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**Santa Clara County Evacuations and
Road Closures Due to the Summit Fire**
Governor Signed Emergency Declaration for County of Santa Clara

San Jose, CA – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection issued a mandatory evacuation of the Croy Road/McPhee area north of the fire. Approximately 50 Santa Clara County residents were evacuated.

Due to fire activity and fire equipment needing access to the area, five roads have been closed to residents and the general public. Current roads closures are:

Hazel Dell Road – due to fire equipment access

Croy Road – evacuation of residents due to the fire’s proximity

Eureka Canyon – due to fire activity

Loma Prieta Road – due to fire activity

Buzzard Lagoon Road – due to fire activity

Re-entry to these areas will depend on when conditions are safe. **For additional information on road closures, call 2-1-1.**

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a State of Emergency in Santa Clara County this afternoon. The proclamation comes in response to County Executive Pete Kutas declaring a local State of Emergency this morning due to the Summit fire crossing back into Santa Clara County

“Our number one priority is the safety and well being of our residents,” said Luke Leung, Deputy County Executive and on-site Director of Emergency Services. “The Governor’s immediate response helps by allowing for additional resources to be brought in to fight the fire.”

The American Red Cross Santa Clara Valley Chapter has opened a shelter for evacuees at Live Oak High School, 1505 East Main Ave. in Morgan Hill. Food, water, shelter and mental health services are available at that location. This shelter is not accepting animals. If individuals have questions regarding large animals and domestic pets, contact the Santa Clara County Animal Shelter at (408) 686-3900. For additional shelter information, the public may call the American Red Cross at (408)-577-1000.

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Approximately 3,000 firefighters from Northern and Central California are fighting the Summit Fire.

Residents with respiratory problems, young children, and older adults, are urged to limit their exposure to smoky air by staying indoors as much as possible. Windows and doors should be kept closed to prevent indoor air from becoming dirty. **For more information about air quality, call 2-1-1.**

The County of Santa Clara Emergency Operations Center was activated at 7:05 a.m. today by County Executive Pete Kutas and will continue to provide information as it is available.

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