



**U.S. Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Region
Los Padres National Forest
6750 Navigator Way
Goleta, California 93117**

Thomas Fire Update

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THOMAS FIRE – DONATION INFORMATION

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and Christmas is the season for giving! Firefighters working the Thomas Fire during the holidays are so appreciative of all the local community support. We feel the love!

But, we are "well-cared-for" by this Incident. And, we will have holiday celebrations with our friends and families when we return home. The BEST gift you can give us is to give to those in need this Holiday season, especially those folks who have been impacted by the Thomas Fire. Give us a warm smile, a wave, a cute poster by the roadway, but please give your financial support and donated supplies to local assistance organizations.

While we appreciate the public's volunteer spirit and desire to donate, we simply

don't have the infrastructure to accept donations, especially food, which is carefully regulated in fire camp by health and safety ordinances.

Please support your local communities. We've listed a few of these organizations below, but there are also many others nearby who can really use your help. It's always a good idea to call first to confirm specific needs.

Holiday Food Drive:
Ventura Unified School District
3777 Dean Dr.
Ventura, CA 93003
 [\(805\) 289-7961 ext. 2306](tel:8052897961)

FOOD SHARE
Monday-Friday
8am to 4pm
4156 Southbank Road
Oxnard, CA 93036
805/983-7100

SALVATION ARMY
Open 7 Days
10am to 6pm
3451 Foothill Road
Ventura, CA 93001
800/725-9005

ARC THRIFT STORE
Open 7 Days
9am to 6pm
265 E Main Street
Ventura, CA 93001
805/653-1756

HELP OF OJAI
Monday- Friday 12pm to 7pm
Sat/ Sun 10am to 4pm
111 W. Santa Ana Street
Ojai, CA 93023
805/646-5122

RESCUE MISSION ALLIANCE
Open 7 Days 10am to 7pm
315 N A Street
Oxnard, CA 93030
805/ 487-1234

www.CountyofSB.org

www.ReadyVenturaCounty.org

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For more information on Ready, Set, Go, go to www.readyforwildfire.org
For more fire information go to <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5670>

Ventura County Fire Information Line: 805.465.6650

Santa Barbara County Fire Information Line: 800.400.1572

Media Line: 925.588.6904

Thomas Fire Information: 805.826.1357