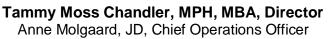


Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

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Press Release

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GRADE FIRE in Mendocino County as of Sunday Evening

The Grade Fire is currently burning along Highway 101 about 5 miles northwest of Redwood Valley. The fire is to the east of Highway 101 and is now burning west and south. Based on the current CalFire estimates the fire is roughly 350 acres and 10% contained.

One lane of Highway 101 is now closed; additional Highway 101 closures are expected.

There is a threat to some structures, including residences, so evacuation has been ordered for the Baker Creek Subdivision. Advisory Evacuations have been issued for the area west of Westside Road to Highway 101- not including the valley floor.

Evacuated residents who need shelter immediately are to contact Health & Human Services Willits office at 707-972-7230.

On Monday, the Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, the Red Cross and the Health & Human Services Agency will decide if a full shelter should be opened. This decision will be made before 1 p.m. on Monday, July 17.

Resources are coming in from out of county and more have been ordered.

How to Stay Informed:

Evacuations notifications will be submitted via the County's Citizen Alert and Notification system. Residents can sign-up at https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736722865#/signup

Additionally updates on the fire can be found at https://www.facebook.com/MendocinoSheriff/ and http://www.fire.ca.gov/current incidents/incidentdetails/Index/1671