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## **Corps of Engineers provides update for Northern California wildfire debris removal**

(ROHNERT PARK, Calif.) -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) continues to make steady progress on the Consolidated Debris Removal Program in Northern California following the October 2017 wildfires.

The program is a two-phase process – Phase I is the removal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Sonoma and Napa counties and by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control in Lake and Mendocino counties. Phase II is the removal of other fire-related debris from structures destroyed by the fire, and is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under the direction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Steady progress continues on both phases of debris removal in Lake, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma counties over the past few weeks.

Overall, USACE has processed 4,813 rights of entry and cleared more than 288,055 tons of debris from 880 properties in Mendocino, Lake, Sonoma and Napa counties.

Over the next few weeks, USACE will award two new contracts by mid-December that will have significantly more capacity to sustain the debris removal mission through completion.

The USACE remains committed to completing the mission in early 2018 to help communities prepare for rebuilding. Property owners with questions about eligibility, operations or other concerns can contact the USACE Debris Removal Information Line at 877-875-7681.

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