

Susanville Interagency Fire Center

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Mandatory evacuations for Gold Run area and Hidden Hills Drive

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Susanville, Calif., September 12, 2016 – The Willard Fire is burning south of Highway 36 east in an area near Devil’s Corral to the Gold Run area near Susanville. As of 7:00 a.m. it is 2,500 acres, fueled by brush and timber. The fire is 5 percent contained by firelines.

The fire is approximately four miles southwest of Susanville.

- **Mandatory evacuations are in place for the Gold Run area and Hidden Hills Drive.**
- **Mandatory evacuations remain in place in the Cheney Creek drainage east of Devil’s Corral.**
- **Evacuation advisories are in place for residents of the Susan Hills areas south of Susanville.**
- **Residents of River Bench Road and Bauer Road in Susanville are encouraged to monitor fire activity very closely.**
- **The Bizz Johnson and Southside Trails are closed.**

An evacuation center is open at the Community Church of Susanville, located on Numa Road near the intersection of Cameron Way. Large animals can be evacuated to the Lassen County Fairground, 195 Russell Avenue in Susanville.

No road closures have taken place, and no structures have been damaged.

CALFIRE is managing the fire with support from federal, state, and local agencies. Firefighters made good progress last night, completing dozer line along the fire’s northern flank, around the head of the fire, and along sections of the fire’s southern flank. According to Incident Commander Lane Caldwell, the priorities for today are to complete and connect dozer lines along the fire’s southern flank and head.

The main goals are to keep the fire east of Willard Rad, south of the Susan River, west of the Susan Hills subdivision, and north of Gold Run.

The following resources have been assigned to the incident so far:

- 29 hand crews
- 104 engines
- 27 dozers
- 11 helicopters
- 4 air tankers

Approximately 1,100 resources are actively working on the fire, and many additional resources are arriving to assist.

A cold front is expected to bring winds from the east/northeast until Tuesday. Possible thunderstorms are predicted, which would bring erratic, gusty winds that may increase fire spotting.

The Willard Fire began at 11:30 am on September 11 along the eastern perimeter of Lassen National Forest. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. If you have information pertaining to the fire investigation, please contact the Susanville Interagency Fire Center at 530-252-6450.

This is a CAL-FIRE incident; regular updates on the fire are available at http://www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents; enter "Willard" in the search box in the upper right corner.

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