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On behalf of the California Interagency Incident Management Team 4, I want to say thanks for the goodwill and cooperation people showed us as we managed the July Complex.

The fires were located in steep, difficult terrain that tested firefighter's physical and professional abilities each day. The thank you signs, words of support and wonderful heartfelt tokens of appreciation lifted their spirits and aided them in meeting each day's firefighting challenges.

Daily coordination with community fire safe council leaders and other community leaders aided us in creating strategies that better fit local needs. They were invaluable assets.

I am very aware that our camp impacted local traffic. Every day we reminded our fire personnel to watch their speed and be mindful of local needs.

People with homes in the evacuation areas were in my daily thoughts. I thank them for their patience as we worked diligently to create safe environments for the public and the fire personnel.

Also invaluable was the cooperation between the local, state and federal agencies and organizations. Together they helped bring the right personnel, the right equipment and the right support to meet the firefighting needs.

As we leave, I extend my best wishes to people affected by this summer's wildfires.

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