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MEDIA UPDATE

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**Hummingbird Fire is 30 Percent Contained,
Whitehurst Fire expands to over 300 acres**
Evacuation Center Remains Open to Assist Hundreds of Impacted Evacuees

SAN JOSE, CALIF. County of Santa Clara is warning residents that evacuations remain in effect southwest of Morgan Hill, in response to two fires that ignited on Saturday afternoon. Total acreage of the two fires is over 700 acres.

FIRE STATUS

- The Whitehurst fire, (Hecker Pass/Mount Madonna, unincorporated County land) has consumed **over 300 acres and is 10% contained**. Fire is about one mile east of Pole Line Road.
- The Hummingbird fire, (Hummingbird Road/Watsonville Road and Day Road area, unincorporated County land) is extending **about 400 acres**. Cal Fire confirms the fire is **30% contained** with the help of a bull dozer line to the area bounded by Day Road, Watsonville Road, and Santa Teresa Road.

EVACUATIONS

- 128 houses have been evacuated by the County of Santa Clara Sheriff's Department. Over 350 residents, including approximately 75 from Cordevalle Golf Course were contacted and have evacuated. Evacuations have taken place at Day Road, Lucky Court, towards Watsonville Road, Jean Ellen Drive, Jefferson Drive, Parish View Drive, DeVries Court, Salem Avenue up to Madrid, Calle Uvas, Calle Celestina and Calle Cielo.
- At this time residents are utilizing the shelter managed by the American Red Cross at Live Oak High School, 1505 East Main Avenue, in Morgan Hill. Food, shelter and counseling will be provided to residents who have been evacuated until they are allowed to return to their homes or until alternative housing is available.

ROAD CLOSURES

- Day Road has been closed between Watsonville Road and Santa Teresa.
- Watsonville Road between Day Road and Watsonville Court.

On Saturday evening, County of Santa Clara Executive Pete Kutras proclaimed a local emergency and activated the County's Emergency Operations Center. A local emergency is declared when conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Santa Clara.

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