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### NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY EVACUATION (WARNING) FOR THOMAS FIRE

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** – Under the advice of the Thomas Fire Incident Commander, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office has issued a Voluntary Evacuation (Warning) for areas in and near the city of Carpinteria. Effective immediately the following areas are under Voluntary Evacuation (Warning):

- All areas from the 5500 block of Casitas Pass Rd. (Hwy 192) east to the county line to include Lillingston Canyon and Cate Mesa, and all addresses north to the county line.
- All addresses along the east side of Bailard Ave. from Hwy 101.
- All areas south of Hwy 101 to the coast and east of Dump Rd, to include all of the Bates Road and Rincon areas.

Voluntary Evacuation (Warning) means there is a potential threat to life and property from the fire, but does not generally require leaving immediately. People in the Evacuation (Warning) Area should make preparations should a mandatory evacuation order be issued. People with access and functional needs should consider leaving now. Consideration of evacuating large animals now may be prudent.

If a Mandatory Evacuation (Order) is issued, people living in the rural areas along Hwy 150 should use Hwy 150 to Hwy 192 to avoid the Hwy 101 area due to congestion.

**Evacuation Shelter:** An evacuation shelter is open at the University of California, Santa Barbara Multi Activity Center, 516 Ocean Rd, Santa Barbara, 93106. Evacuees should enter UCSB through the main east entrance, park in parking lot 16. Staff will guide you to the Center. **Directions to UCSB from NB Hwy 101:** Follow signs for US-101 North through Santa Barbara. At exit 104B, take ramp right for CA-217 toward Santa Barbara Airport /UCSB. Road name changes to CA-217 N / Ward Memorial Blvd (505 ft). At the roundabout, take the first right onto Mesa Road, then turn left on Ocean Rd. Lot 16 is on the left, across the street from the Rec Center.

**Animal Evacuations:** For assistance with evacuation of large animals, livestock or small pets, please call Santa Barbara County Animal Services hotline at (866) 387-8911.

**Emergency Alert System:** It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up at [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org). If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

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