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## SONOMA FIRES: CENTRAL LNU COMPLEX

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### **Assessments Underway Following Recent Rains**

*Residents are urged to be vigilant for signs of landslides and sinkholes*

The City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma are encouraging residents to stay alert for landslides, sinkholes, and other rain-related issues, particularly in the fire impact areas. While these warnings are typically issued during winter rain events, there are increased risks in burn areas due to high debris levels, damaged infrastructure, and missing vegetation, so enhanced awareness is critical. If you see evidence of flooding, mud and debris flows, or sinkholes in your area, call 911.

The City of Santa Rosa identified some sections of storm drain that were destroyed by the fire in the Fountaingrove area, and immediately coordinated with county, state, and federal partners to initiate a thorough assessment of the storm drain system. The assessment is focused on identifying fire damaged or destroyed sections of storm drain, and determining what actions need to be taken to address any additional risk of landslides and sinkholes that may be present.

The assessment is being expedited in anticipation of more rain arriving on Sunday. If the assessment process identifies any areas of enhanced concern, residents will be notified immediately. As a general precaution, residents in Fountaingrove and surrounding areas should have an emergency plan in place, sign up for SoCoAlert and Nixle, and ensure their phone ringers remain on.

To sign up for SoCoAlert go to [SoCoAlert.com](http://SoCoAlert.com).

To sign up for Nixle:

- Sheriff's Office Nixle: <https://local.nixle.com/sonoma-countysheriffs-office/> or text your zip code to 888777.
- Santa Rosa Police Department Nixle: <https://local.nixle.com/santa-rosa-police-department/> or text your zip code to 888777.

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