

MOSQUITO FIRE RE-ENTRY PERMIT PROCESS

for Ranch and Agricultural Operations

PURPOSE:

To grant temporary access in mandatory evacuation zones to land owners and their critical personnel in order to maintain ranch and harvest operations. Access will be granted as long as it is safe to do so based on fire behavior and conditions.

PROCESS:

The application should be submitted to the Ag Department. The application has areas for multiple contacts, and the owner can note on the form which contact is the on-site crew supervisor.

- 1) The Ag Department will vet the applications and send the the applications from commercial farmers to our liaison with the Sheriff's Office who will be issuing the permits.
- 2) Include documentation with the application to demonstrate the applicant is a commercial ag producer, such as: Pesticide Permit Number, Organic Registration, Certified Producer Certificate, USDA FSA registration, Nursery License, Brand Registration, Bee Hive registration, Ag Preserve number.
- 3) When filing out the application, these items are critical:
 - Note the license, make and model of any cars who will be traveling inside the evacuation zone.
 - List the date, time and number of people who need access.
 - List reason for entry request.
 - Under "Additional Information", describe the length of time you need access to your property and why.
- 4) The Sheriff's liaison will confer with CalFire to determine if access can be granted in the areas requested.
- 5) If access will be allowed, the Sheriff's liaison will then contact the applicants and let them know where they can pick up the Access Permit. Access Permits will only allow access for a limited time (probably 24-28 hours) and will need to be reupped if additional access time is needed.
- 6) The issued permit will have a contact number for the Sheriff's Deputy you can call about reupping the permit. (You will probably have to fill out an updated application).
- 7) Carry the Permit Application **IN YOUR CAR** whenever you are behind the evacuation lines. Even then, be prepared to be stopped...law enforcement and safety personnel are serious about keeping unnecessary people out of evacuation zones.

Any questions about this process, contact:

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