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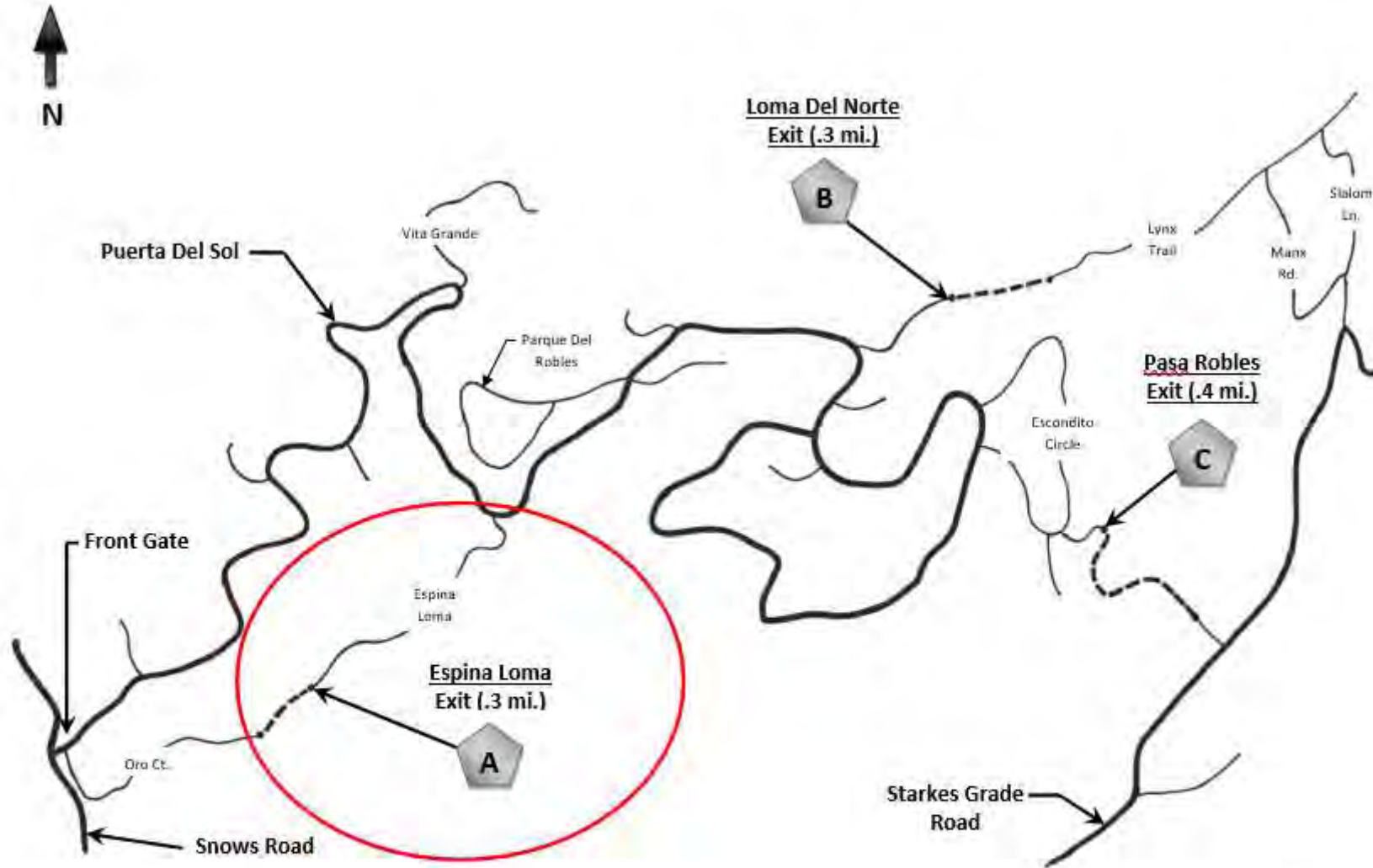
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RDS Emergency Exits

As photographed in June & July 2025

Espina Loma to Oro Court Exit



Note:

1) All Emergency Exits are gated and not locked. Access is restricted to emergency situations only.

Denotes Emergency Exit Road





Turn onto
Espina Loma
from
Puerta Del Sol



No Locks
On Top Gate











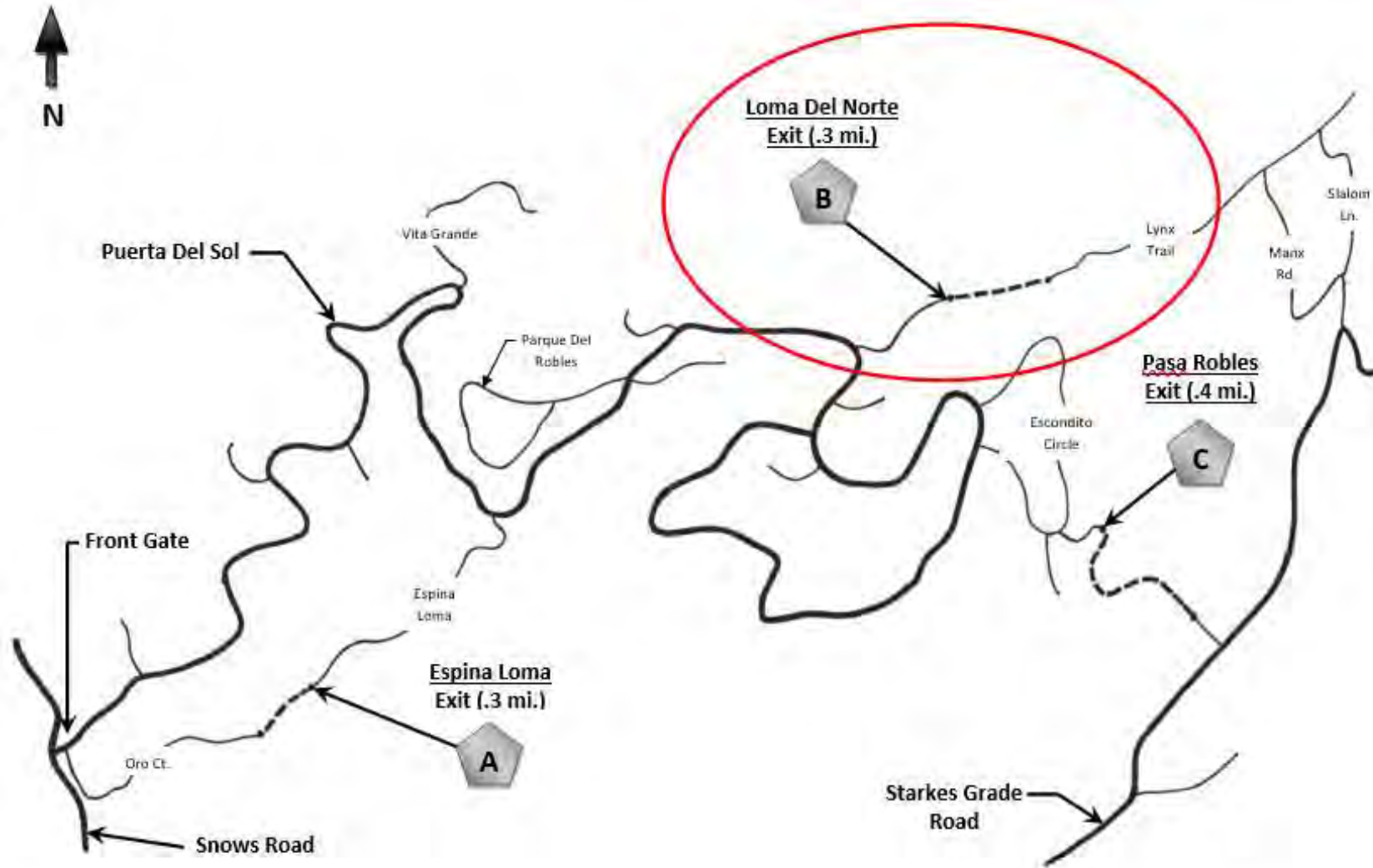
*No Locks
On Bottom
Gate*



Espina Loma to Oro Court Summary

- No locks on either gate
- Roadway clear
- Easily drivable in 2WD car
- Best Exit if Puerta Del Sol is blocked below Espina Loma due to down tree, accident, etc.
- If FIRE prevents using lower Puerta Del Sol it will likely prevent using Espina Loma to Oro Court too

Loma Del Norte to Lynx Trail Exit



Note:

1) All Emergency Exits are gated and not locked. Access is restricted to emergency situations only.

..... Denotes Emergency Exit Road



Turn onto Loma Del Norte from Puerta Del Sol



Gate is NOT Locked



This lock just holds chain onto crossbar









*Gate on
Lynx Trail
side not
closed*



Beyond Emergency Exit, Lynx Trail is a narrow (often one lane), two mile route to Starkes Grade Road



Remaining photos are of Lynx Trail to Stakes Grade intersection

*Remaining photos
are of Lynx Trail –
a narrow road for
2 miles to Starkes
Grade*

















*Lynx Trail to
Starkes Grade
intersection*



*Left on
Starkes Grade
to Sly Park
Road*

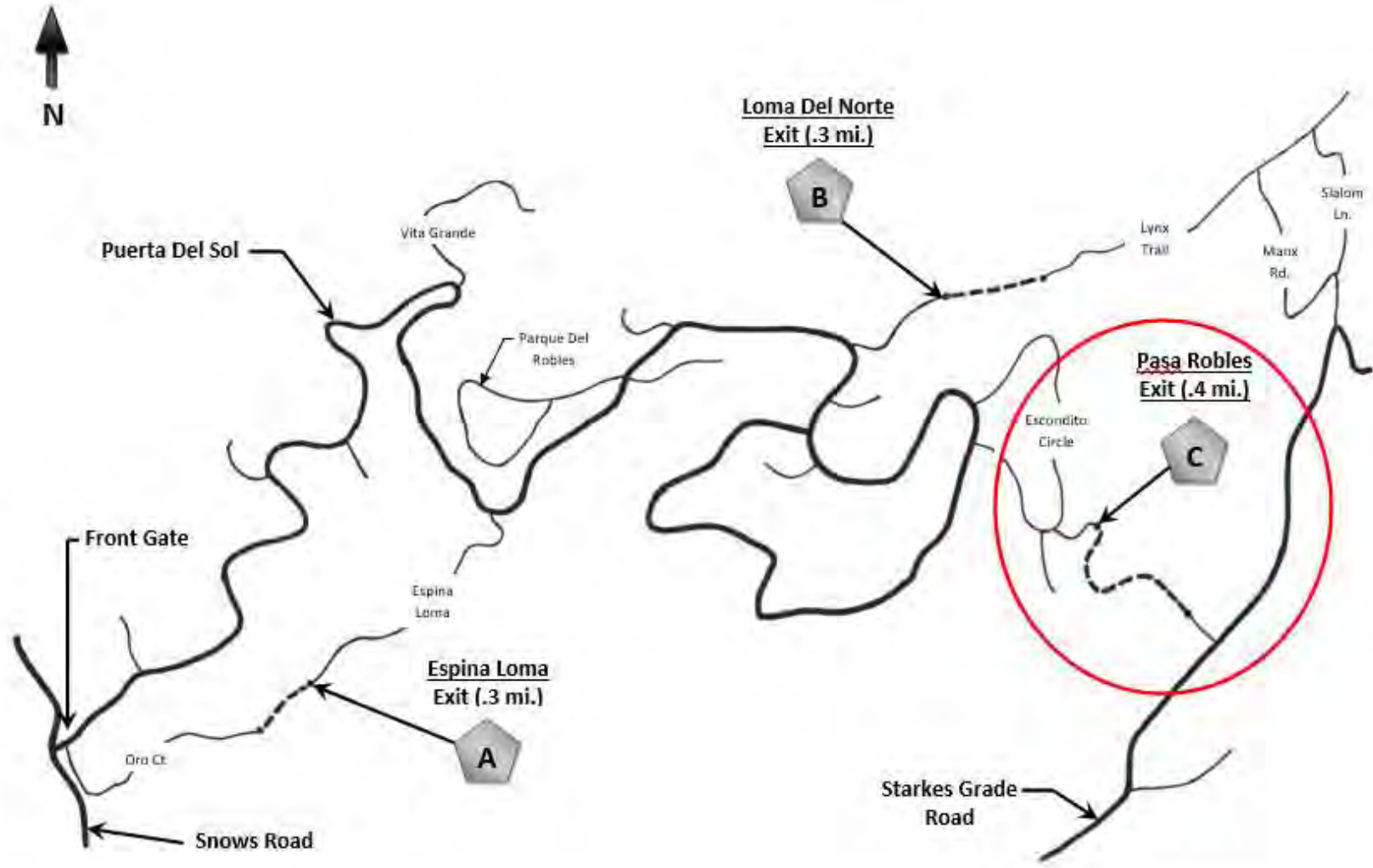


*Right on
Starkes Grade
to Newtown
Road*

Loma Del Norte to Lynx Trail Summary

- No locks on RDS gate (old padlock holds chain onto crossbar but doesn't lock anything)
- Roadway clear
- Gate on Lynx Trail side not closed (or locked)
- Easily drivable in 2WD car
- Beyond emergency exit road, Lynx Trail is a two mile long, narrow (one lane in many places) road to reach Starkes Grade
- At Starkes Grade you can exit left to Sly Park Road (to Pollock Pines) or right to Newtown Road (to Placerville)

Pasa Robles to Starkes Grade Exit



Note:

1) All Emergency Exits are gated and not locked. Access is restricted to emergency situations only.

..... Denotes Emergency Exit Road

Turn from
Puerta Del Sol
onto
Escondito
Circle



Turn from
Escondito
Circle onto
Pasa Robles



No Locks
On Top Gate













*No Locks
On Bottom
Gate*



*View
beyond
Gate to
Starkes
Grade*





*Left on
Starkes Grade
to Sly Park Road
Pollock Pines*

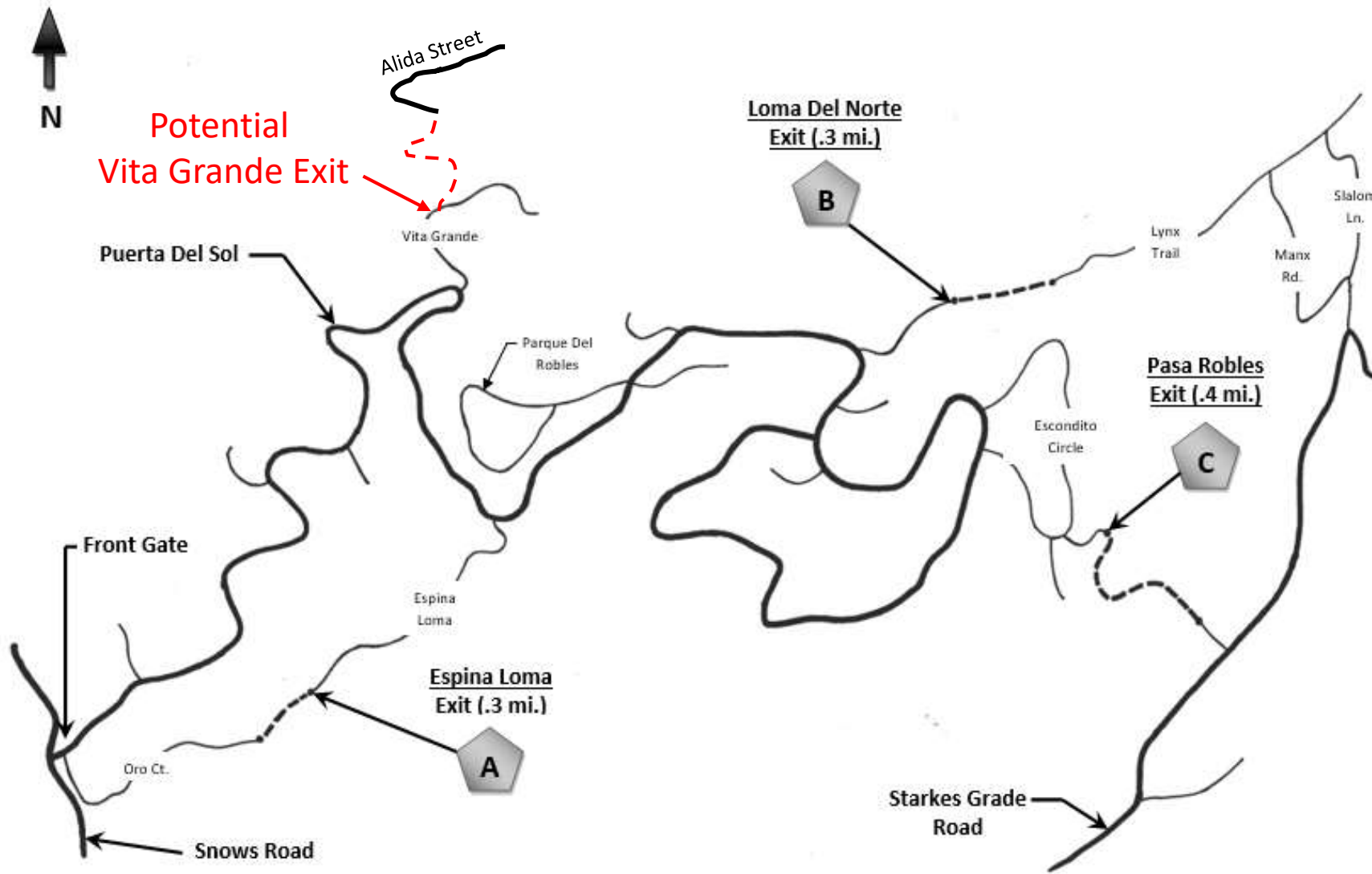


*Right on
Starkes Grade
to Newtown Road
Placerville*



Pasa Robles to Starkes Grade Summary

- No locks on top or bottom gate
- Roadway clear
- Easily drivable in 2WD car
- At Starkes Grade you can exit left to Sly Park Road (to Pollock Pines) or right to Newtown Road (to Placerville)
- Best exit to rear



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RDS EMERGENCY EXIT MAP





















Alida Street starts at the bridge



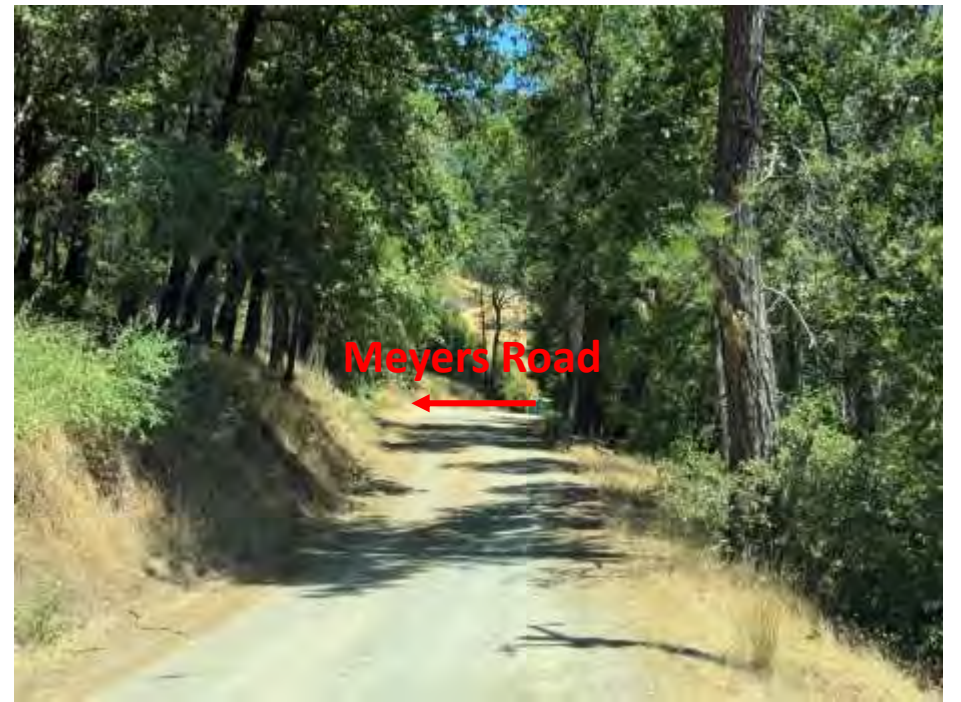
Turn left onto
Alida Street
after the
bridge













Turn left onto Meyers Road and follow it to left turn onto 8-Mile Road to either Carson Road or US 50E or 50W

Vita Grande Summary

- NOT currently an official RDS Emergency Exit – coordinating with property owners for permission to use route as an Emergency Exit and permission to clear (weed whack) some areas
- No locks on top gate
- Roadway is steep with a slate rock bottom in a few places– not recommended for a low clearance 2WD car
- Will update RDSFSC Emergency Exit map & FSC website if permission to utilize as an official Emergency Exit is obtained
- Viable exit for Vita Grande residents if exit to Puerta Del Sol was blocked by fire

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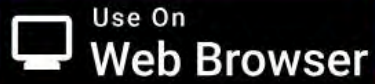
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Watch Duty will always be free for personal safety — no account required and we don't collect personal data. That's our promise.

WATCH DUTY

Seconds Count

Watch Duty, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, alerts you of nearby wildfires and firefighting efforts in real-time.



Standard

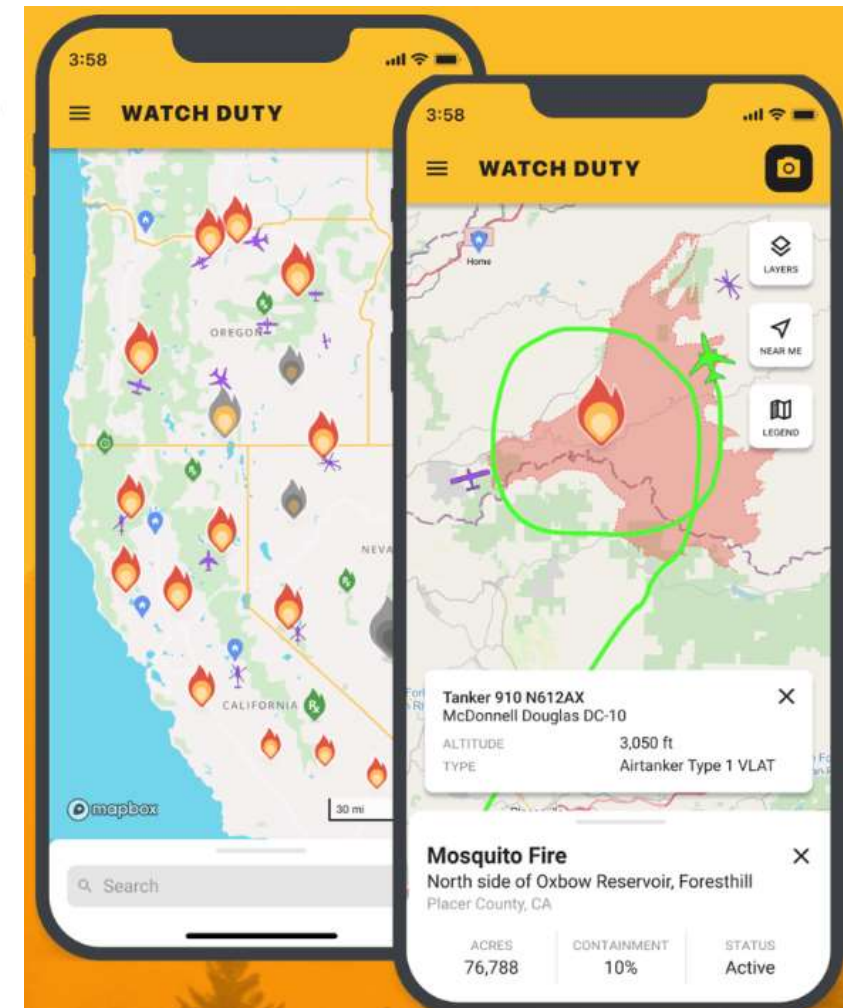
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FREE!

Basic

\$24.99

Annually



Additional Capabilities in Basic Subscription (versus FREE):

- **Air tanker tracker.** A real-time tracker of all firefighting aircraft.
- **Saved Locations.** Add your home, work, school, or other locations.
- **Unlimited Counties.** Subscribe to an unlimited number of counties.

PC Desktop Web Browser:

<https://app.watchduty.org/>

Alert California Camera Site:

<https://ops.alertcalifornia.org/>

WATCH DUTY

Alerting

Wildfires

Map Layers

Standard

Fire Perimeters

Satellite Hot Spots (VIIRS & MODIS)

Live Wildfire Cameras

Power Outages [California Only]

Weather

Weather Stations

Red Flag Warnings

Wind Direction - Surface

Air Quality Index (AQI)

Advanced

Fire Fighting Flight Tracker

Tools & Platform

Saved Places

Standard

\$0

FREE!

4 Counties

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1 Place

Basic

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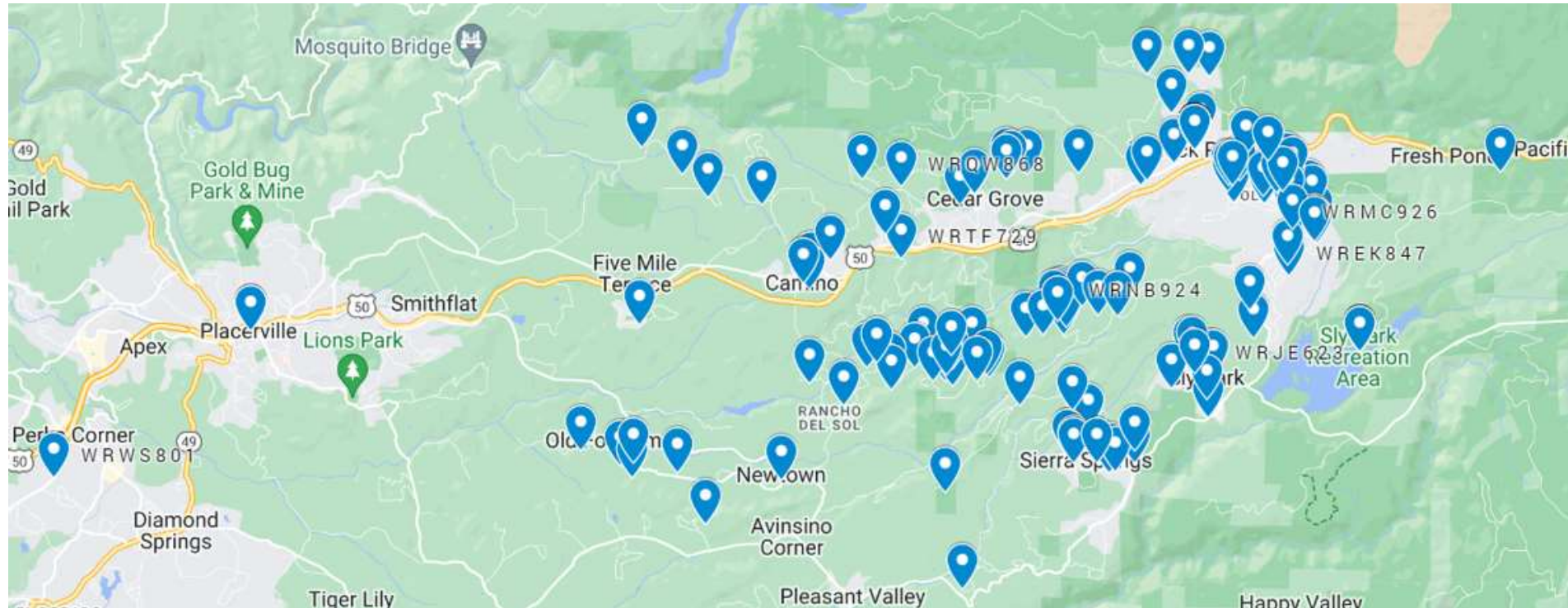


Community Emergency Radio Association



Same basic function as Watch Duty EXCEPT not dependent on PG&E power, internet or cell service – and adds some local area knowledge - born out of Paradise disaster (Camp Fire 2018)

Pollock Pines – Camino Neighborhood Radio Watch – 155 members (24 RDS residents)



Radio paging ALERT notifies you of major fire

Advisories inform you of smaller fires

Five El Dorado County NRWs – North County, South County (Ochum), Mosquito, Placerville & Pollock Pines - Camino

600+ Members

Scanning all five covers the western slope of EDC

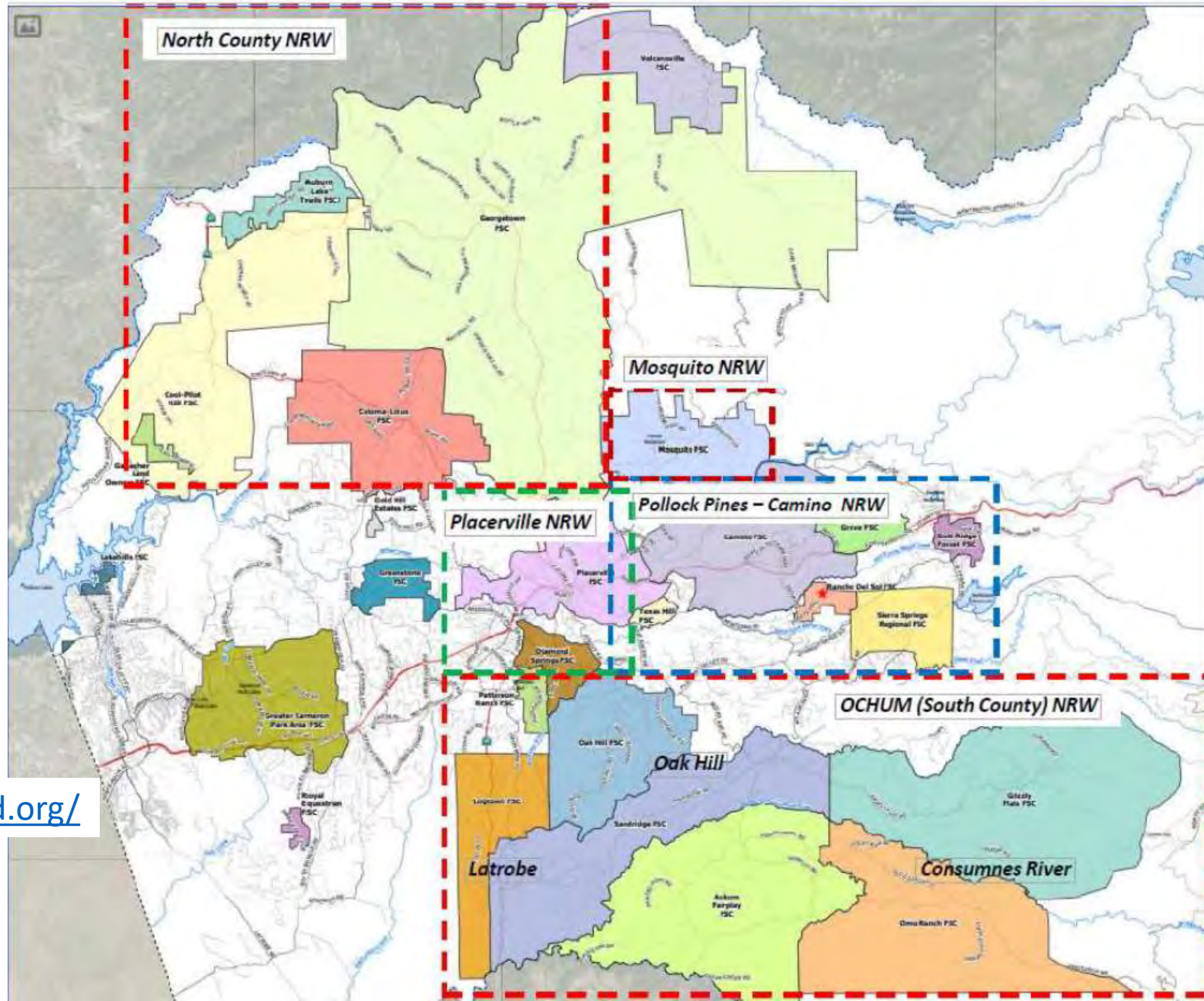
Basic set-up requires purchasing handheld radio/charger from CERA for ~\$80 - \$100

Currently moving to Public Safety Frequencies where \$35 GMRS license is no longer required

More Info:

<https://www.cerafund.org/>

or contact Gary at garyboal@att.net



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Evacuation Readiness



Lake Tahoe during Caldor Fire 2021



Caldor Fire photographed from RDS

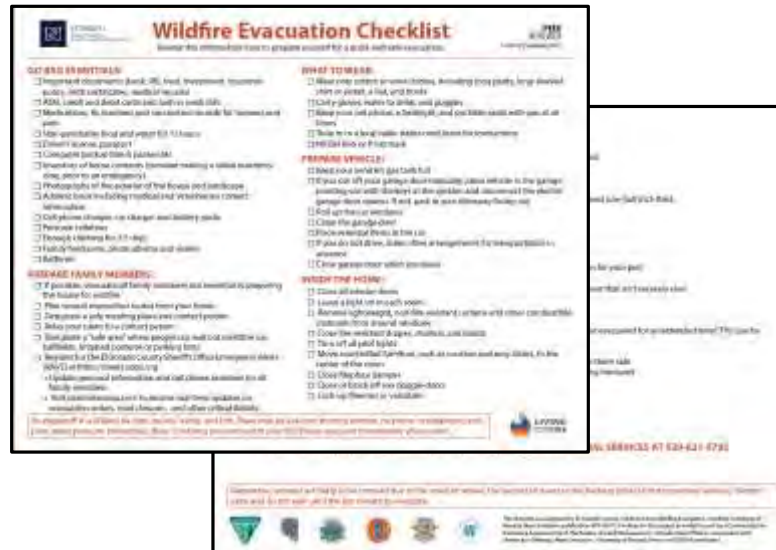




Checklist Resources Available on Handout Table:



Single Page (two sides) Checklist:



Cal Fire Website:

<https://readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/wildfire-action-plan/>



Wildfire Evacuation Checklist

Review this information now to prepare yourself for a quick and safe evacuation.

GO BAG ESSENTIALS:

- Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investment, insurance policy, birth certificates, medical records)
- ATM, credit and debit cards and cash in small bills
- Medications, Rx numbers and vaccination records for humans and pets
- Non-perishable food and water for 72 hours
- Driver's license, passport, utility bill with name/address
- Computer backup files & passwords
- Inventory of home contents (consider making a video inventory now, prior to an emergency)
- Photographs of the exterior of the house and landscape
- Address book including medical and veterinarian contact information
- Cell phone charger, car charger and battery packs
- Personal toiletries
- Enough clothing for at least 7 days
- Family heirlooms, photo albums and videos
- Batteries

PREPARE FAMILY MEMBERS:

- If possible, evacuate all family members not essential to preparing the house for wildfire
- Plan several evacuation routes from your home
- Designate a safe meeting place and contact person
- Relay your plans to a contact person
- Designate a "safe area" where people can wait out a wildfire (i.e., ballfields, irrigated pastures or parking lots)
- Register for the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office Emergency Alerts (RAVE) at <https://ready.edso.org>
 - » Update personal information and cell phone numbers for all family members
 - » Visit perimetermap.com to receive real-time updates on evacuation orders, road closures, and other critical details.

WHAT TO WEAR:

- Wear only cotton or wool clothes, including long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, a hat, and boots
- Carry gloves, water to drink, and goggles
- Keep your cell phone, a flashlight, and portable radio with you at all times
- Tune in to a local radio station and listen for instructions
- NIOSH N95 or P100 mask

Be prepared! It will likely be dark, smoky, windy, and hot. There may be airborne burning embers, no power or telephone, and poor water pressure. Remember, there is nothing you own worth your life! Please evacuate immediately when asked.

Before you leave – time permitting:

INSIDE THE HOME:

- Close all interior doors
- Leave a light on in each room
- Remove lightweight, non-fire-resistant curtains and other combustible materials from around windows
- Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters, and blinds
- Turn off all pilot lights
- Move overstuffed furniture, such as couches and easy chairs, to the center of the room
- Close fireplace damper
- Close or block off any doggie-doors
- Lock-up firearms or valuables
- Shut off all ventilations (A/C, house fans, etc.)

OUTSIDE THE HOME:

- Place combustible patio furniture and barbecues in the house, garage or away from the home
- Shut off propane at the tank or natural gas at the meter, and clear the area of combustible material
- Close all exterior vents, doors, and windows
- Leave gates unlocked
- Turn on outside lights
- If available and if there's time, cover windows, attic openings, and vents with plywood that is at least one-half inch thick
- Ensure that all garden hoses are connected to faucets and turned off
- Don't leave sprinklers on, or water running; they can affect critical water pressure
- Ensure that house numbers and street signs are visible and reflective if possible

PREPARE VEHICLE:

- Keep your vehicle's gas tank full
- If you can lift your garage door manually, place vehicle in the garage pointing out with the keys in the ignition and disconnect the electric garage door opener. If not, park in your driveway facing out
- Roll up the car windows
- Place essential items in the car
- If you do not drive, make other arrangements for transportation in advance
- Close garage door when you leave

Pets:

PREPARE PETS:

- Have identification on your animal (photograph yourself with your pet)
 - » Many animal species can be microchipped (Microchipping is a permanent form of identification for your pet)
- Have veterinary records and medications in one easy-to-find place
 - » Pro Tip: A gallon ziplock bag can keep them dry and catch any pills that may fall out of a container that isn't securely shut
- Transport food, water and bowls in easy-to-carry, sealed containers
- Have a buddy system
 - » Can your neighbors help if you are not home during an evacuation?
 - » Do you have a family member or friend that can help house your animals should you need to be evacuated for an extended time? This can be especially helpful for livestock and poultry
- Dogs and small pets should be securely crated with only one animal per carrier
 - » Normally well-behaved pets can panic and run away during a stressful event; a carrier can keep them safe
- Remove any non-essential items from carriers or cages, as unsecured items can injure a pet during transport

IF YOU MUST LEAVE ANIMALS BEHIND, NOTIFY EL DORADO COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES AT 530-621-5795

El Dorado County Animal Services 530-621-5795 – number will be staffed “after-hours” once EDC Evacuations are ordered, if you get answering service leave a message and they will get back to you ASAP. EDC Sheriff OES & Animal Services activates South County Large Animal Rescue (SCLAR) volunteers as needed during emergency

Remember, animals are likely to be stressed due to the smell of smoke, the sounds of sirens or the flashing lights of first responder vehicles. Remain calm and do not wait until the last minute to evacuate.

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Assistance Programs



Chipping Program

The EDCFSC has received grant funds to provide a FREE chipping services for neighborhoods and individual homeowners on the **Western Slope of El Dorado...**



Defensible Space Program

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) has been awarded funding to help create defensible space around the **primary** homes of seniors, veterans...

[READ MORE »](#)



Hazardous Tree Removal Program

The EDCFSC has received State grant funds to provide hazardous tree removal for individual homeowners on the West Slope of El Dorado County who wish...

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EDCFSC Meeting Highlights

5/21/25 EDCFSC Meeting:

Power Point Presentation: 2025 Fire Season Outlook

- CAL FIRE Mike Blankenheim
- USFS Ryan Wagner

Video/Charts Available on EDCFSC Website

Forecast: Challenging Fire Season Ahead

Chief Blankenheim (CAL FIRE) and Chief Waggoner (Eldorado Nat'l Forest) warn that there is a **higher risk than normal for wildfire this summer for the entire West Slope of the county.** Reasons are a higher abundance of fuel (including a higher grass crop), earlier snow melt, lower water content of remaining snow, and higher temperatures expected for June and July. **Be extra careful not to be the one to start a fire, and be sure your yard is ready!**

EDCFSC Meeting Highlights

6/18/25 EDCFSC Meeting:

“How Wildland Fire Protection Works in CA” presented by:

- Chief Blankenheim, CAL FIRE
- Chief Wagner, El Dorado National Forest
- Chief Cordero, El Dorado County Fire
- Lt Morton, Sheriff OES

Key Points :

- *Always an Integrated Response – Nearest Available Unit Responds First*
- *Air Capability Growing : +5 C-130s (2 Currently Available) + 16 Night Attack Helicopters*

7/16/25 EDCFSC Meeting:

- All Assistance Programs Are Fully Funded
- Several Cal Fire Grant Applications in Work for 8/6 Submittal
- Final Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Approval by EDC Board of Supervisors Scheduled in August

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RDSFSC Defensible Space & Home Hardening Assessments

Five RDSFSC members completed Cal Fire/EDCFSC Training Program

Completed 23 RDS Assessments & 2 External Assessments

4 RDS Assessments Pending

Email RDSFIRESAFE@gmail.com to Request an Assessment

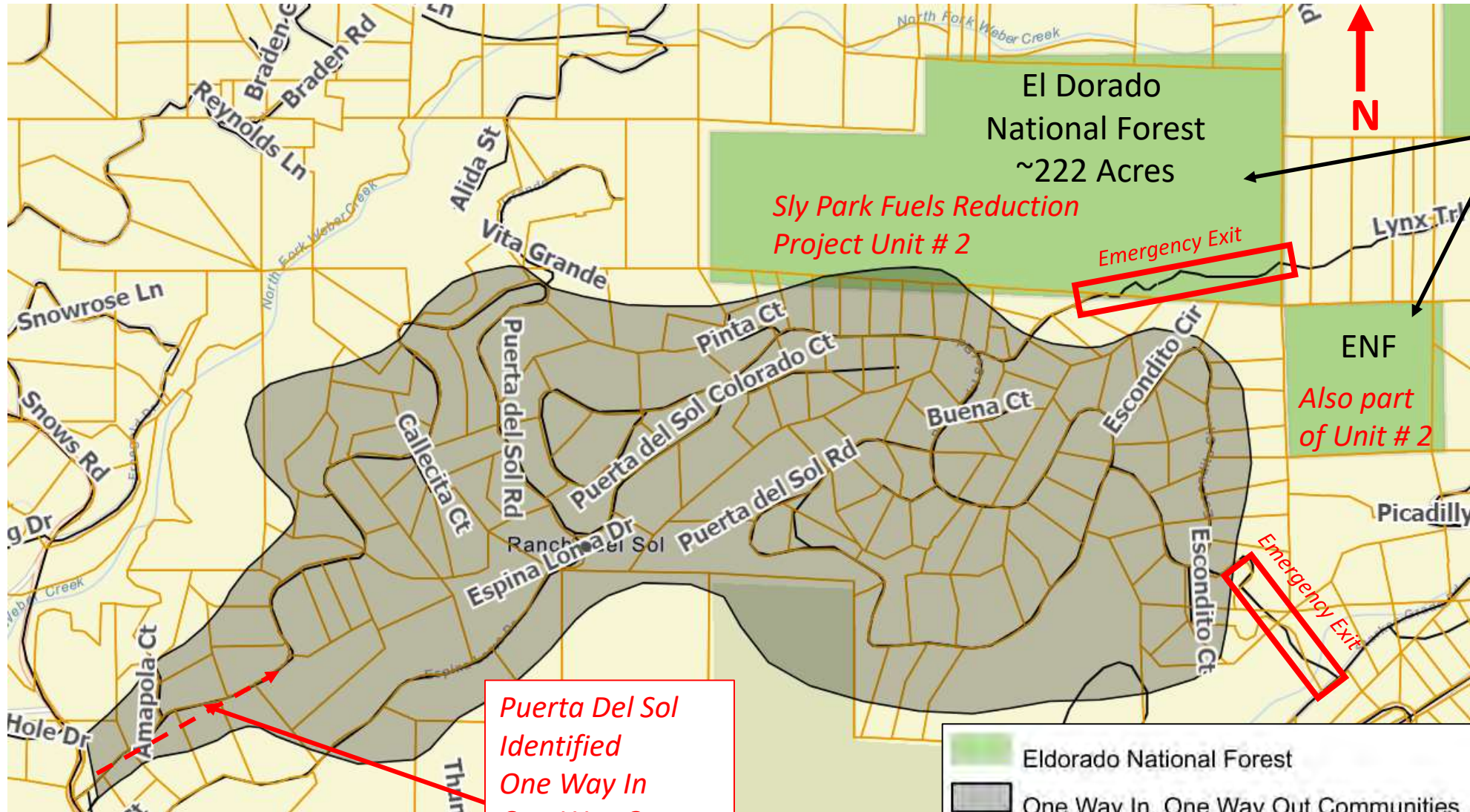


1ST PRIORITY		
A	Roof	Install a Class A-rated roof such as asphalt fiberglass shingles or metal panels. \$\$\$
B	Roof and yard debris	Clear leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and areas around fences. DIY
C	Buffer zone	Clear vegetation and other combustible materials to create a 5-foot buffer zone around the home. \$\$
D	Vents	Install flame- and ember-resistant vents. \$
E	Deck	Remove vegetation, firewood, and other combustible materials from on top and under decks. DIY
2ND PRIORITY		
F	Fencing	Replace wood or plastic fences attached to the home with noncombustible metal fencing. \$\$
G	Enclose decks	Enclose low decks and areas under bay windows with mesh screening or ventilated noncombustible material. \$
H	Trees	Remove branches that overhang the roof and gutters. \$
3RD PRIORITY		
I	Siding	Replace at least the lower foot of wood or vinyl siding with fiber cement, stucco, brick, or stone siding. \$\$
J	Eaves	Enclose open eaves with noncombustible soffit material. \$\$
K	Windows	Use dual-paned, tempered glass in windows and doors. \$\$\$
L	Deck surface	Replace wooden decking with fire-rated composite material, metal, or lightweight concrete. \$\$\$

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Rancho Del Sol Community



Grant focus areas

Puerta Del Sol Identified One Way In One Way Out Access to RDS

RCD & FS Submitting Sierra Nevada Grant Applications in August

- Eldorado National Forest
- One Way In, One Way Out Communities
- Parcels
- EDC Roads

Rancho Del Sol Action/Description in the Placerville Wildfire Resiliency Strategy, Feb 2025

Table 8-1 Action Plan

#	Action/Description	Lead Agency	Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Sources	Timeframe	Priority	Plan Integration
Landscape Treatment								
1	Camp Nauvoo–Newtown (1) Fuels Reduction Project. Treatment involves vegetation and brush management and was selected because it ties into other treatment projects, addresses wildfire risk in a one-way in/out neighborhood in the WUI and the periphery treatment zone, and helps protect a critical facility – the Placerville Municipal Airport. This treatment would establish a fuel break for Motor City and address evacuation concerns in the Bucks Bar wildfire scenario assessed in the EDC MJHMP and Wildfire Evacuation Study. The project would complement several other existing and ongoing treatments: Texas Hill Fuel Load Reduction Project, Texas Hill Weber South, and the Fire Adapted 50 Project; thereby enhancing connectivity and fuel treatment effectiveness.	EDC RCD	EDC OWPR	Very High	CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant, SNC WIP Grants	Short-Term	High	CWPP
2	Rancho del Sol (2) Fuels Reduction Project. Rancho del Sol is predominantly rural residential and designated Firewise one-way in/out gated community situated between North Fork Weber Creek and South Fork Weber Creek with moderate to steep slopes along the canyons and ridge lines. It was also evaluated as part of the El Dorado County MJHMP Wildfire Evacuation Plan. This project would complement completed and planned sections of the Fire Adapted 50 Phase III and the Highway 50 Forest Health Improvement projects. This project will reduce fire risk in a neighborhood primarily built before the new construction standards and complement the transportation-focused recommendations and considerations in the Wildfire Evacuation Plan. It will also create continuity and connectivity across existing efforts with a focus on critical ingress/egress concerns that could occur associated with the Bucks Bar wildfire scenario.	EDC RCD	EDC OWPR. EDC OES	Very High	CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant, SNC WIP Grants	Short-Term	High	CWPP, EDC MJHMP Wildfire Evacuation Study

Placerville Resiliency Study call-out in final draft CWPP (May 2025)

Recommended Actions – Fire Planning Unit C – East						
Objective	Number	Action	Lead Agency	Partners	Timeframe	Status
B. Fuels Mitigation Manage landscape vegetation to promote the return of fire resilient species and lower vegetation densities.	C-1	Evaluate and develop fuel modification plans to address the areas impacted by the Martinez Creek watershed.	PCWG	AFSCs EDCFSC BLM CAL FIRE RCD OWPR	Short-term	
	C-2	Implement fuels mitigation in the Martinez Creek watershed, including strategic fuel breaks and roadside hazardous fuels reduction.	PCWG	CAL FIRE RCD AFSCs BLM OWPR EDCFSC DOT	Mid-term	
	C-3	Continue to implement new and maintain existing fuels modification activities along the Hwy 50 corridor, east of Placerville, as part of the coordinated Fire Adapted 50 Project.	PCWG	RCD AFSCs ENF CAL FIRE Caltrans DOT EDCFSC	Short-term/ Ongoing	
	C-4	Incorporate recommendations from the Placerville Wildfire Resiliency Strategy.	PCWG	RCD PFSC City of Placerville EDC FPD	Short-term/ Ongoing	

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Financials

Opening Balance 7/01/25	\$272
Fictitious Business Name Statement	\$ 40
Mt. Democrat FBN Ad	<u>\$115</u>
Current Balance	\$117

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Entries as of 7/14/25 for 2025:

Total \$35,786.60 (17 % of 2024)

Hours Worked

Category

Dwelling Unit

134 hours

Common areas

54 hours

Miscellaneous

174 hours

Landscaping

0 hours

Total \$11,511.60

362 Hours x \$31.80/hr

Money Spent

Category

Chipper Costs

\$975.00

Other Equipment Costs

\$2280.00

Contractor Costs

\$10080.00

Home Improvement Costs

0

Vehicle Mileage

814.00

Landscaping/DIY

\$7180.00

Miscellaneous

\$3760.00

Total \$24,275.00

Total Investment for 2024:

Total \$205,829.78

Hours Worked

Category

Dwelling Unit

1,121.00 hours

Common areas

130.00 hours

Miscellaneous

1,511.00 hours

Landscaping

373.00 hours

Total \$99,693

3,135 Hours x \$31.80/hr

Money Spent

Category

Chipper Costs

\$8875.00

Other Equipment Costs

\$1185.00

Contractor Costs

\$65801.00

Home Improvement Costs

\$15144.00

Vehicle Mileage

534.00

Landscaping/DIY

\$6200.00

Miscellaneous

\$8574.00

Total \$106,136.78

Only 16 of 136 RDS Residents (12 %) have entered data this year !

Need to Enter Your Data by November 1st for Next Year's Renewal

Enter Data Via Link at the Bottom of RDSFSC Webpage :



CLICK HERE: Record your time and/or money spent to make your property ready for wildfire. Submitting this information will assist our community in meeting the requirements to keep our Firewise® designation each year. Thank you for your participation.
Submissions are per calendar year. You can make multiple submissions per year if needed.

**Or Pick-up a Paper Form on Handout Table
and Get It To Any FSC Member**



FIREWISE USA
members create safer communities

Volunteer Hourly Work Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Community Name: _____

Preferred Method of Contact: _____

Hours Worked

Dwelling Unit/Home
Examples include: Removing pine needles and leaf litter from roof and gutters, replaced roof gutters with metal gutters, gutter installation and/or improvements, installing screening on vents, flammable items removed from decks and porches, inspect and/or replace existing firelogs, etc.

Landscaping (0-100 ft from base of dwelling unit)
Examples include: installation of landscaping, replacing combustible mulches with low-ignited options, tree and shrub removal, cabling and removal of pine needles, leaves, ground cover debris, tree trunking/trimming, removing firewood, lawn and/or mow grass maintenance, etc.

Common Area
FWSA is offering Hydroseeding jointly owned property within fire site boundary. Activities include: Tree planting, installation and brush removal, grass maintenance, firebreak construction, etc.

Miscellaneous
Meetings, presentations, program administration, home visits, etc.

Money Spent

\$	Check/Cash: Materials/Tools, fuel, oil, disposal fees, etc.
\$	Other Equipment Costs: Chain saw/purchases/rental, power tools, purchases/rental, hand tools, protective equipment, etc.
\$	Contractor Costs: Activities, landowner's professional hourly charges, labor removal, etc.
\$	Water/Severance Costs: Fuel, cables, utilities and licensing, etc.
\$	Landscaping: ETC
\$	Miscellaneous
\$	Vehicle/Travel

Additional Notes: _____

7/22/25 Quarterly RDSFSC Agenda

- EVACUATION Focus Topics

- EDC Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services Guest Speaker
 - RAVE/Perimeter, Evacuation Warnings & Orders, Q&A
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Comments & Questions

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