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PRESS RELEASE

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DEBRIS FLOW EVACUATION WARNING

Due to weather forecasts showing rainfall amounts likely to exceed thresholds for increased risk of debris flow activity, the County of Santa Cruz is placing the following zones in an evacuation warning in and near the CZU Fire burn scar:

BOU-E005
BOU-E006-B
BOU-E007-B
BOU-E008-B
BOU-E010
BOU-E011-B
BOU-E012-B
BOU-E012-C
BOU-E020
BOU-E030
BOU-E031-A
BOU-E036A
BOU-E041-A
BOU-E042-A
BEN-E002-C
BEN-E003-B
CRZ-E001-C
CRZ-E008-B
CRZ-E010-C
CRZ-E017-C
FEL-E003-B

The message is to alert residents that an evacuation may be necessary. The Sheriff's Office will begin door-to-door outreach Saturday in anticipation of evacuations in higher risk areas. Zones have been updated for risk of debris flow areas, so residents are encouraged to look up their evacuation zone at <https://community.zonehaven.com>.



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Debris flows are fast-moving masses of mud, rocks, boulders, trees and sometimes homes or vehicles. They move quickly and are often deadly to those in their path. The only way to avoid debris flows is to move to safety prior to any debris flow event. For debris flow information, visit <https://www.santacruzcounty.us/FireRecovery/DebrisFlow.aspx>.

Residents are advised to seek shelter with friends and families. Please follow local news or County social media accounts at www.twitter.com/sccounty or www.facebook.com/countyofsantacruz for updates and additional information.

When evacuating, please take the following steps:

- Follow instructions from local officials, including for travel routes.
- Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Take your emergency go-bag or disaster supply kit.
- Lock your home.
- Shut off water, gas and electricity if instructed to do so.
- Let others know when you left and where you are going.
- Make arrangements for pets and livestock, if necessary.

The weather forecast anticipates high winds and potential for downed trees. Residents should exercise caution when leaving their homes during the storm.

Those needing assistance with large animals should call Equine Evac at 831-708-8998. For road conditions, visit sccroadclosure.com.

If you have an emergency, please call 911.