



For Immediate Release  
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### **Butte Fire Update: Containment grows; Amador begins repopulation**

Gold Country, CA- As of late afternoon Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Butte Fire has consumed 71,000 acres and is 30% contained. All roads in and out of Amador County remain open. Cooler temperatures and strong winds are expected to aid firefighters, more than hinder the efforts. Smoke is heaviest in the morning and lifts as the day progresses. Air quality is affected and may be unhealthy for those with chronic health conditions.

In Amador County, businesses and residents are beginning to return to routines. Historic downtowns, Preston Castle, Castle Oaks Golf Course, Amador wineries, Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park, Black Chasm Cavern, and Lake Camanche are all looking forward to visitors as usual. The following events for the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, will go on as planned: Downtown Wine in Amador City, Open Studio Tours in various areas of Amador County, tours at Preston Castle. Days of 49 Parade and Celebration will still take place on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, on Main Street in Jackson. Before visiting either county, check websites listed below for updates on events.

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 are available here: [www.touramador.com/calendar/month](http://www.touramador.com/calendar/month).

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