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Mendocino Complex Information — August 31, 2018

WILLOWS, Calif. — The Mendocino Complex is being managed by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service and California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 under Incident Commander Mark von Tillow

Labor Day Weekend: Forest Order No. 08-18-14, covering the southern part of the Mendocino National Forest remains in effect. All roads and areas described within the order remain closed to the general public. Homeowners with proof of residency are permitted to access their property within the closure area. The northern half of the Mendocino National Forest remains open and can be accessed via Forest Highway 7. The forest areas around Plaskett Meadows and Hammerhorn Lake are open for recreation activities. The Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness is also open for recreation.

The Mendocino Complex: Two areas of the Ranch Fire remain the highest priority for suppression operations. On Friday firefighters monitored burning vegetation inside the perimeter of the fire and extinguished hot spots along firelines near Little Round Mountain in the north and around Fouts Springs west of Stonyford. The critical work of suppression repair to firelines constructed over the past month continues in all parts of the Ranch Fire.

Smoke: Hazy skies with moderate to light smoke impacts are expected Saturday. Lingering smoke will move lower to the ground in the late morning as the inversion breaks. This will bring moderate smoke levels to communities closest to the fire such as Potter Valley, Stonyford/Elk Creek, the Clear Lake area and possibly Ukiah. Light west and north winds will drift haze over regional zones east and south over the southern Sacramento Valley where light to moderate smoke impacts are expected.

https://wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/MendocinoNationalForest-SacramentoValleyArea

For detailed Mendocino Complex information visit: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6073/

For Burned Area Emergency Response information see: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6156

Table with 4 columns: RANCH FIRE STATUS, RIVER FIRE STATUS, MENDOCINO COMPLEX TOTALS, and detailed statistics for acreage, containment, personnel, and structures.