



Butte Fire EXTRA

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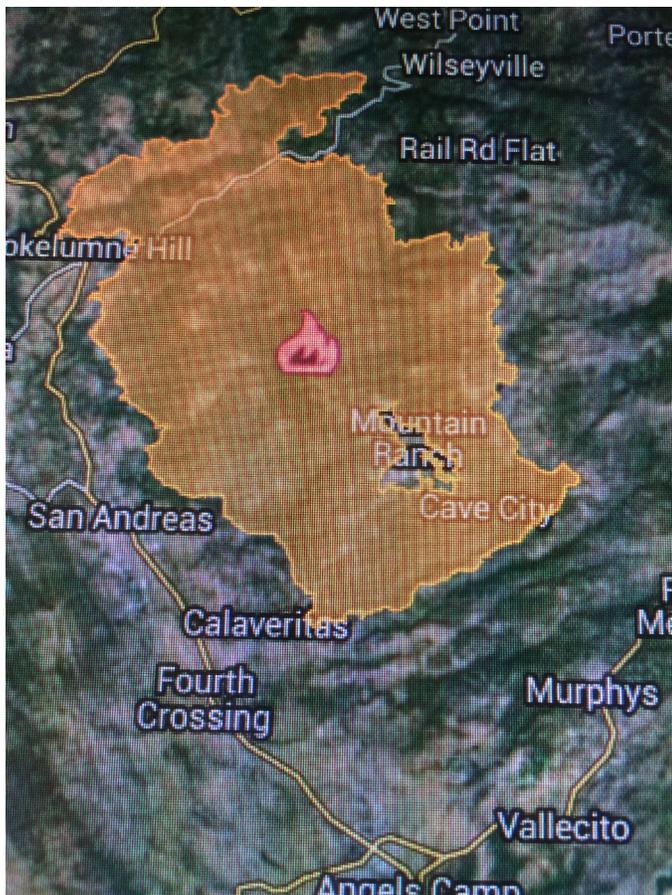
Dear Readers:

Many of you have expressed concerns about the recent fire that has ravaged our area and told us you couldn't get detailed information about our town. While there will be a long healing process from the devastation near us, we want you to know that Murphys and the Highway 4 Corridor were spared. It is still a beautiful place to visit and the community is returning to its daily responsibilities, welcoming visitors, and also working together to help the many, many people who are affected.

Ranking as one of the worst fires ever in state history, the Butte Fire in Amador and Calaveras Counties raced through our drought-stricken region with a ferocity never seen before. The explosive fire destroyed hundreds of homes in its wake, and came within striking distance of numerous small towns in the region. Firefighters were able to increase containment of the fire when scorching temperatures finally dropped mid-week. It is currently remaining

minimal within the fire perimeter, although numerous structures still remain threatened. As of September 21st, it was 74% contained with 70,760 acres burned, 545 homes, 356 outbuildings and 42 other structures destroyed. Two lives were lost. According to Cal Fire, mandatory evacuations have been lifted throughout the affected fire areas, but the public is reminded that a safety advisory is still in effect.

It is impossible to measure the gratitude we have for Cal Fire, all firefighting teams and personnel. They are true warriors with an enormous task who allow us to sleep at night. We also recognize and can't give enough thanks to all of our local evacuation centers, animal shelters and the countless people who have volunteered their time to help. There is much work ahead with such things as building new homes, reseeding firebreaks and building fences for cattle, sheep, and horses. If you want to help, here are some ways to do that.



Google map from yubanet.

(Information from the *Sacramento Bee*):

- American Red Cross Butte Fire information line and connections to other resources: 925-588-6678.
- Calaveras Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund is accepting donations on the website or mailed to: PO Box 1436, Angels Camp, 95222. Please indicate "DRF" on checks or in the PayPal comment box. 209-736-1845.
- Salvation Army Donations, Calaveras Service Unit, Tax ID # 94-1170408. Send to: Calaveras Health & Human Services, 509 E St Charles St., San Andreas, CA 95249. 209-754-6851.
- Butte Fire donation page on Facebook, including information about volunteers needed.
- Resource Connection Food Bank is accepting food donations, 209-754-1257. Donation locations available on the website.
- MyMotherLode.com has a comprehensive list of relief resources and ways to help victims of the Butte fire.

Thank you, readers, for your continued interest and support for Art on Main. We look forward to seeing you again soon. ❖

