

### Getting Set to Go:

Get set to leave before a formal evacuation is ordered. Evacuate as soon as you are packed and let family and neighbors know you are leaving. Stay tuned to your local radio and TV stations and relevant social media for updates. Finally, remain close to your house, stay hydrated and keep an eye on your pets-- keep them inside and be aware of where they are as much as you can. With unfamiliar sounds, smells, and sights that follow a disaster, household pets can easily become confused and get lost. Dogs and cats should wear appropriate identification at all times. Know your cat's and dog's common and favorite hiding places. Once the chaos starts, this is where you will find them.

- Make sure you know at all times where your car keys are, your glasses, your wallet, your cellphone, etc.--all the things you want on your person when you leave.
- Inside your home,
- > shut windows and doors,
- > remove flammable window shades and curtains;
- > If you have time, move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- > Turn off gas, pilot lights, heating and air conditioning units,
- > leave some lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.

### Outside the house,

- > gather flammable items from the immediate exterior of the house, and move them away from the home.
- > Turn off any sprinklers or water system, leave your exterior lights on. I
- If you have a ladder and shovel, leave them where they are easily visible.
- Have your car ready to head out the driveway and shut the windows and **lock your doors.** If firefighters have to get in, they can break down the door to gain entry. Make sure there are no obstructions in your driveway or entry that would block firefighters from gaining entry to your house.
- Follow instructions to proper exit route and to designated shelter area to register your evacuation.
- FMOA personnel will remotely update the FMOA dedicated phone line and website periodically as changing conditions warrant, and will advise via e-blast, the website and phone line when our evacuation status has been lifted and it is safe to return.
- Do not trust information on social media sites.

### **5.0 EMERGENCY EXIT DIRECTIONS**

At present these are the only two emergency routes cleared and usable in case of emergency. Two others are in the process of being made available for our use: information for those will be provided as soon as it is available.

#### 5.1 Heather Drive Emergency Exit:

Suitable for all vehicles, but take care with the one hairpin turn. This exit is accessed via a gate at the top of Heather Court, and is almost entirely a two-lane, paved road. From the sign at the top of Heather Court, proceed straight ahead through the gate, up a graveled road that looks as though it is a driveway (there is a house on the right). This meets a paved road in about 0.1 miles; turn LEFT and proceed downhill; there is a tight, hairpin left turn, and shortly after a less tight right turn. In about 0.8 miles, this road dead-ends;

**turn LEFT**, which brings you in about another 0.1 mile to Highway 4, just below the Red Apple fruit stand.

## 5.2 Oakwood-Penn Gulch Emergency Exit <u>USE ONLY IF DIRECTED BY EMERGENCY</u> PERSONNEL.

NOT suitable for RV's, vehicles towing campers. etc., vehicles with long wheelbases, or vehicles with low ground clearance. This route is long, narrow, and can be easily blocked by one car--it should be used ONLY if no other is available. This emergency exit is accessed via Oakwood Court. Mileages are given from the intersection of Sandalwood Drive and Oakwood Court.

From the end of Oakwood Court, proceed straight ahead on a narrow, paved road for 0.1 mile to a gate, which will be opened in case of emergency. Continue through the gate on this road; there are two tight turns which require caution. 0.4 mile from Sandalwood, the pavement ends. **Bear LEFT** onto the dirt road; **DO NOT GO RIGHT, AND DO NOT GO STRAIGHT.** 0.7 mi from the entrance there is another tight turn; continue slightly uphill, and shortly after this turn **bear RIGHT** at the fork. 0.9 mi from Sandalwood, turn right again; this road (now Pennsylvania Gulch Road) becomes paved 0.1 mi ahead. Follow it through the woods and along the gulch on your right; 4.2 mi from the entrance, **turn RIGHT** (labeled Penn Gulch; the turn to the left is labeled Skunk Ranch Road). 5.5 miles from the entrance, this road intersects highway 4 just below Murphys

### Important Numbers:

FMOA Office - 728 -2511

### Phone numbers of emergency responders:

Ebbetts Pass Fire District (209) 795-1646
CalFIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras (209) 795-1542
Calaveras County Sheriff's Office (209) 754-6500
Calaveras County Office of Emergency Services (209) 754-2890
Emergency - 911

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