



# AUGUST COMPLEX - WEST ZONE INCIDENT UPDATE

**Date:** 9/27/2020 **Time:** 7:00 AM

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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, Lake, & Trinity County			
<b>CAL FIRE Unit:</b> Mendocino & Humboldt Del Norte			
<b>August Complex Total Size:</b> 873,079 acres		<b>August Complex West Zone Size:</b> 104,836 acres	
<b>West Zone Containment:</b> 70%		<b>Expected Full Containment:</b> 9/30/20	
<b>Civilian Injuries/Fatalities:</b> 0		<b>Firefighter Injuries/Fatalities:</b> 0	
<b>Structures Threatened:</b> 8,913	<b>Structures Damaged:</b> 2	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 21	
<b>Minor Structures Threatened:</b> 0	<b>Minor Structures Damaged:</b> 3	<b>Minor Structures Destroyed:</b> 30	

## CURRENT SITUATION

<b>Current Situation:</b>	<p>CAL FIRE’s unified team and the U.S. Forest Service are engaged in a coordinated and collaborative 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. Due to resource draw down throughout the state, CAL FIRE’s Incident Management Team requested the California National Guard to assist with fire suppression efforts and as a result of CAL FIRE’s request, 138 National Guard personnel are assigned to the incident. Additionally, resources from across the state of California as well as Montana, Idaho, Texas, Washington and New Jersey have been assigned to assist on the August Complex-West Zone. The August Complex-West Zone has burned 104,836 acres, spans approximately 195 miles of fire line and is 70% contained with more than 1,700 firefighters battling the fire from the air and the ground. The ongoing fire suppression efforts have resulted in some evacuation orders and warnings being reduced while the Incident Commanders constantly evaluate existing orders and warnings as anticipated and observed fire conditions change. Incident Commanders have been monitoring predicted weather including the red flag warning in effect and have adjusted fire suppression strategies as expected weather conditions change. In preparation for the forecasted heat and high winds, firefighters have been working diligently to improve and widen containment lines across all 195 miles of fire line, actively performing direct fire attack and mop up where fire conditions safely allow. Very large air tankers (VLAT) capable of carrying 9,400 gallons of fire retardant have been utilized to strategically</p>
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	<p>drop fire retardant and further strengthen containment lines. Meanwhile, islands of unburned vegetation within the perimeter of the fire continue to burn. In addition to the focus on fire suppression in the West Zone, Incident Commanders are monitoring the fire burning in the Yolla-Bolly Middle Eel Wilderness (August Complex - North Zone) north east of Covelo.</p>
<p><b>Evacuation Orders &amp; Evacuation Warnings &amp; Road Closures (BY COUNTY)</b></p>	<p><b>HUMBOLDT COUNTY</b></p>
	<p>For the latest road closures and evacuation information in Humboldt County please visit <a href="http://Humboldtgov.org/evacmap">Humboldtgov.org/evacmap</a></p> <p><b>EVACUATION ORDERS:</b> NONE</p> <p><b>EVACUATION WARNINGS:</b> NONE</p> <p><b>ROAD CLOSURES:</b> All road closures due to the August Complex West Zone Fire have been lifted. Please use caution when entering areas affected by fire.</p>
	<p><b>TRINITY COUNTY</b></p>
	<p><b>EVACUATION ORDERS:</b> Rural area in the vicinity of Hull Creek Road.</p> <p><b>EVACUATION WARNINGS:</b> Zenia, Kettenpom.</p> <p><b>Road Closures:</b> NONE</p>
	<p><b>MENDOCINO COUNTY</b></p>
<p>For the latest road closures and evacuation information in Mendocino County please visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/MendoEvac">https://tinyurl.com/MendoEvac</a></p> <p><b>EVACUATION ORDERS:</b></p> <p><b>Zone E:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Zone C:</b> North of the M1, east of the National Forest boundary, south of Forest Highway 7.</p> <p><b>Zone B:</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.</p> <p><b>Zone A:</b> West of the county line, south of Anthony Peak and north of Hull Mountain.</p> <p><b>Zone J:</b> East of Elk Creek, north and west of the National Forest boundary, south of Thatcher Creek.</p> <p><b>Zone F:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Zone I:</b> West of Elk Creek, south of Deep Hole Creek, north of the National Forest boundary.</p> <p><b>Zone J:</b> East of Elk River, north of Deep Hole Creek, east of Eden Valley, south of</p>	

Thatcher Creek.

**EVACUATION WARNINGS:**

**Zone S:** South of the County Line, East of Bell Springs Rd, 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, North and East of Bald Mountain Road.

**Zone D:** South and East of the Eel river, North of Bentley Basin and West of the National Forest Boundary.

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

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

**Zone AE:** North of Twin Bridges Creek, east of the Eel River, south of Brushy Creek and west of Brushy Mountain.

**Zone AN:** South of Highway 162 and the Eel River, west of Salt Creek, north of Brushy Creek and the Eel River, east of Highway 162.

	<p><b>Zone AQ:</b> North of the Eel River, south and east of Highway 162, west of Redwine Springs.</p> <p><b>ROAD CLOSURES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearst Willits Road at the Eel River Bridge</li> <li>• Mendocino Pass Road at Murphy Creek (private road) (barricade only)</li> </ul>			
	<b>LAKE COUNTY</b>			
	<p><b>EVACUATION ORDERS:</b> All areas north of Pack Saddle Creek, west of Lake County line and east of the Lake County line. Pillsbury Ranch Area, to include: North of M-1, south of Lake County line, west of Bloody Rock and east of the Lake County line.</p> <p><b>EVACUATION WARNINGS:</b> None</p>			
<b>Evacuation Centers:</b>	<p><b>Mendocino County:</b> Covelo High School, 76280 High School Street Covelo, CA</p> <p><b>Trinity County:</b> Southern Trinity High School Located at 600 Van Duzen Road</p> <p><b>Humboldt County:</b> Contact the Humboldt County Fire Information Line at 707-268-2500 to be connected with assistance related to wildfire displacement.</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</p>			
<b>ASSIGNED RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Engines:</b> 187	<b>Water Tenders:</b> 37	<b>Helicopters:</b> 13	<b>Hand Crews:</b> 34	<b>Dozers:</b> 28
<b>Other:</b> 376		<b>Total Personnel:</b> 1,715		
<b>Cooperating Agencies:</b> California Highway Patrol, California Department of Transportation, Trinity County Sheriff's Office, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Round Valley Indian Tribes, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Conservation Corps, California National Guard, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, United States Forest Service				

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