

# TEHAMA COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN



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# TEHAMA ALERT

- Tehama Alert is an emergency notification system that may be used to deliver alerts when there is a threat to the health or safety of residents.
- Choose the locations you want to be contacted about - your home, your parent's home, your workplace, and your child's school.
- Receive alerts on your home phone, cell phone, work phone, email, and text messaging.
- The Tehama Alert database includes some landline and cellular phone numbers. Please register online to ensure that we have your current contact information.
- Registering online enables you to opt-in for community notifications, in addition to alerts and warnings. To register online go to <https://www.tehamaso.org/tehama-alert>
- For more information, please contact the Tehama County Sheriff's Office at 530.529.7988

Sign up by scanning the code or visiting:  
[tehamaso.org/tehama-alert](https://www.tehamaso.org/tehama-alert)



## GENASYS PROTECT APP

With the Genasys Protect mobile app, keep track of critical information that matters. Additionally, you can choose to activate location services to receive alerts and safety instructions when you enter an area that is under threat.

Download the Genasys Protect Mobile App by searching in your app store or scanning the code below:



Google Play Store



Apple Store

For additional copies, contact the Tehama County Sheriff's Office at (530) 529-7988

**BEFORE EVACUATING,  
ENSURE YOU HAVE THE  
6 P'S:**

**PEOPLE AND PETS**

**PRESCRIPTIONS**

**PAPERS**

**PICTURES**

**PERSONAL COMPUTER**

**PIGGY BANK**

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO EVACUATE?

When you evacuate, you leave an area where there is a threat to life and/or property. This could be caused by a fire, flood, or other hazard. It's important to have a plan so you can stay safe in an emergency!

## WHO DECIDES TO EVACUATE?

The Tehama County Sheriff's Office or Fire Department will determine which areas need to be evacuated to ensure public safety. If you feel unsafe, evacuate!

## HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED?

- Tehama Alert
- Genasys App
- Alerts on TV and radio
- Fire Personnel
- Home-to-home by Sheriff's Department and its volunteers
- Reverse 911

## HOW CAN I REPORT AN EMERGENCY?

- Contact 911 for all emergencies.
- DO NOT call local fire stations.

## WHERE SHOULD I STORE THIS PLAN?

Keep this plan within reach so it's easy to access! Places like your refrigerator door, home bulletin board, vehicle glovebox, and emergency go-bag make it easy to find in an emergency.

## WHEN CAN I RETURN HOME?

The Tehama County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) or Fire Department will determine when it is safe for citizens to move back into their homes. This will be done as soon as possible.

This will be announced through the media as well as on the Department's information lines, at road blocks, safe refuge areas, and relocation shelters.

For emergency information, contact TCSO at (530) 529-7900

**Do not return to your home until officials determine it is safe.**

# WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN AN EVACUATION?

- The Fire Department may initially decide the areas to be evacuated. Law Enforcement will notify the occupants. The area to be evacuated will depend upon where the fire or hazard is located, and any factors influencing travel.
- If available, law enforcement and their volunteers will assist with the evacuation of disabled or non-ambulatory residents and ensure the security of all areas evacuated.
- You should proceed to the designated safety zones as directed by emergency personnel during the evacuation process.
- Red Cross will establish and locate shelters, if needed.
- If you are evacuated, contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to receive shelter information.
- California Highway Patrol (CHP) and Tehama County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) will control traffic flow and maintain access for emergency equipment.
- Public Safety agencies will carry out duties and functional responsibilities to the best of their abilities considering the extent of the emergency and available resources.

## TRAVELING IN AN EVACUATION

- Know the primary escape routes to get to the safe refuge areas identified.
- Be prepared to be directed by law enforcement personnel. You must follow their directions.
- Practice driving your evacuation route before an emergency to minimize confusion during a real incident.
- Locate and designate safe evacuation areas in your community where you and your loved ones can meet in an emergency.



# TYPES OF EVACUATIONS

**Evacuation Order:** Immediate threat to life. This is a lawful order to leave now. The area is lawfully closed to public access.

**Evacuation Warning:** Potential threat to life and/or property. Those who require additional time to evacuate, and those with pets and livestock should leave now.

**Shelter in Place:** Go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction.

**Evacuation Order(s) Lifted:** The formal announcement of lifting evacuations in an area currently under evacuation.

**Hard Closure:** Closed to all traffic except Fire and Law Enforcement.

**Soft Closure:** Closed to all traffic except Fire, Law Enforcement and critical Incident resources (i.e. Utility, Caltrans, City/County Roads etc. or those needed to repair or restore infrastructure).

**Resident Only Closure:** Soft closure with the additional allowance of residents and local government agencies assisting with response and recovery.

**Lifting of Evacuation Warnings and Orders:**

Warnings and orders will be rescinded when it is determined that the threat is over. Road closures will be opened to residents with identification.

**Know the law:** California law authorizes officers to restrict access to any area where a menace to public health or safety exists due to a calamity such as a flood, storm, fire, earthquake, explosion, accident, or other disaster. Refusal to comply is a misdemeanor (Penal Code 409.5).

# SHELTERING OPTIONS

**Safe Refuge Area:** A temporary location to hold evacuees until safe evacuation is possible. Not all safe refuge areas may be available due to the location of the incident.

**Shelters:** The Red Cross will establish an evacuation center or shelter to provide a safe place to stay during a disaster.

- Evacuation Center - short term (less than 24 hours), snacks and bottled water provided.
- Congregate Shelter - open for more than 24 hours, hot meals with cots & blankets provided.

**Alternative Locations:** Residents who do not wish to use Red Cross shelters should consider alternative housing locations in advance. If you choose not to go to a Red Cross shelter, you are advised to provide information about your location in the event family or friends try to find you.

**Planning Your Escape Route:** The direction of your escape will be dictated by the location of the incident in relation to your home.

# SHELTER IN PLACE INFORMATION

- In some emergencies, an evacuation is NOT the safest option.
- Authorities may instruct you to shelter in place in the event of a chemical, biological, or radiological emergency.
- To shelter in place indoors:
  - Shelter
    - Go inside your home or the nearest building.
    - Choose an inside room with as few windows or doors as possible.
    - Bring in pets, if possible.
  - Shut
    - Close and lock all windows and doors to create a better seal.
    - Turn off the heater or air conditioner. Make sure the fireplace damper and all ventilation fans are closed.
    - If you are told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds or curtains.
  - Listen
    - Local officials are your best source of information. Keep listening to your radio or television and checking Genasys Protect and official social media pages until you are told it is safe to leave the shelter or to evacuate.
    - When you leave the shelter, follow instructions from local officials to avoid any harmful materials outside.
    - Do not use the telephone to keep lines free for emergency responders unless you have a life-threatening condition.
- If your children are at school, they will be sheltered there. Unless you are told to do so, do not try to get to the school to bring your children home. Taking them from the school will put them, and you, at increased risk.
- If you can, choose a room with a hard-wired telephone and ensure you bring any cellular phones you may have. Cellular telephone equipment may be overwhelmed or damaged during an emergency.
- Have an emergency go-bag and bring it to the room where you shelter.
- Remember not to drink water from the tap as it may make you sick.
- You should not shelter in a vehicle, as this does not provide enough protection against harmful materials.
- If you need assistance locating a family member please call 1-800-RED-CROS (1-800-733-2767) to get connected with a Reunification Team Member.

# PREPARE FOR WILDFIRES: READY, SET, GO!

## Ready

- Provide defensible space around structures for a distance of at least 100 feet.
- Clear flammable materials from rain gutters and roof.
- Trim tree branches at least 10 feet from chimney. Clear at least 10 feet around propane tanks. Replace flammable vegetation with less flammable plants.
- Use fire resistant materials for roofing and siding.
- Move wood piles away from house.
- Make sure your water tank is full and the hydrant is accessible.
- Have a garden hose and ladder available that will reach the roof.
- Locate escape routes and Safe Refuge Areas.

## Set

- Alert family and neighbors.
- Create a Wildfire Action Plan.
- Know where to meet your family. Choose an out-of-area friend or relative as a check in contact.
- Dress in appropriate clothing (i.e., long pants, long-sleeved shirt, goggles or glasses, hat and a dry bandana over your face). Cotton clothing is best.
- Ensure you have your emergency supply kit on hand that includes all necessary items, such as a battery powered radio, spare batteries, emergency contact numbers, and ample drinking water.
- Tune in to any local radio or TV station for updates and information.
- Remain close to your house, and drink plenty of water. Keep an eye on your family and secure pets and prepare them for transport until you are ready to leave.
- Park vehicles facing outwards.
- Put valuables, medicines, important documents, and essentials in your vehicle.
- Keep keys where you can find them.
- Close shutters, windows, heavy drapes, and fireplace dampers.
- Remove thin drapes and other flammables near windows.
- Turn outside lights on and leave some inside lights on.
- Turn off gas at meter or propane tank.

## Go

- Evacuate as soon as you are set.
- Citizens may be notified by law enforcement personnel and/or fire personnel if evacuation is necessary.
- Safely make your way out of the area, driving with your headlights on. If unable to evacuate completely, go to the designated safety zones as directed by emergency personnel during the evacuation process.
- The Red Cross may establish evacuation centers or shelters.
- If evacuated, contact the Red Cross to provide information about your status so that family or friends can be informed. 1-800-RED-CROS (1-800-733-2767)
- After an area has been evacuated, the area will remain closed until the threat has passed.
- Most importantly, if you feel unsafe, don't wait.

# PREPARE FOR WILDFIRES: READY, SET, GO!

## WHAT IF I BECOME TRAPPED?

While in your home:

- Stay calm and keep your family together.
- Call 911 and inform authorities of your location.
- Fill sinks and tubs with cold water.
- Stay inside your house.
- Stay away from outside walls and windows.

While in your vehicle:

- Stay calm.
- Park your vehicle in an area clear of vegetation.
- Close all your windows and vents.
- Cover yourself with a wool or cotton blanket or jacket.
- Lie on the vehicle floor.

While on foot:

- Stay calm.
- Find an area clear of vegetation, a ditch or depression on level ground if possible.
- Lie face down and cover up your body.
- Use your cell phone to advise officials. Call 911.



## WHEN CAN I RETURN HOME?

Do not return to your home until officials determine it is safe. Notification that it is safe to return home will be given as soon as possible, considering safety and accessibility.

When you return home:

- Be alert for downed power lines and other hazards.
- Check propane tanks, regulators, and other lines before turning on.
- Check your residence carefully for hidden embers or smoldering fires.



If a major disaster hits an area, it may affect the whole community and help may not come right away. Listen to local radio and television stations for possible Emergency Alert System announcements.

## ALL HAZARDS

### Be aware and prepared:

- Develop a family emergency plan.
- Post emergency phone numbers by the phone, and teach children how to dial 911.
- Have an emergency preparedness kit. For information on how to create an emergency preparedness kit, go to: [www.ready.gov/kit](http://www.ready.gov/kit).
- Plan and practice an evacuation route for all hazards.
- Have a plan for your animals.

## FLOODS

### Turn around. Don't drown!

- Listen to area radio and television stations and NOAA Weather Radio for possible flood warning reports. Local officials will post information on Genasys Protect and their social media pages.
- Be aware of your surroundings and know your evacuation routes. Know all safe routes from home, work, and school that are on higher ground.
- Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.
- Stay away from rising creeks, streams, and rivers.
- Keep children away from water. They are often curious and sometimes lack judgement about running or contaminated water.
- Be especially cautious at night, when it is hard to recognize flood dangers.
- Don't drive through water on the roadway. During floods, more people are trapped and die in their vehicle than anywhere else.
- Six inches of fast-moving water can knock an adult off their feet.
- 18 inches of water will float most cars. Two feet of water can float an SUV or truck.
- Tehama County sandbag locations are posted here:  
<https://tehama.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/media/index.html?appid=ffa29e5d5d93446a93120e65923e5148>
- If you live near the Sacramento River <https://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/> is the best available data to predict flood risk. If you do not have internet access you may call Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for current flood forecasts 530-690-0700, 7am to 4:30pm M-T.



Sandbag Locations



Flood Risk Information

# EARTHQUAKE

**Duck, cover, hold!**

During:

- Duck under a table or big piece of furniture.
- Cover your head and neck with your arms.
- Hold on until the shaking stops.
- Wheelchair users: Apply the brake. Cover your head with your arms.
- Drivers: Pull over. Don't block the street. Stay in your car.

After:

- Expect aftershocks.
- Watch for falling objects and power lines.
- Check home utilities. If you smell gas, turn off the gas line and leave the building.
- Check Genasys Protect to be alerted of hazards caused by the earthquake.

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# STRUCTURE FIRE

- Get out of any building involved in a fire and meet in your established meeting area.
- Notify occupants, set off the fire alarms.
- If you are trapped by fire, close doors and windows to slow fire spread. Stay near the floor and call for help.

To use a fire extinguisher, think **PASS**:

- Pull the pin.
- Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the handle.
- Sweep foam from side to side.

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# TERRORISM

In a Terrorist attack:

- Stay calm. Follow instructions from public safety personnel.
- Be ready for another attack.
- Do not spread rumors.

Be alert:

- When you go to a new building, always look for other ways to leave quickly.
- If you see a strange package, don't touch it. Leave the area and call 911.

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# POISONING

- If you suspect poisoning, call 911 immediately.
- If you know what poison was taken, tell the 911 operator.
- Keep the victim safe and warm until help arrives.

24-Hour Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

# POWER OUTAGES

- Turn off all appliances and unplug computers.
- Leave one light on to show when power has been restored.
- Do not use candles. Use flashlights.
- If you are cold, bring everyone into one room and close all doors to keep heat in.
- Check all appliances when power is restored.
- **Do not touch or try to move downed power lines!** Call 911 to report all downed power lines.

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# AIR CONTAMINATION

The most current air quality information is provided by the Tehama County Air Pollution Control District at: <https://www.tehcoapcd.net/> or by calling 530-527-3717

During serious air pollution, chemical, or radiation disasters, radio broadcasts may tell you to "shelter in place".

Here's what to do:

- Stay inside your home, building, or car.
- Close windows and doors. Pull blinds, curtains, and drapes.
- Turn off air conditioning and ventilators that pull air into the building.
- Block cracks around windows and doors with towels.
- Wait until emergency personnel or "Emergency Alert System" on radio or television gives you the OK to leave.
- Check Genasys Protect for the most updated information.

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# INJURIES

- Call 911. If the victim is bleeding or unconscious, tell the 911 operator.
- Remain calm and stay with the victim.

If the victim is bleeding:

- Apply direct pressure to the wound. Raise the injured area.
- Do not let the victim's blood touch your skin.



# WHEN A DISASTER STRIKES...

Whether a fire, flood, earthquake, terrorist attack, or public health emergency, you need a central source of information where people can turn to receive or give help. In our community, call **Tehama 211**.

When a disaster or other emergency strikes, dial 211 to get connected to up-to-date information, relief, and recovery resources. One call to 211 will connect you with a friendly voice to put you on the path to finding the information you need. You can also visit **211tehama.org** and click on "Disaster Resources" under the "Disaster Response" tab for information.

## Information available from 211 during and following a disaster or emergency:

- Location of emergency shelters
- Location and hours of relief services
- Road closures
- Animal evacuation sites
- Where to find food and water
- Where to find temporary housing
- How to access other government resources
- How to volunteer to help
- How to make a donation
- How to locate family and friends



<https://211norcal.org/tehama>

## JOIN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM!

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during a disaster situation. CERT members are well trained and focus on helping neighbors in their local area first.

The team is based in Lake California and charted as a volunteer organization under the Tehama County Sheriff. The active volunteer members have completed the FEMA Basic CERT Training Course as well as other trainings provided during monthly training classes. They provide free FEMA and Listos California emergency preparedness, fire extinguisher, and CPR/AED/First Aid classes to the community and are able to provide CERT Basic training to start up new teams. In addition, they provide American Heart Association certified training and Stop the Bleed courses. They have several HAM radio operators on the team, and are in the process of outfitting their Command Post trailer with a full communications suite that will be interoperable with both HAM and local first responders.

### For more information, contact:

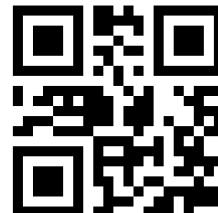
Team Lead, Sharon Crawford  
[sharon.tehamacert@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.tehamacert@gmail.com)

# HOW CAN I PREPARE?

## Build an Emergency Go-Bag:

- Food and Water
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap, hand sanitizer, or disinfectant wipes
- Battery or hand crank radio
- Important family documents (on a thumb drive or in a waterproof container)
- List of medications
- Whistle
- Cell phone charger and backup charging port
- Paper and pencil
- Dust masks
- Garbage bags

For more info: Scan the QR code or visit [ready.gov/kit](http://ready.gov/kit)



## Talk to your neighbors!

- Let them know your plan for emergencies and encourage them to plan as well.
- Identify and plan with neighbors who may need help evacuating:
  - Neighbors that rely on family for transportation
  - Neighbors with specific medical needs
  - Neighbors that need help with language translation
- Have a back-up plan: Will you use a secondary mode of transportation or alert authorities to help you evacuate?
- Know to call early and call 911 directly.

## Know your prescriptions!

- Know where they are and know what they are.
- Keep an updated list of your current medications, the dose, and prescribing doctor. Take pictures of your prescription bottles.
- Note your glasses prescription as well.
- If you do not have your prescriptions or medical equipment, contact 211 for assistance.

## Prepare your pets!

### In an emergency, contact 211 for animal sheltering information.

In an emergency, you should never let pets compromise your safety.

Planning ahead is important to ensure both you and your pet can evacuate safely.

- Familiarize your pets with their carriers.
- Practice driving them in the car.
- Consider having your pets microchipped.
- Keep vaccine records handy in case required by shelters.
- Put a picture of you with your pet in your go-bag to document ownership.
- Make a pet go-bag with items such as: food, water, medicine, collars, tags, leashes, toys, waste bags or litter box, crate or carrier.

# MAKE A PLAN THAT WORKS FOR YOU!

When creating your emergency plan and go-bag, think about challenges you and your family might face:

- Communication needs
  - Do you need translation services?
  - Do you need glasses or hearing aids?
  - Do you have trouble hearing verbal announcements, seeing directional signs, or understanding how to get assistance?
- Medical needs
  - Do you rely on medical professionals for support?
  - Do you need assistance managing a medical condition?
  - Do you rely on medical equipment?
  - Does your medical equipment rely on power?
- Support needs
  - What support do you need to maintain your independence?
  - Do you rely on medical equipment?
  - Do you need consumable medical supplies?
  - Do you rely on a caregiver?
  - Do you rely on a service animal?
- Supervision needs
  - Are you a caregiver?
  - Do young children know how to identify themselves?
- Transportation needs
  - Do you have transportation for evacuation?
  - Do you rely on public transit?
  - Do you need an accessible vehicle to transport yourself or family?
- Livestock and pet needs
  - Are your animals familiar with their crates, carriers, or trailers?
  - Do you have a go-bag for your animals?
  - Who can help evacuate your animals if you can't do it alone?
  - Are you enrolled in the Livestock Pass Program? Contact the Tehama County Dept. of Agriculture: 530-527-4504

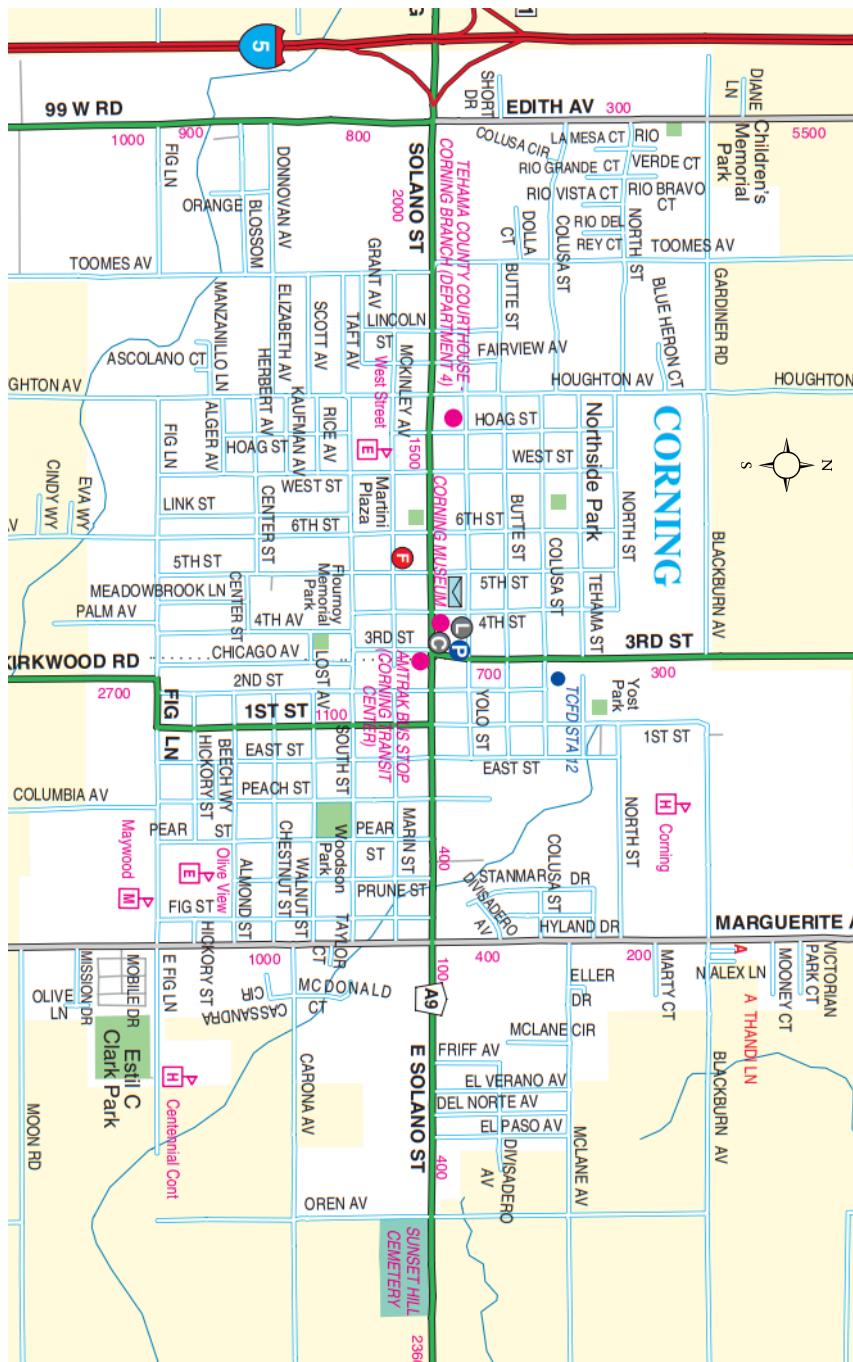
Consider what items to add to your emergency go-bags to ensure you have what you need in an emergency. Work with family, friends, and neighbors to create a support network for those who need additional help.

**If you absolutely cannot evacuate on your own, call 911 directly!**

# RED BLUFF



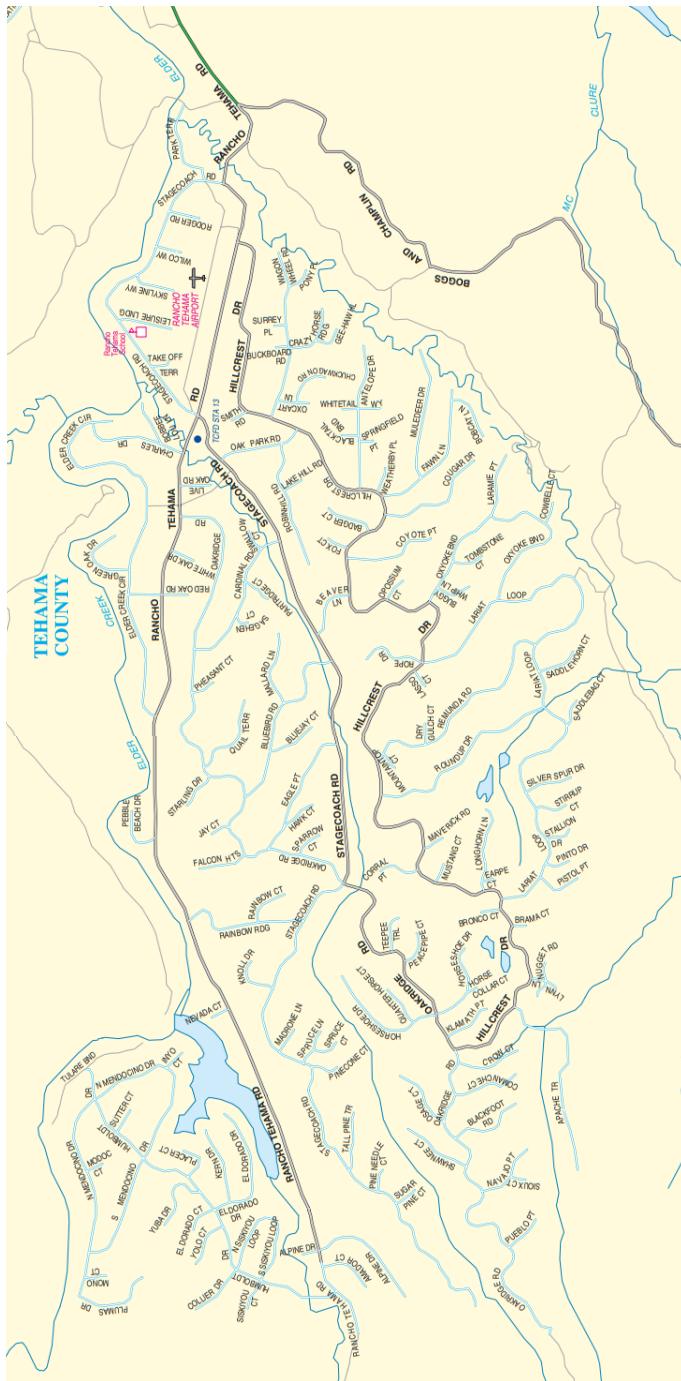
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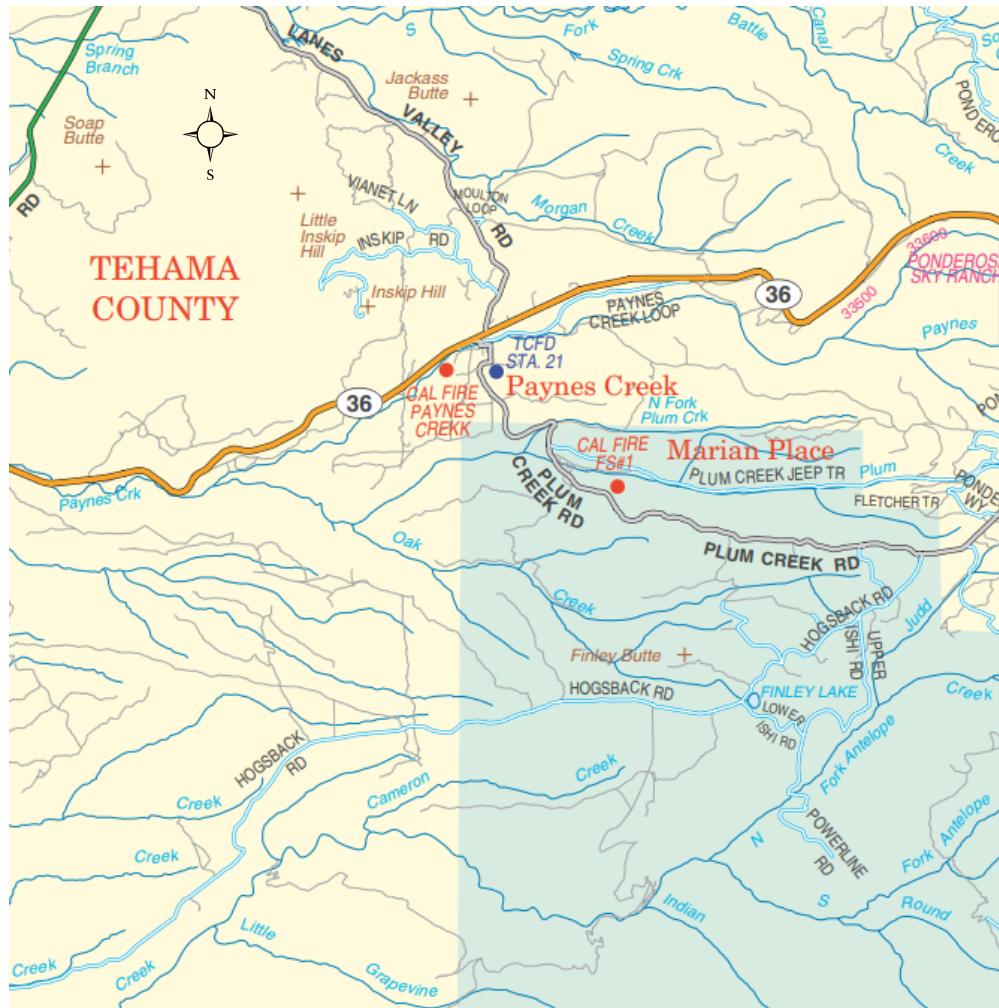
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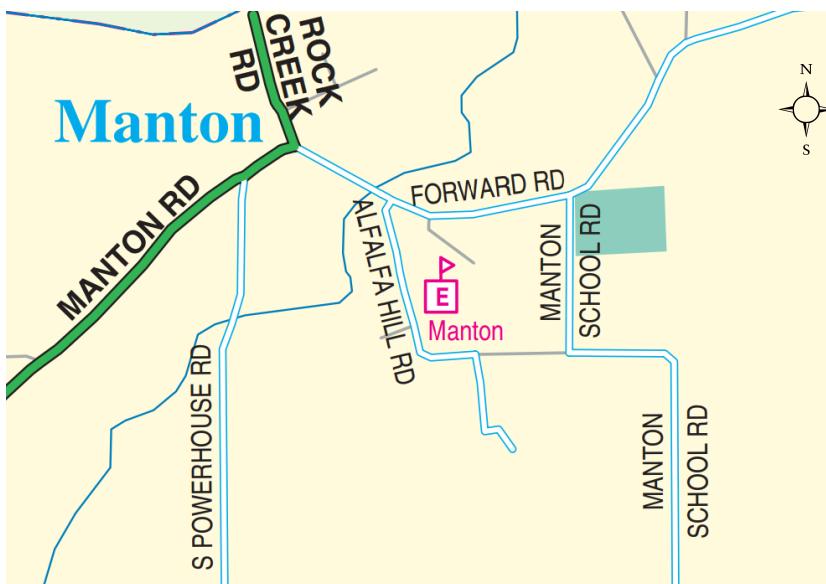
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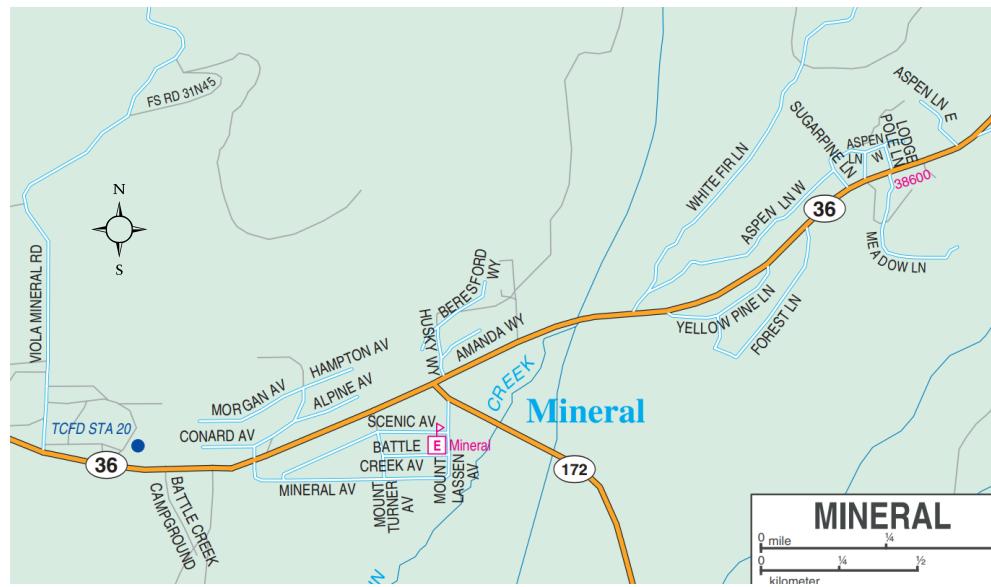
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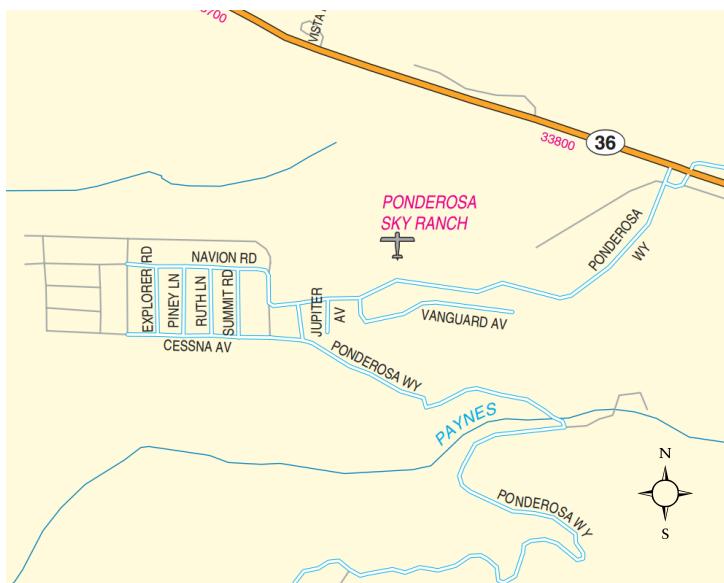
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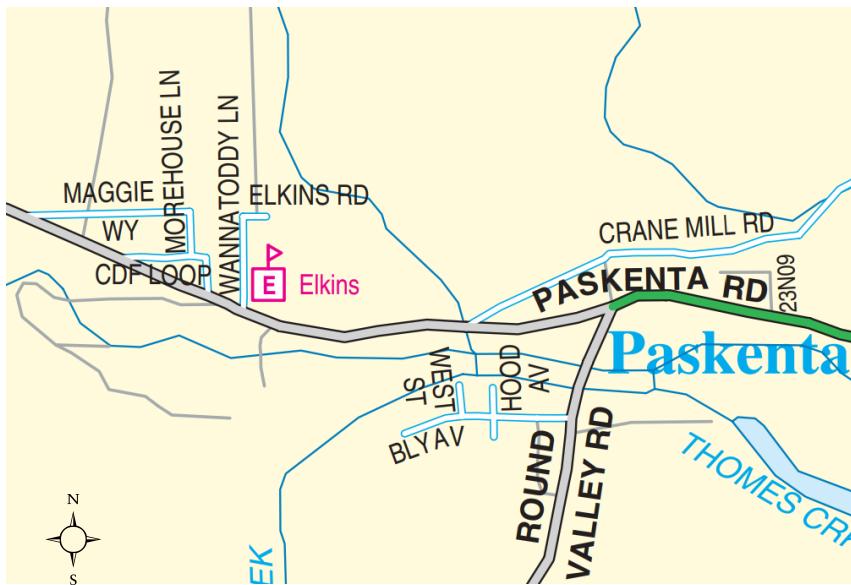
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