



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **THOMAS FIRE: Residents Permitted to Re-enter Some Areas of Carpinteria**

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** –Residents only are permitted to return to the Gobernador, Lillingston Canyon, and Shepherd Mesa area beginning at 12 p.m. today. This is the area east of Casitas Pass Road to the County line and north of Highway 192. Prior to resident notification, the area was determined as safe from the Thomas Fire and from other hazards. We cannot emphasize this enough, only residents are allowed in this area at this time. The area remains under an Evacuation Order and residents are urged to remain vigilant.

Some homes in this area may have been damaged or destroyed by the Thomas Fire. If you live in this area and would like information on whether your home was damaged or destroyed by the fire prior to your return, call (805) 681-5542.

Authorities are in place to:

- Maintain safety and security during the repopulation of the community.
- Provide resources on site to ease the impact of those returning home, and
- Provide guidance to those returning on how to safely be in the evacuated area and resources to the individuals.

A Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) is on-site with counselors, materials for distribution regarding returning home to damages and destroyed homes, clean up kits, food and water.

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**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.

**Stay Connected:**

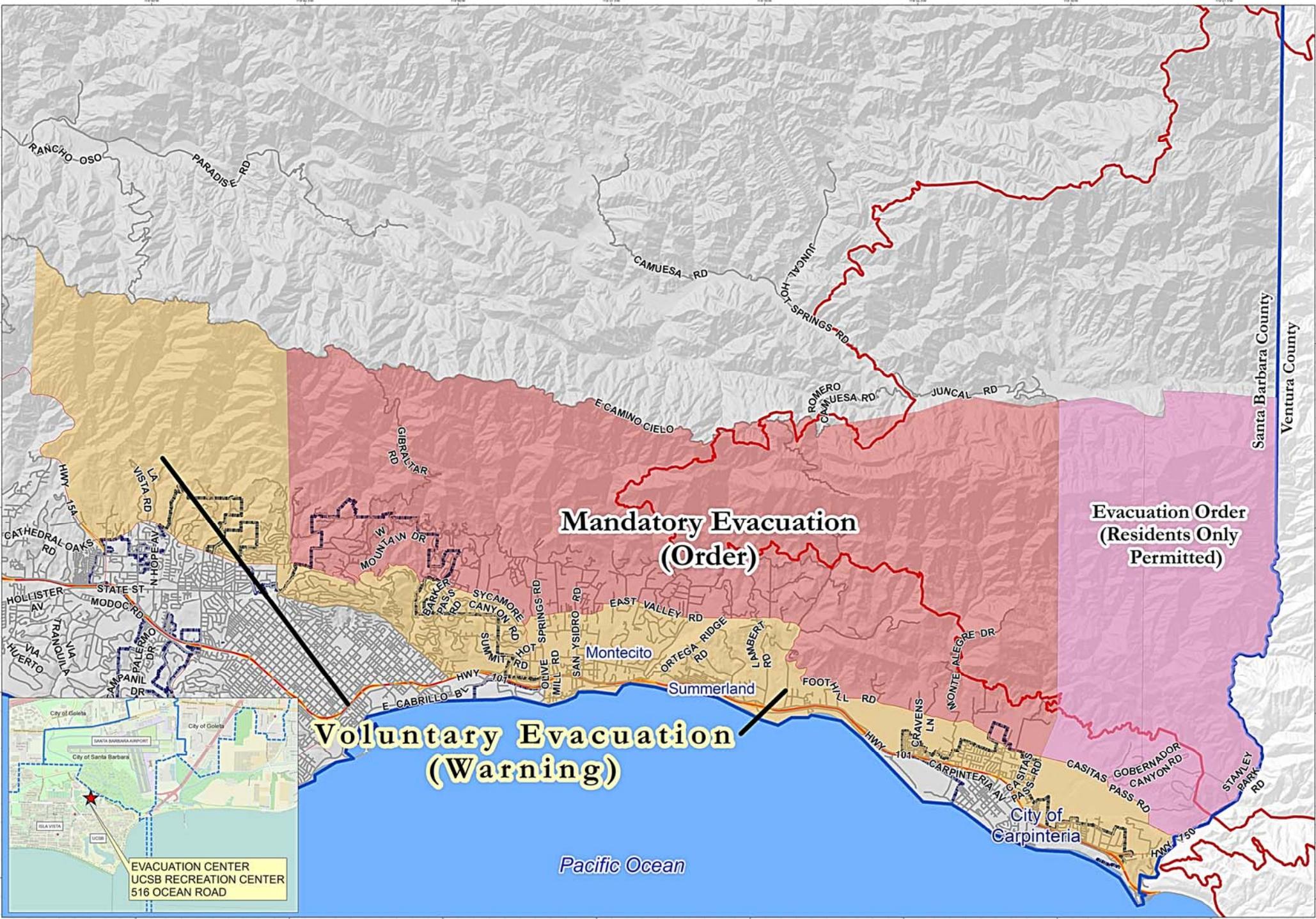
For ongoing updates, go to [www.CountyofSB.org](http://www.CountyofSB.org), follow @countyofsb on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), or call 2-1-1 from 805 area code or 800-400-1572 outside of 805, or text your zip code to 898-211.

**Sistema de Alerta de Emergencia:**

Es muy importante que las personas en el Condado de Santa Bárbara se registren para recibir alertas de emergencias. Inscríbete a [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org), si no podemos localizarte, no podemos alertarte.

**Permanece Conectado:**

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# EVACUATION STATUS MAP



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