



NEWS RELEASE

Butte Lightning Complex

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Information Line: 530-538-7826

Evacuations lifted for Belden and Storrie and Highway 70 To Re-Open to One Way Escorted Traffic

CAL FIRE, and cooperating agencies managing the Butte Lightning Complex are lifting the evacuation orders for Belden, Storrie and Tobin in Plumas County. The threat from the fires in the area has been mitigated. Residents should continue to monitor the fire situation since other active fires are still burning in the region and conditions can change rapidly. Additional evacuations may be needed if fire activity increases and threatens their community.

In addition, CAL FIRE, Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol, have evaluated the Highway 70 road closure and have determined that the road highway can be opened through the fire areas. The following restrictions will be in place:

- **Through traffic will be escorted by a pilot car and will be restricted to one way traffic from Grandview to the Pulga Maintenance Station. Crews are working in the fire area to remove hazardous trees.**
- **The current closures at Big Bend Road and Hwy's. 89 & 70 at the Greenville "Y" will be removed.**

Vehicles travelling Hwy. 70 between Concow and Quincy need to monitor the fire situation and follow all traffic escort and law enforcement directions. Active fires are still burning in Butte County and on the Plumas National Forest and their status may change and require a closure of the highway. If you are driving Hwy. 70 between Jarbo Gap and Belden do not report smoke or fire visible in the burn area. Crews are working the active areas of the fire and will return for mop-up. Every effort is being made to keep roadways open and safe for the public.

For more information on the status of the Highway 70 road closure contact Caltrans at 1-800-427-ROAD or at www.dot.ca.gov. The California Highway Patrol can also be contacted at www.chp.ca.gov.

For additional information on the fires burning in Butte County please contact the Butte Lightning Complex Information line at 530-538-7826 or visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov, or the Butte County website at www.buttecounty.net.

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