

Sherpa Fire Information



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Most mandatory evacuations within the Sherpa Fire (with the listed exceptions) will be reduced to evacuation warnings on June 22 at 5 a.m. Only landowners, residents and their farm laborers will be allowed to enter the following locations:

- El Capitan Canyon will remain closed with a tentative reopening of 6/25/16.
- In Refugio Canyon, the area north of 1800 Refugio Canyon will remain under evacuation, with a tentative reopening of June 25. The road south of the 1800 block (also known as “The Narrows”) will be closed to non-fire traffic between 7 to 9 a.m. and between 6 to 8 p.m. to allow safe passage of fire-fighting traffic.
- Venadito Canyon will be reduced to a warning.
- Canada de la Destiladera will be reduced to a warning.
- Las Flores Canyon and east of the Refugio burn area east to and including Calle Lippizana near the Equestrian Center will be reduced to a warning.

California Department of Parks and Recreation announced on June 20 that Refugio State Beach will reopen to the public on Saturday, June 25. El Capitan State Beach will remain closed at least through July 15. This closure may extend beyond that date pending restoration of the water system damaged by the fire. All areas formally in evacuation warning status, including Calle Lippizana east to Farren Road, Las Llagas Canyon, Gato Canyon, Las Varas Canyon, Dos Pueblos Canyon and Eagle Canyon will reopen without restriction on June 22 at 5 p.m. The cancellation of evacuation orders are based on a variety of factors, including potential fire behavior and the re-establishment of crucial infrastructure. For additional re-population information, Santa Barbara County residents can call the 211 County Helpline or (800) 325-9604, or visit Santa Barbara County online at countyofsb.org.

For additional information [on returning home after a wildfire](#), go to readyforwildfire.org.

SAFETY MESSAGE - The public is reminded to stay vigilant on current fire conditions. Please continue to adhere to any road closures and any evacuation warnings or advisories. If you see electrical wires on the ground, stay clear and contact Southern California Edison immediately. Trees and poles with deep charring, particularly if still smoking, should be considered hazardous. Please drive slowly as emergency personnel are in the area.

As you re-enter your property and evaluate damage, be aware that hazardous conditions may exist, particularly if a residence or out-building has burned. Hazards may include asbestos, heavy metals, by-products of plastic combustion and various other chemicals.

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