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Road to Recovery Starts for Lake County; Resources Available to Support Fire Survivors

LAKEPORT, Calif. – Two weeks after the historically destructive Valley Fire started, Lake County fire survivors are starting down what, for many, may be a long road to recovery. To help, Lake County and dozens of organizations are poised to provide immediate and ongoing resources to make recovery easier.

Access restrictions for all roads will be lifted today after 5 p.m. As people re-enter their communities, Lake County wants to remind residents to proceed with extreme caution. Your safety is our first priority, and many hazards still exist. Tips for re-entering your property safely can be found at <http://www.lakecountylac.com/safety.html>.

The following key resources are available to assist fire survivors:

FEMA is in Lake County assisting residents impacted by the Valley Fire. Register at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), visit www.disasterassistance.gov or go to the Local Assistance Center in Middletown.

Local Assistance Center (LAC) – More than 25 companies and agencies representing local, state and federal government and non-profit resources are available to answer questions and assist with rebuilding, debris removal, housing, and the replacement of vital records and basic needs. The LAC is located at the Middletown Senior Center at 21256 Washington St. seven days a week until further notice.

Mental health needs – When disaster strikes, people react with increased anxiety, worry and anger. With community and family support, some of us bounce back. Others may need extra assistance. If you are having trouble coping, trained counselors are available to help you 24 hours a day. For phone numbers and other resources visit <http://www.lakecountylac.com/mental-health-support.html>.

Temporary Housing – A shelter phone line has been established to assist people with locating temporary housing. Call (707) 262-1090 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to request assistance.

Debris Removal – Free debris removal is available through the Environmental Health Department. Sign up to receive assistance through the Local Assistance Center (LAC) or contact Environmental Health at (707) 263-1164.

For the latest news and information from the Emergency Operation Center, please visit www.lakecountylac.com or Lake County OES's social media sites.

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