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State of Emergency Declared for Mono County Following the Pack Fire

MONO COUNTY, Calif. (DECEMBER 10, 2025) – On Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a formal State of Emergency for Mono County to support ongoing recovery efforts in communities impacted by the Pack Fire. The wildfire, which ignited on November 13 near Lake Crowley in the eastern Sierra Nevada and was fully contained on December 3, destroyed 30 residential and commercial structures and damaged six others.

The proclamation authorizes expedited cleanup of debris and household hazardous waste, and unlocks state resources — including low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration — for homeowners, renters, and businesses affected by the fire.

“This emergency declaration is a critical step forward in helping our community recover,” said Sandra Moberly, Mono County Administrative Officer. *“We are grateful to the State for stepping in, and we remain committed to working hand-in-hand with impacted residents, businesses, and responders to restore safety and rebuild what was lost.”*

Mono County officials are actively coordinating with state agencies to help affected residents apply for disaster relief, clear debris, and ensure a safe and efficient recovery process. Details on the Governor’s emergency declaration can be accessed [here](#). The READY Mono Pack Fire Incident page can be accessed [here](#).

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**Mono County Opens Local Assistance
Center to Support Residents Impacted by the Pack Fire**

Local Assistance Center to Provide One-Stop Access to Recovery Resources

MONO COUNTY, Calif. (NOVEMBER 19, 2025) – Mono County is opening a Local Assistance Center (LAC) to support residents affected by the Pack Fire. The LAC will operate Friday, November 21, 2025, from 9:00AM to 7:00PM at the Crowley Lake Community Center, providing a single, centralized location where individuals and families can access free disaster-recovery resources, speak with County staff, and connect with state and community partners offering critical support.

The LAC is designed to help residents navigate the recovery process with efficiency and care. Multiple agencies will be onsite to provide assistance with documentation, rebuilding resources, health and human services, financial relief programs, and more.

County Agencies Onsite Include:

- Animal Services – Lost animal reports, pet food, and supplies
- Assessor’s Office – Calamity documents and adjusted valuations
- Behavioral Health – Immediate support and counseling resources
- Building & Planning – Demolition, repairs, rebuilding, construction guidance
- Clerk-Recorder – Replacement of vital records (birth, death, marriage), real estate/property documents, and business filings at no cost
- Environmental Health – Water systems, private wells, hazardous waste/materials
- Social Services – CalFresh Replacement Benefits, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, and additional aid
- Solid Waste Division – Recycling, transfer stations, landfill information

State and Community Partners Include:

- California Department of Insurance
- California Department of Public Health
- Contractors State License Board (Virtual)

- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) – Replacement of driver's licenses, ID cards, and vehicle documents
- Eastern Sierra Community Housing
- Mono County Office of Education
- American Red Cross – Disaster Action Team
- Additional state and community-based organizations

EVENT DETAILS

What: Pack Fire Local Assistance Center
When: Friday, November 21, 2025
Time: 9:00AM – 7:00PM
Where: Crowley Lake Community Center
58 Pearson Road, Crowley Lake, CA 93546

Residents are encouraged to visit the LAC if they have been impacted by the Pack Fire and need support with recovery services, documentation, or access to local and state resources. Residents should visit [READY Mono](#) for ongoing updates, recovery information, and wildfire-related resources.

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PACK FIRE LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

Mono County is leading the effort to provide disaster recovery assistance to residents impacted by the Pack Fire. For immediate needs, a Local Assistance Center (LAC) has been established to help connect residents to free resources and compassionate support during their recovery process.

County Agencies

- Animal Services - Lost Animal Reports, Pet Food and Supplies
- Assessor – Calamity Documents, Adjusted Valuations
- Behavioral Health – Receive support and talk to someone
- Building & Planning – Demolition, Repairs, Rebuilding, Construction
- Clerk-Recorder - Replacement vital records (i.e., birth, death, marriage), real estate/property records, and business filing/registration records at no cost
- Environmental Health - Water Systems, Private Water Wells, Hazardous Waste/Materials
- Social Services - CalFresh Replacement Benefits, MediCal, CalWorks, more
- Solid Waste Division – Landfills/Transfer Stations, Recycling

State and Community Partners

- California Department of Insurance – Assistance on handling delays, additional living expenses, under-insured disputes, and more
- California Department of Public Health
- Contractors State License Board – Rebuilding resources (Virtual)
- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) – Document replacement (drivers' licenses, identification cards, vehicle registration certificates and certificates of title)
- Eastern Sierra Community Housing
- Mono County Office of Education
- Red Cross – Disaster Action Team
- Other State and community-based organizations

LOCATION AND HOURS OF OPERATIONS

**WHERE: Crowley Lake Community Center
58 Pearson Road, Crowley Lake, CA 93546**

**WHEN: Friday November 21, 2025,
9:00AM - 7:00PM**

<https://ready.mono.ca.gov/pages/2025-pack-fire>

Dangerous Debris

Potential Health Risks Associated with Residential Wildfire Debris

After a devastating fire, homeowners are often eager to return to their homes to see what can be recovered. While it is best to contact your local city or county for guidance about entering your property, homeowners should be aware of the immediate and long-term health risks associated with exposure to residential wildfire ash and debris. Whenever possible, residents should avoid or minimize contact with residential wildfire debris.



What Is in Residential Wildfire Debris?

Based on past analysis of homes and structures burned by wildfires, the resulting ash and debris can contain some or all of the following:

- Tiny particles of dust, dirt, and soot that can easily become airborne and inhaled.
- Toxic amounts of heavy metals including arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, and mercury.
- Asbestos.
- Hazardous materials such as propane tanks, air conditioners, batteries, cleaning products, pesticides, and herbicides.

Reducing Your Exposure

While sifting through residential wildfire debris may not be prohibited, for your safety and the safety of others, it is not recommended. In addition to irritating your skin, nose, and throat, substances like asbestos and cadmium have been known to cause cancer. Property owners who want to search debris for possible salvageable items should do so with caution and with proper protective gear.

- Avoid disturbing debris or kicking up ash.
- NIOSH-certified air-purifying respirator masks are highly recommended. A mask rated N-95 is more effective at blocking particles from ash.
- Wear gloves, long shirts and pants, safety eyewear, and other clothing.
- It's best to change shoes and clothing as soon as you are off-site to avoid contaminating your vehicle, your home, or other non-contaminated areas.
- Even with protective clothing and respirators, children should not be exposed to wildfire ash or debris.



<https://caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/recovery>

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Disaster/Wildfires/>