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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 5, 2018
TO: RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THE OCTOBER 2017 WILDFIRES
FROM: MIKE OLIPHANT CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
SUBJECT: REPLACING STRUCTURES WITHIN THE BURN AREA

To whom it may concern:

Residents who have lost structures due to the fire within Mendocino County should be aware that after the Army Corps of Engineers has cleaned and cleared their properties, a Building/Grading permit is required to replace any type of fill-material within the excavated area of the previous structure.

Additionally, when a new proposed replacement structure is being placed within the previous foundation footprint area, or where the soil has been excavated or disturbed during the foundation/debris removal process, a letter of approval with the compaction test report from a design professional such as: a Civil, Structural, or Geotechnical Engineer addressing soil compaction and verifying a minimum soil bearing capacity of 1500 lbs. per sq. ft. will be required at the time of application/plan submittal for the new structure.

The Mendocino County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), (707) 463-4363, has a process to request slide dirt and shale from roadside cleanup. Typically, MCDOT hauls to properties closest to the slides to minimize cost to the County. MCDOT would waive the distance requirement in this case for fire victims; however, all other standard program provisions apply. MCDOT would work with grading professionals selected by the fire survivor who is the property owner to review the soils before transport.

If you have other questions about the Re-building Process, Planning & Building Services will be providing a "Rebuilding 101" Educational Opportunity at the County's next Community Meeting on January 17, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Eagle Peak Middle School in Redwood Valley. The purpose of this educational forum is to provide those affected by the fire with an understanding of the permit process as well as the requirements for plan submittals. Please contact staff at 707-234-6650 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Enclosure: Preliminary Lien Notices – no direct costs should be incurred by property owners for debris removal provided by US Army Corps of Engineers contractors and sub-contractors.