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Evacuation Warning Lifted, Graham Incident

San Andreas – As of 2:00 PM, Friday, July 27, 2012, the Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services and the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department in conjunction with CAL FIRE, has lifted the Evacuation Warning for the Clements Road area of Pine Mountain Lake east of Groveland. The Evacuation Warning was issued yesterday, Thursday, July 26, 2012, at approximately 9:00 AM, as a precautionary safety measure for approximately 20 homes toward the end of Clements Road due to increased fire activity on the Graham Incident. The Graham Incident started Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at approximately 3:10 PM, and has burned 100 acres, and is 20% contained. As a reminder residents should remain vigilant and immediately report any smoke or fire seen outside containment lines.

CAL FIRE's Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit Chief Brian Kirk said "The evacuation warning was a heads-up for area residents to be prepared to evacuate because of the possibility for increased fire activity on the Graham Incident. This is a good sign that crews are continuing to get the upper hand on this potentially dangerous fire. However, we all need to remember that not only are we just now entering the most dangerous part of fire season, but that the vegetation this year is extremely dry. Recent measurements by CAL FIRE indicate that the fuel is as dry now as it normally is in late September or October. Please make sure you have a minimum of 100 feet of defensible space around your home, and be especially careful with any outdoor activities that might start a wildfire."

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