at Dyerville Loop Road

**TRINITY COUNTY**

**EVACUATION ORDERS:**

Ruth, Zenia, Kettenpom, Hettenshaw Valley

**EVACUATION WARNINGS:**

Communities of Ruth Lake, Mad River, Forest Glen and Post Mountain

**Road Closures:**

- Bell Springs Road at Duggan Mill Road
- Cedar Road south of the Ruth Ranger Station
- Lower Mad River Road from Journey's End
- Van Duzen Road at Lake Mountain Road
- Lower Mad River Road and Ruth Lake Marina
- Lake Mountain Road and Ruth Zenia Road

**MENDOCINO COUNTY**

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**EVACUATION ORDERS:**

**Zone AB:** South of the Middle Fork of the Eel River, west of Eden Creek, north of Salt Flat and east of Salt Creek

**Zone AC:** East of Brushy Mountain, south of the fire road on Salt Flat, west of Eden Valley and north of Bald Mountain

**Zone S:** South of the county line, east of Bell Springs Road, north of Bell Springs Creek and west of the North Fork of the Eel River.

**Zone Q:** South of the county line, west and north of the North Fork of the Eel River and north and east of Bald Mountain Road

**Zone E:** South of the county line, east of the National Forest boundary, north of Forest Highway 7 and west of the county line near the M2.

**Zone N:** North of the Middle Fork of the Eel River including the Eel River Ranger Station and Black Butte Store, west and south of the National Forest Boundary, east

of Williams Creek.

**Zone D:** South and east of the Eel River, north of Bentley Basin and west of the National Forest boundary

**Zone C:** North of the M1, east of the National Forest boundary, south of Forest Highway 7.

**Zone B:** West of Evacuation Zone A, north of Jack Hollow Creek and Thatcher Creek, east of the Middle Fork of the Eel River, south of Green Lambert Canyon through Bentley Basin to the M1 and south of the M1, to include Timber Ridge, and Bentley Ridge, and Hayshed Basin.

**Zone A:** West of the county line, south of Anthony Peak and north of Hull Mountain.

**Zone J:** East of Elk Creek, north and west of the National Forest boundary, south of Thatcher Creek.

**Zone F:** East of the National Forest boundary near Garcia Creek, south of Thatcher Creek, west of the county line and north of the county line on Hull Mountain.

**Zone H:** West of the National Forest boundary, north of Thomas Creek and the Eel River, east of Twin Bridges Creek, south of Bald Mountain.

**Zone I:** West of Elk Creek, south of Deep Hole Creek, north of the National Forest boundary.

**Zone J:** East of Elk River, north of Deep Hole Creek, east of Eden Valley, south of Thatcher Creek.

**Zone W:** West of the Eel River, north of Deep Hole Creek, east of Eden Valley including the entire valley floor, south of Eden Creek.

**EVACUATION WARNINGS:**

**Zone U:** South of the county line, east and north of the east branch of the South Fork of the Eel River, west of Bell Springs Road.

**Zone T:** South of Bell Springs Creek, east of Bell Springs Road, north of Iron Peak and Simmerly Road, west of the Eel River

**Zone R:** West and south of Mina Road, south of the North Fork of the Eel River, east of the Eel River.

**Zone P:** South of the county line, east of Mina Road north of Hulls Valley Road and west of Hulls Creek.

**Zone O:** South of the county line, east of Hulls Creek, north of Mendocino Pass Road, and west of Williams Creek.

**Zone L:** South and west of Mendocino Pass Road, west of the Middle Fork of the Eel River, north of Eel River Ranch Road, east of Hill Road and Short Creek Road.

**Zone K:** West and north of the Middle Fork of the Eel River, east of Redwine Spring, south of Hill Road and Eel River Ranch Road.

**Zone X:** North of Eden Creek, east of Hearst Willits Road, south and west of the Eel River.

**Zone G:** West of the county line, north of the Eel River and Van Aresdale Reservoir, east of the Eel River, south of the National Forest boundary.

**Zone AD:** South and west of the Eel River, north of Foster Mountain Road, east of the ridge west of Willits Road

	<p><b>Zone AE:</b> North of Twin Bridges Creek, east of the Eel River, south of Brushy Creek and west of Brushy Mountain</p> <p><b>ROAD CLOSURES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mendocino Pass Road at the Willams Creek Bridge</li> <li>• Mendocino Pass Road at Murphy Creek (private road)</li> </ul>			
<b>Evacuation Centers:</b>	<p><b>Mendocino County:</b> Covelo High School, 76280 High School Street Covelo, CA</p> <p><b>Trinity County:</b> Humboldt County Fairgrounds: 1250 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ferndale, CA 95536 Southern Trinity High School Located at 600 Van Duzen Road</p> <p><b>Humboldt County:</b> Humboldt County Fairgrounds 1250 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ferndale, CA</p>			
<b>Road Closure Maps:</b>	<p>For updated road closure information visit:  <a href="https://humboldt.gov/evacmap">https://humboldt.gov/evacmap</a>  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/MendoEvac">https://tinyurl.com/MendoEvac</a></p>			
<b>Animal Evacuation Centers:</b>	<p><b>Small Animals:</b> Ukiah Animal Shelter 298 Plant Road. Ukiah CA 95482</p> <p><b>Small &amp; Large Animals:</b> Round Valley Rodeo Grounds 22830 S. Airport Road Covelo, CA Humboldt County Fairgrounds 1250 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ferndale, CA</p>			
<b>ASSIGNED RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Engines:</b> 130	<b>Water Tenders:</b> 18	<b>Helicopters:</b> 9	<b>Hand Crews:</b> 21	<b>Dozers:</b> 76
<b>Other:</b> 2		<b>Total Personnel:</b> 1205		
<p><b>Cooperating Agencies:</b> California Highway Patrol, California Department of Transportation, Trinity County Sheriff's Office, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Conservation Corps, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management.</p>				

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