

MEDIA UPDATE – EVACUATION UPDATE

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Hummingbird Fire Evacuees Allowed to Return To Their Homes in South Santa Clara County

Exception: Residents from Oak Dell Park in Gilroy Not Allowed To Return

SAN JOSE, CA – The Santa Clara County Emergency Operations Center report that residents in the South County unincorporated area of Hummingbird Road/Watsonville Road and Day Road in Gilroy have been allowed to return to their homes. *However, residents evacuated from the Oak Dell Park RV Park are unable to return to their homes as the fire is 50% contained.* Fire fighters continue suppression efforts with some 750 acres affected. The American Red Cross has set up an emergency shelter at Live Oak High School, 1505 E. Main Street, in Morgan Hill.

According to Cal Fire, firefighters are also battling the Whitehurst fire, east of Mount Madonna County Park near Hecker Pass Road and the fire is 50% contained with some 200 acres have been involved. No structures have been lost and no injuries reported. The fires, both caused by lightning strikes, prompted Santa Clara County to declare a state of emergency earlier yesterday. The Santa Clara County Public Health Dept has advised area residents with respiratory problems, or sensitivity to smoke to remain indoors and avoid strenuous outdoor activity.

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