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To: Charles Casey <ccasey@pfs-llc.net>
Subject: Red Cross Internal Update - Fires in California

Dear Charlie,

We haven't spoken for a while. I do hope you're well and not impacted by the current wildfires or PSPS. I wanted to reach out and let you know that the Emergency Response Vehicle supported by the Bothin Foundation in 2017 is currently in use in support of our Red Cross relief operations for people evacuated from Sonoma. Here is an update on the Red Cross California Wildfires response. The area burned is now bigger than San Francisco County and continues to burn and the mandatory evacuations for many zones remains in force. Our current headquarters is in Petaluma and we are managing and/or staffing all 16 shelters for the relief operations, in coordination with local partners.

Do reach out by email or @ 510-396-8845 if you, your friends, family or colleagues need any support or have any questions on our work, how to prepare for wildfires or power shut-offs etc.

Thank you again for the Bothin Foundation's support of our work – this legacy lives on in the work our team does every week – and now especially for those staying in shelters in Sonoma, Napa, Marin and San Francisco and requiring urgent relief and care.

Very best,
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INFORMATION UPDATE:

Wildfires in California

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 2:30 PM ET



High wind and Red Flag warnings persist across large portions of Northern and Southern California for the next few days.
 Source: [National Weather Service](https://www.weather.gov)

AT-A-GLANCE

The next 36-48 hours will be critical in the fire fight as another round of high winds threatens to prolong critical to extreme fire weather conditions across parts of northern and southern California into Thursday. Strong offshore winds will combine with very low relative humidity to create favorable conditions for rapid spread of both existing fires, and new fire starts.

- There are currently more than **10** active fires burning across California
 - A Santa Ana wind event is scheduled to begin again Tuesday at 11 PM. Low relative humidity and gusty winds will once again pose a threat for firefighters
 - In Southern California, the **Getty Fire** started yesterday in Los Angeles County near a densely populated area. The fire is threatening some **7,000** residential and commercial structures in the mandatory evacuation zone and **eight** residences have been destroyed
 - Also in Southern California, the **Tick Fire** continues to burn more than **4,600** acres in Los Angeles County and containment has increased to **86%**
- The **Kincade Fire**, which started in Sonoma County last Wednesday, has burned more than **74,300** acres and is now **15%** contained
 - What started as large flames in a fairly rural area has spread rapidly toward the Highway 101 corridor and the towns of Windsor and Healdsburg
 - **180,000** people, at the peak of the evacuation orders, have been forced to evacuate – making it the largest mass evacuation in Sonoma County history
 - So far, there have been no reports of fatalities or missing persons
- In response to the current wildfires, California Governor Gavin Newsom has declared a statewide emergency



WILDFIRE
Evacuation Prep

If you have time to prepare:

- Move combustible furniture to the center of your home.
- Place valuables that won't be damaged by water in a pool.
- Remove combustible items from around your home's yard.
- Shut off gas meter only if advised to do so.
- Open fireplace dampers and close fireplace screens.
- Wet down your roof.

American Red Cross

Tips for wildfire safety and more can be found at redcross.org/prepare

More than **350** Red Cross staff and volunteers are supporting evacuation centers to provide safe refuge for people impacted by these devastating fires. The Red Cross is also providing meals, health services, comfort and other support for affected residents.

- On Monday night, more than **2,800** people stayed in **20** Red Cross and community shelters across California
 - **Four** new shelters opened overnight in Los Angeles County
- Shelter guests can expect a place to sleep, meals, drinks, snacks, comfort and the opportunity to reconnect with loved ones and get information
- Red Cross staff is on hand providing health services such as replacing lost medications and eyeglasses, emotional support and spiritual care
- Earlier this month, Red Cross disaster workers supported those affected by the deadly Sandalwood Fire in Riverside County, as well as the still active Saddleridge Fire in Los Angeles County
- The California wildfires have caused the Red Cross to cancel blood drives and impacted our ability to collect about **300** blood and platelet donations regionally

Since early October, the American Red Cross has been working with partners to support those affected by the most recent wildfire season in California:

Shelter	Meals and Snacks	Individual Care	Relief Items	Disaster Workers
Over 7,700 overnight shelter stays provided with partners	Over 13,800 served with partners	Over 1,600 contacts made	Over 1,100 distributed	350

All numbers are cumulative and represent Red Cross wildfire response efforts in CA from Oct 10 through 29, 2019.

SOCIAL MEDIA



As the smoke from the Kincadee Fire smothers California wine country this week, the Red Cross urges those in the impacted areas to stay vigilant and evacuate when told to evacuate by officials.

Source: [American Red Cross Twitter](#)



Sarah DeBerry and her 8-mo old daughter Juno evacuated from Santa Rosa Sunday due to the Kincadee Fire and are currently at the Marin County Fairgrounds shelter. Overwhelmed but in good spirits, they enjoyed this morning's hot breakfast. As Sarah fed bits of scrambled egg to a hungry Juno, she recounted her ordeal. After arriving at the shelter yesterday, she opted to sleep in her car, thinking it would be quieter. Temps dipped into the 50s, intensified by the wind, and the elements proved too much for both mom and baby. After coming back inside the shelter, Red Cross workers put two cots together, providing a warmer, cozier and safer alternative to the car. 'That was really great,' Sarah said.

Source: [American Red Cross Northern California Coastal Region](#)



For those living near areas impacted by wildfire smoke, remember to stay safe with a breathing mask. Check out more preparedness tips at redcross.org/prepare.

Source: [American Red Cross of Los Angeles Facebook](#)



Sometimes the partners we work with to support evacuees are more impromptu. Thanks to Gabriel Luna and team for serving those in evacuation centers a tasty meal and thanks to all volunteers who raise their hand to support those affected by disasters.

Source: [American Red Cross of Los Angeles Twitter](#)