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## Rough Fire Evacuation and Road Closure Updates

Due to dangerous conditions posed by the progression of the Rough Fire Thursday, **mandatory evacuation** notices went into effect for the area north of Highway 180 that stretches from Hopewell Road to the west, to the Armenian Church Camp Western in the center and Happy Gap / Sequoia Lake to the east. This area had previously been under an evacuation warning.

**Evacuation warning** notices continue to be in place for people living in the communities of Pinehurst, Miramonte and Dunlap. All residents should continue to prepare to leave at a moment's notice.

The Fresno County Sheriff's Office is working with the California Highway Patrol and CalTrans to enforce **road closures**, which include:

- Highway 180 east of Dunlap Road (Dunlap Road does remain open to people traveling into the communities of Pinehurst, Miramonte and Dunlap.
- Millwood Road at Dunlap Road is closed motorists.
- Highway 245 at the USFS Work Center in Pinehurst is closed to motorists.
- Highway 198 at Red Fir is closed into Kings Canyon National Park.

### Definitions of Fire Terms

An **evacuation warning** is defined as an alert to community members in an area of a potential threat to life and property from an emergency incident. An evacuation warning may be issued when the potential or actual threat to civilian life is more than 2 hours away. When a warning is issued, residents are being warned to prepare to leave their home. The Sheriff's Office tries to issue the advisory as early as possible based upon the fire's activity so residents will have time to remove their pets, livestock, large boats, RV's and any other personal

effects in an orderly, unrushed manner. However, because a wildfire can be unpredictable, the time frame between an advisory and a mandatory evacuation can change quickly. You must be prepared to go at any time.

A **mandatory evacuation** is declared when a wildfire directly threatens a community and residents are placed in danger. You must leave the area for you and your family's safety. Once you leave, you will not be allowed to return to your property until the mandatory evacuation is lifted.

For more answers to commonly asked questions regarding an evacuation situation, visit <https://www.fresnosheriff.org/community/fire-season-information.html>

View the latest information on the Rough Fire at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4456/> and [www.fresnosheriff.org](http://www.fresnosheriff.org), where a map of the evacuation areas can be accessed.

