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Northern California's Amador and Calaveras Counties are Open to Visitors Despite Butte Fire in Mokelumne River Canyon

Gold Country, CA- As of noon, Thursday, September 10th, all roads in and out of Amador and Calaveras Counties are open. Although there are some power outages, these are limited to some residents and businesses along Highway 88 in Amador County and Highway 26 in Calaveras County. Thus far, all events planned for this weekend will go on as scheduled.

Of the tourism regions in Calaveras County, only Mokelumne Hill is currently evacuated. Favorite family destinations including Calaveras Big Trees State Park, Moaning Cavern, Ironstone Vineyards, Calaveras Wine Country, historic downtowns Murphys, Angels Camp, Arnold, Bear Valley and Copperopolis in Calaveras County are all far from the fire danger and open for business as usual. In Amador County, Preston Castle, historic downtowns, Shenandoah Valley wine tasting, Castle Oaks Golf Course, Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park, and Lake Camanche are all looking forward to visitors as usual this weekend.

Temperatures are expected to be at 100 degrees and above for the next two days. Smoke from the fire may collect in the lower elevations of both counties, affecting air quality and may be unhealthy for those with chronic health conditions. This is especially true in the mornings.

If you have travel plans this weekend to Amador or Calaveras Counties and would like more information, please contact the appropriate Visitor Center: Amador Council of Tourism, 209-267-9249, or Calaveras Visitors Bureau, 209-736-0049 to get updated information on accessibility and air quality. Full information on all events taking place this weekend in Amador County area available here: www.touramador.com/calendar/month and for Calaveras County here: www.gocalaveras.com/calendar-of-events.

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