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SONOMA FIRES: CENTRAL LNU COMPLEX

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**Sonoma County Fires Community Meetings:  
TOMORROW: Thursday, October 19**

*Re-Entering Neighborhoods, Debris Removal and Clean Up, and Shelter and Temporary Housing Update*

SANTA ROSA, CA – Local, state and federal governments are working together to facilitate the repopulation of Sonoma County neighborhoods that have been damaged or destroyed in the fires, including the safe removal and handling of burn debris and ash. While residents are eager to start cleaning and rebuilding their homes, property owners, property owners should exercise caution and use proper protective equipment when handling any ash or hazardous materials from their property. Improper handling and disposal can be harmful to property owners, children and the general public. While small scale sifting through ashes to locate any remaining personal items will not impact residents' ability to get financial assistance, private large scale removal of debris and ash should be coordinated with government officials prior to removal.

**Re-entering neighborhoods, the overall community cleanup process including debris and ash removal, and housing options for residents in the coming months will be discussed at two Community Meetings tomorrow – Thursday, October 19.**

**Time:** 1-3PM  
**Location:** Sonoma Veterans Memorial Building  
126 First Street West  
Sonoma, CA 95476

**Time:** 6-8PM  
**Location:** Santa Rosa High School South Gym  
1235 Mendocino Ave  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

The Federal Government, State of California and local governments have a comprehensive cleanup plan and will be identifying licensed contractors to safely remove ash and debris in a manner that protects public health and safety. Property owners need to sign a Right of Entry form to allow hazard assessment personnel access to their property. Right of Entry forms will be available on the Sonoma County Website and at Thursday's Community Meetings.

The public meeting will include plenty of time for questions and conversation from residents.

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