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KIDDER CREEK

**Wildland Fire Emergency Plan**

This policy and plan is prepared and reviewed annually so that Kidder Creek Camp will be best prepared in case of an emergency to take care of our guests. Kidder Creek will continue ongoing work in collaboration with agencies and private entities to minimize fire danger to guests and property in the following ways:

## **Prevention**

### **Inspection and Review**

- **Grounds and Facilities Inspection**
  - A yearly inspection is done by the Scott Valley Fire District and any recommendations are implemented.
  - Periodic inspection is done by Cal Fire and any recommendations are implemented.
- **Emergency Evacuation Review**
  - Cal Fire has reviewed our emergency fire plan and has given feedback that we have a good plan in place.

### **Forest Management**

- **Cal Fire**
  - During the Log (2014) and Salmon Complex (2017) fires Cal Fire had hand crews, water tenders and bulldozers on site and on surrounding properties to reinforce existing fire breaks and perform fuels reductions.
- **Ecotrust**
  - As of the spring of 2019 Ecotrust has received a grant through the Forest Health California Climate Investments (CCI) Grant Program (Scott Valley/Etna Fuel Reduction and Forest Resiliency Project) to put in a fuel break on or at our western property boundary. This fuels reduction project is expected to begin in 2020.
- **Kidder Creek**
  - We are currently working with Forester Dan Larivee on a Forest Management Plan that includes selective logging, thinning and fuels reduction on the Kidder Creek Camp property.
  - Kidder Creek performs yearly facility upkeep on fire breaks including raking, thinning and fuels reduction with the help of volunteers and staff.

### **Fire Suppression**

- KC provides fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, as required, in buildings, hose line at campfire circles and a fire hydrant at key locations.
- Future improvements will include fire suppression systems as required by building code and additional fire hydrants.
- The existing pond water has been used by Cal Fire as needed for fire suppression. The new pond will be equipped to be able to be used for fire suppression as well.

### **Staff Training**

Year Round and Seasonal Staff review and practice emergency procedures including fire prevention, suppression, plans and evacuation routes at the beginning of each summer season.

### **Emergency Access**

- Cal Fire approved ingress and egress is through South Kidder Creek Road and will be the primary route in case of emergency.
- Secondary and Emergency Access Only is through a Cal Fire approved ingress/egress over Taylor Divide Road to Patterson Creek Road. A locked breakaway gate will allow emergency exit and also keep traffic off this emergency access.

### **Emergency Procedures**

In the case a fire is started at camp do the following:

- Move others to safety!
- If appropriate attempt to put the fire out with hose or fire extinguisher. Do not put yourself or others in danger.
- Assess the situation
- Call 911.
  - Tell them what type of fire (brush, building, car, etc.)
  - The address (Kidder Creek Camp 2700 South Kidder Creek Road)
  - Where at camp the fire is located (Ranch Camp, Timberline, etc).
- Send someone to the camp entrance to assist emergency response team in locating the emergency.

- Contact camp leadership immediately after calling 911 or have someone else call camp leadership while you are on the phone.
- Initiate emergency procedures.

### **Emergency Evacuation Procedures for Specific Program Areas**

- Timberline
  - Sound fire alarm
  - Assemble at the Timberline Dining Room and account for all counselors and campers.
  - Walk down the fire road to the soccer field.
    - If the fire road is blocked, the high road may be used as a first alternative, if both roads are blocked make your way downhill to the Kidder Creek stream bed and walk downstream until you reach the Crossing. From there make your way to the soccer field.
  - Shelter in place until further notice.
- Crossing, Outback and program areas west of the current pond and existing RV park
  - Sound fire alarm,
  - assemble as a group/cabin in the dining area and account for all guests/campers
  - Walk to soccer field
  - Shelter in place until further notice.
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- Ranch Camp, RV Park and program areas to east of the office
  - Sound fire alarm
  - Assemble at the dining area and account for all campers
  - Walk down the roads to the big pasture near the office/frog pond
  - Shelter in place until further notice

### **Action Steps During Evacuation**

**Base of Operations will be established at the Camp Office.**

#### **Camp Director:**

1. Stays in communication with Cal Fire and other Agencies
2. Calls MH to inform reservations and VP of evacuation
3. Has creative services post the following message to Facebook *“Friends: as a safety precaution due to the proximity of a wildfire in our area, we have moved all campers and staff to a church in Etna, the Scott Valley Berean Church. If you have a child at camp and would like to relay a message to one of our staff members, please call 1-831-335-4466. The MH reservations staff will be able to relay a message to us as quickly as possible. We will be calling all parents to inform you of the situation and our plans. Please pray for safety during our evacuation and for firefighters as they battle the blaze Thank you!”*
4. Oversee orderly evacuation.
5. Communicate with MH, Cal Fire, and Lead Staff

#### **Program Administrator:**

1. Sends out a group text to KC Leadership team text thread stating “We have initiated an evacuation of the property, please follow evacuation steps immediately.”
2. Order busses from Evans Transportation Company [842-5424, 643-0891 or 842-5022] Send someone to the intersection of Hwy 3 and South Kidder Creek Road and instruct them to park with flashing lights and wait for busses and then lead them to camp. If using Patterson, wait at the intersection of Hwy 3 and Patterson Creek Road.
3. Notifies Scott Valley Berean Church (134 Church St Etna, CA) of our evacuation and plans to arrive at the church. Contact is Drew Travis at 530-598-9802 or 530-467-3539. Siskiyou Christian Fellowship (321 N. Gold St Yreka, CA) is the backup location if Etna is not advisable, contact is Jeremy McVae at 530-598-8500 or main office at 530-340-3945.
4. Put a temporary greeting on the answering machine with the following message: *“Thank you for calling Kidder Creek Camp. As a safety precaution due to the proximity of a wildfire in our area, we are evacuating campers and staff to a nearby church in Etna, the Scott Valley Berean Church. If you have a child at camp and would like to speak to one of*

*our staff members, please call MH Reservations at 1-831-335-4466. They will be able to relay a message to us as quickly as possible. Thank you for calling.”*

5. Act as Communication Lead at Base of Operations
6. Loads high priority items from office.
7. Close up the office when leaving with Director after everyone has been evacuated.

**Ranch Manager:**

1. Calls volunteers with trailers – Ranch Manager maintains a list of volunteers with trailers to assist with horse evacuation
2. Meets wrangler staff at barn to supervise horse evacuation group
3. All horses will be corralled at catch pens and arena to await transport
4. Meets horse trailers on the drive below the office and directs each one where to go. Truck and trailer will pull off the side of the road while waiting
5. Full trailers park along the right side of the KC driveway below the office and wait for others.
6. Ranch Manager does a final check to make sure all horses are loaded
7. Horse trailers drive to the Bryan-Morris Ranch as a unit.
8. Wranglers drive to Bryan-Morris Ranch to help unload horses there. Once released check in with Ranch Manager for further instructions

**Facilities Manager:**

1. Meets support staff at office and supervises Maintenance group
  - a. Turns off utilities where able
  - b. Assigns Office rep that will track everyone leaving camp to keep a solid count and make sure everyone is accounted for
  - c. Assigns vehicles and staff to pick up luggage from Timberline and Ranch Camp if advisable.
2. Supervises RV Park evacuation
3. Assigns other duties to Summer Staff as needed to help in evacuation

**Program Director:**

1. Oversees and communicates with Program Leads. Will verify that leads have accounted for all staff and campers.
  - a. Ranch Camp and WIT's – will evacuate using busses.
  - b. Timberline – will evacuate using busses.
  - c. MTB – will evacuate using program vehicles.
  - d. Wilderness – will evacuate using program vehicles.
  - e. Guest Groups – Trip Lead will act as in between to make sure all guests are accounted for and moved. Will evacuate using group vehicles.

**Program Leads:**

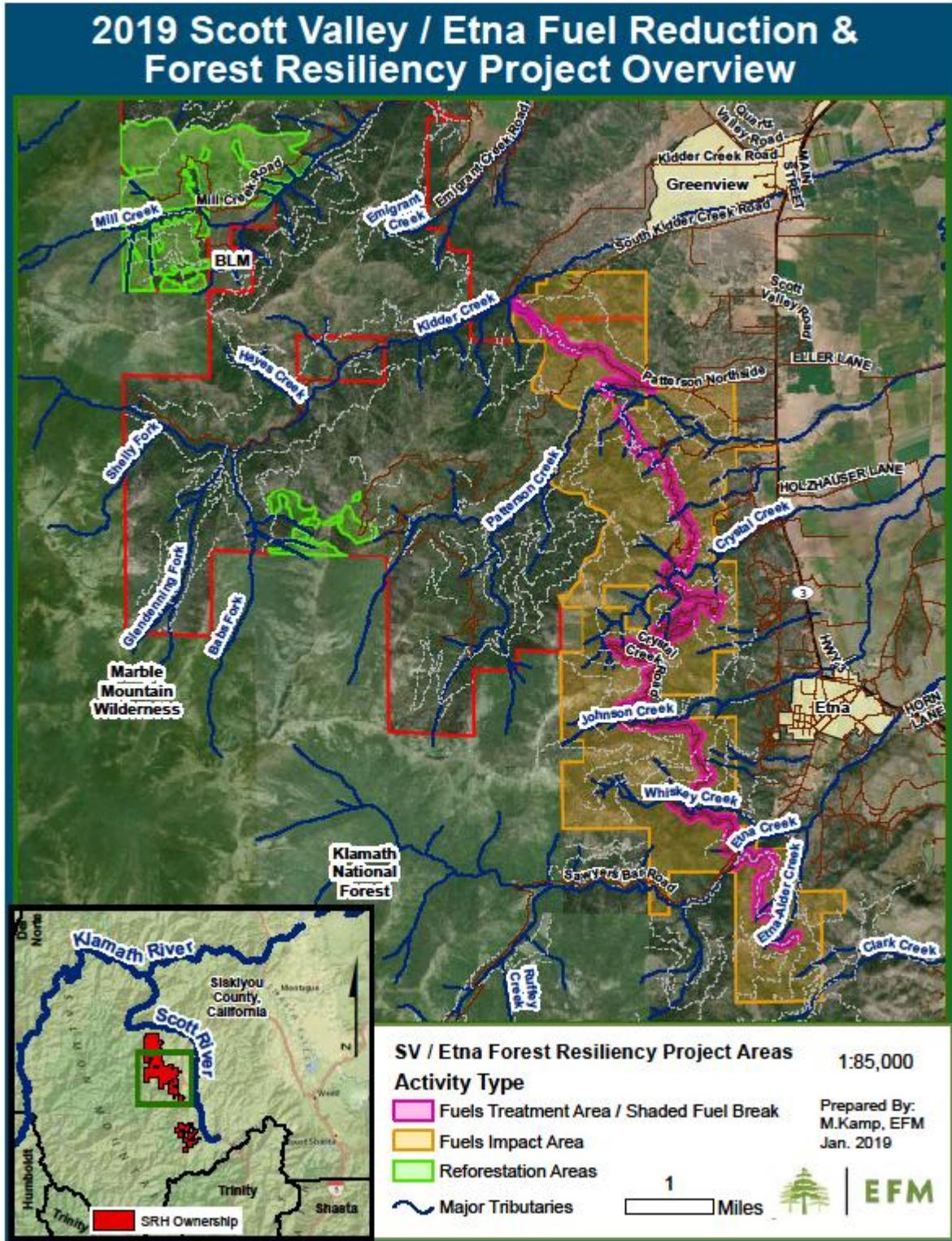
1. Account for all counselors
2. Counselors will account for all campers.
3. If there is time due to an advised evacuation, campers will pack bags and leave them on the front porch of their cabins or put them directly into program vehicles.
4. Group will follow fire evacuation routes down to main camp or ride stagecoaches as directed by lead staff
5. Group will shelter in place at Soccer Field or Big Pasture while awaiting transportation to Etna.

**Support Staff**

Please pack your belongings and place them on the front deck of the location where you live. Bags will be loaded by an assigned group of people in order to reduce traffic driving up and down the roads. Report to the office for instructions once you are packed.

**RV Park Guests**

1. As you leave, please check out with our representative at the office. Please hook up your trailers and drive to safety. One option is the Shell gas station near Etna and nearby RV Park.



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Master Site Plan  
Fire Evacuation Plan

Evacuation Routes  
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Soccer Field

Big Pasture

