

## Important Phone Numbers

In an emergency, always dial **911**

Dunsmuir-Castella Fire Department:

530-235-4822, Ext. 106

Dunsmuir Sheriff's Office: 530-235-2520

Dunsmuir City Hall: 530-235-4822

Cal-Fire Siskiyou: 530-842-3516

California Highway Patrol: 530-926-2627

Siskiyou County Sheriff: 530-841-2900

US Forest Service: 530-926-4511

Siskiyou County

Office of Emergency Services: 530-841-2155

## **Burn Day Information**

Siskiyou County: 530-842-8123

Shasta County: 530-224-8777

## **Helpful Links:**

<https://211norcal.org/>

<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/>

<https://www.ready.gov>

<https://firesafesiskiyou.com/>

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov>

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/>

<https://www.facebook.com/DunsmuirFire/>

CODE RED is a free emergency notification service. Text SISQCORDERED to 99411 to enroll or go to [www.ci.dunsmuir.ca.us](http://www.ci.dunsmuir.ca.us) and click the  icon.

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# City of Dunsmuir Wildfire Safety Guide



## 1. READY

Defensible space is the space between a structure and the wildland area that can help to create a buffer that can slow or halt the spread of fire to a structure. The defensible space is divided into two zones.

**ZONE ONE:** Area within 30 feet from a structure.

- Remove all dead or dying vegetation from yards, roofs, and gutters.
- Trim tree canopies, keep branches at least 10 feet from structures, chimneys and other trees.
- Relocate woodpiles and other combustible materials at least 30 feet away from structures, or cover with a fire resistant material.
- Remove fuels that allow the spread of fire from the ground to the tree canopy, called ladder fuels.

**ZONE TWO:** Area between 30 and 100 feet away from structures.

- Remove "ladder fuels" and trim trees as described above.
- Mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches. Mow before 10 AM and never on a hot or windy day.
- Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.

## 2. SET

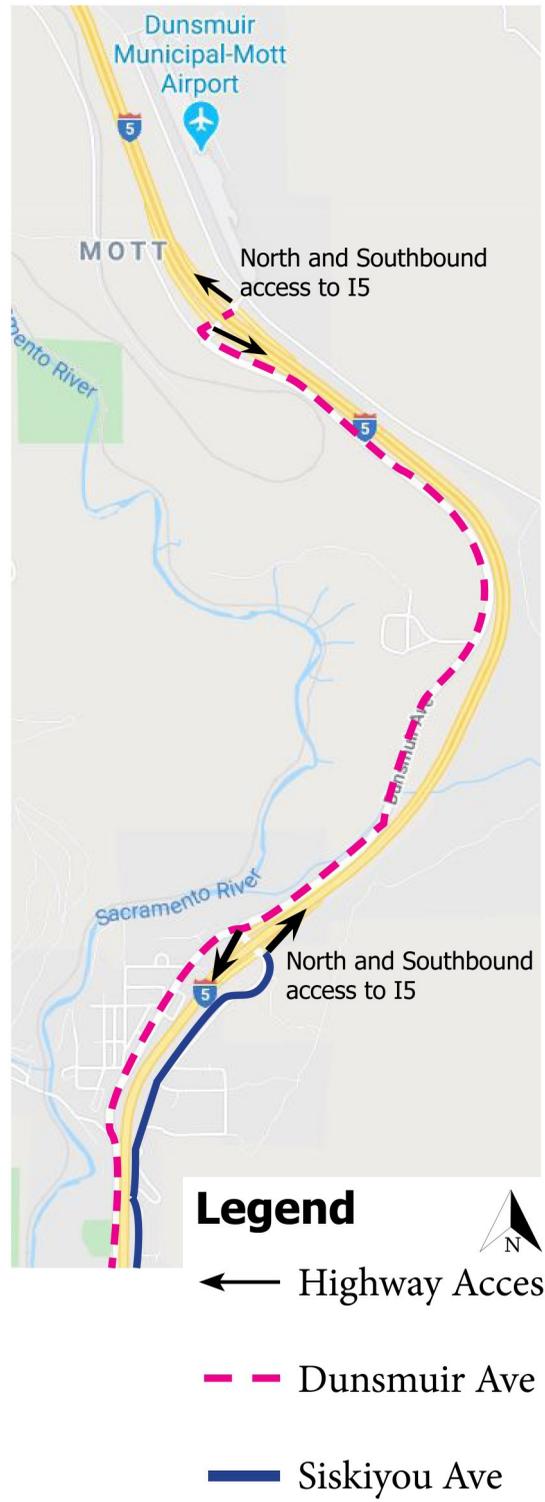
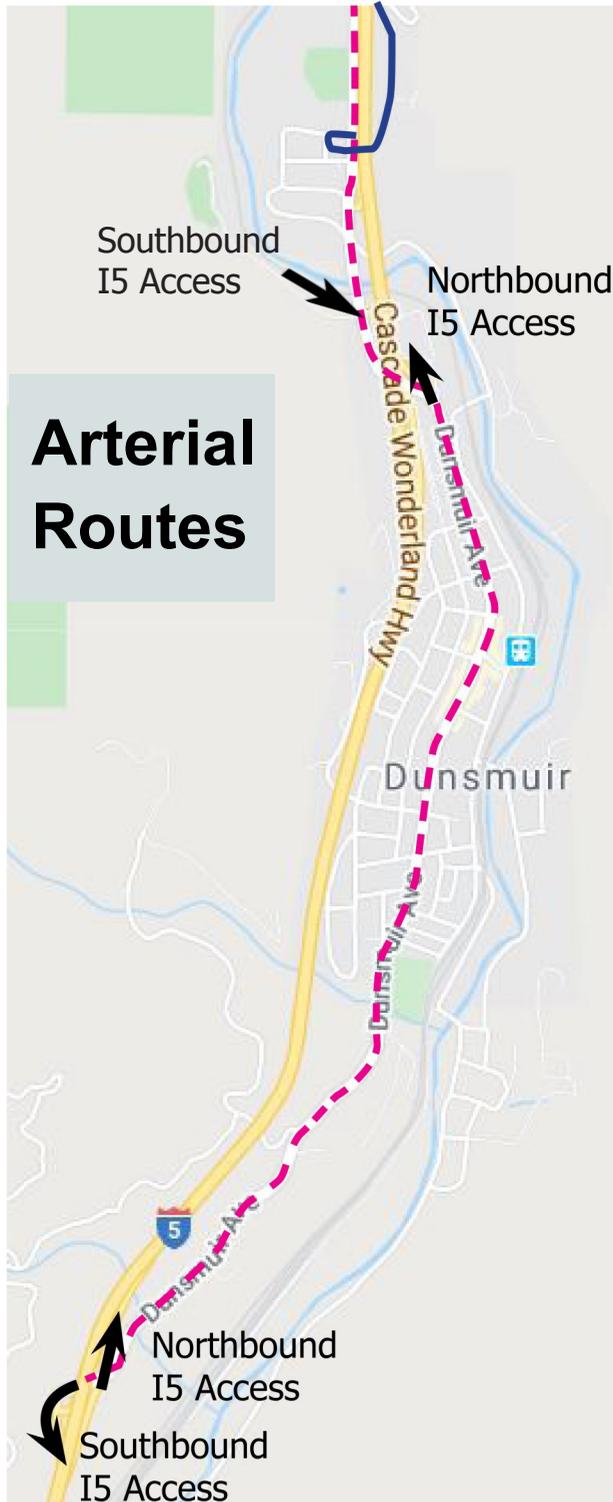
**Be prepared to evacuate, even if there is no warning.** In an emergency it is easy to become confused or panicked. Preparing your action plan in advance will help keep you focused and able to act quickly when evacuation is needed.

### **Create a Wildfire Action Plan:**

- Designate an emergency meeting location
- Establish escape routes from your home and your community
- Have an evacuation plan for pets and livestock
- Establish an out-of-area point of contact
- Have fire extinguishers on-hand, maintain them annually, and train everyone to use them.

### **Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit:**

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food and three gallons of water for each person
- Map marked with at least two evacuation routes
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Extra car keys, credit cards, & cash
- Medications with prescriptions
- Copies of important documents
- Pet food and water



# 3. GO!

Leave as soon as evacuation is recommended by safety officials to avoid being caught in fire, smoke, or road congestion. Don't wait to be ordered to leave, in an intense wildfire, authorities may not have time to knock on every door. **Do not hesitate!**

- Officials will determine the areas to be evacuated and escape routes to use depending upon the fire's location, behavior, winds, terrain, etc.
- Law enforcement agencies will help with enforcing an evacuation order. Follow their directions promptly.
- You will be advised of potential evacuations as early as possible. You must take initiative to stay informed and aware. Listen to your radio or tv and monitor your phone for announcements from law enforcement and emergency personnel.
- You may be directed to temporary assembly areas to await transfer to a safe location.

**KNOW THE LAW: BE READY TO EVACUATE**

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 flood, storm, fire, earthquake, explosion, accident, or other disaster. Refusal to comply is a misdemeanor. (Penal Code 409.5)

### If you are unable to evacuate:

- Stay inside your home away from outside walls and windows
- Keep all doors closed and unlocked
- Stay together and remain calm
- Once the main fire has passed, check the exterior, roof, and attic of your home.
- Check your yard and extinguish small fires if you can do so safely

### Returning Home

Do not return to your home until fire 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:

Be alert for downed power lines and other hazards

Check propane tanks, regulators, and lines before turning gas on.

Check your residence carefully for hidden embers or smoldering fires.

**Take photos of the interior and exterior of your home with the most recent newspaper before and after a wildfire for insurance claims.**