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# CAL FIRE MEDIA ADVISORY

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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## SCU LIGHTNING COMPLEX HENRY W. COE STATE PARK & RANCH LAND

For Immediate Release:

CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 6 and California State Parks have been working in partnership for the duration of the SCU Lightning Complex Fire to protect natural and cultural resources on private and public land. The team is also working with ranch landowners to evaluate needs and concerns with property, livestock, etc. Currently, CAL FIRE in cooperation with Alameda County Sheriff and Santa Clara County Sheriff has issued 51 agriculture passes for ranch landowners to make access for their respective property.

As California experiences a fire siege across the state, CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 6 is working diligently to provide efficient and effective mitigation. This process is continuous and extremely challenging. CAL FIRE is making every effort to preserve ranch land while containing and extinguishing the fire.

CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 6 continues to evaluate all options for incident mitigation with life safety being the upmost priority while preserving land and environment conservation. Incident mitigation is complex and accomplished through a variety of operational procedures in order to protect life, property, and environment. Mitigation is evaluated based on fuel, weather, topography, and resources. One method of mitigation is to fight fire with fire, also known as a "firing operation". All efforts are being made to protect ranch land while providing for public and first responder safety.

CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 6 will be conducting firing operations in areas of the Henry W. Coe State Park and surrounding ranch lands starting today and over the next several days. Large columns of smoke will be visible during these operations. CAL FIRE will work effectively and safely to address State Parks and Ranchers needs.

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