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### **Officials Downgrade Evacuation Orders for Areas Affected by the Cedar Fire**

This notification is from Tulare County Fire Department, Tulare County Sheriff, and Tulare County Emergency Operations Center.

Tulare County has two levels of evacuations: voluntary and mandatory. A voluntary evacuation means that residents should either evacuate or be prepared to do so should conditions worsen. Voluntary evacuations require proof of residency to enter. A mandatory evacuation means that residents should evacuate.

Effective at 10:00am on August 29, officials have downgraded the mandatory evacuation order to voluntary for the following communities: Posey, Idlewild, Manter Meadow, Pine Mountain Ranch Homes, and Rainbow Ranch.

The neighboring communities of Poso Park, Panorama Heights, Balance Rock, McClenney Tract, Sugar Loaf Sawmill, Sugar Loaf Mountain Park, White River Summer Homes, and Spear Creek Summer Homes are still under mandatory evacuation orders.

Residents previously under mandatory evacuation due to the Cedar Fire may choose to return to their properties at this time. Residents must show proof of residency to posted law enforcement prior to entering evacuated areas.

Conditions may change in the next 36 hours for communities downgraded, causing officials to re-issue mandatory status. Returning residents should show caution, personal safety and be aware of possible debris and smoke inhalation.

Changes have been made to road closures. Current road closures include: Mountain 3 (M-3) is now closed where it becomes Sugarloaf Drive at Peel Mill Creek Road east into the Balance Rock, Sugarloaf and Panorama Heights areas. Mountain 3 (M-3) "White River Rd" is now partially open at Jack Ranch Road east into the evacuated areas around Posey and Idlewild, for residents of Posey and Idlewild only.

Mountain 112 (M-112) "Deer Creek Rd" is now open at Road 296 into the previously evacuated areas around California Hot Springs. Mountain 56 (M-56) "Hot Springs Rd" is now open at



Mountain 109 (M-109) "Old Stage Rd" near Fountain Springs into the previously evacuated areas around California Hot Springs.

Pine Flat Road is closed at Manter Meadow Road for southbound travel into the evacuated areas around Sugarloaf and Posey. Manter Meadow Road is now partially open, for residents only.

Dumpster locations will be available for residents to dispose of any trash or debris at Posey Fire Station and the Posey Post Office. Repopulation efforts are underway with assistance from the American Red Cross located at the Posey Fire Station.

For further information, please contact the Tulare County Emergency Operations Center at (559) 623-0200 between the hours of 8am-5pm.

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