



Middletown Rancheria
of Pomo Indians of California

Middletown Rancheria Tribe of Valley Fire Disasters Relief Fund

Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California has many Tribal Members as well as employees of Twin Pine Casino & Hotel and Mt. St. Helena Brewing Company that is owned and operated by the Tribe were victims of the fires devastation, losing everything they owned to the Valley Fire. The last confirmed count of Tribal Members and Casino/Mt. St. Helena Brewery Employees that have suffered the loss of their family's home is at 38, which may increase with many more that are still evacuated and do not know the fate that awaits them when the mandatory evacuation order is lifted and they are able to return to their home and an unknown future. We are optimistic that no more of our extended family member's names will be added to this list.

It has been a week since the Valley Fire started its devastation of Southern Lake County and Middletown in Northern California and as this letter is being written, the fire continues to burn. It has decimated 888 family homes and threatened 7,253 residential structures. Sadly this number is expected to increase before the flames are extinguished. Thousands of residents in Middletown and the surrounding communities were evacuated with little time to gather their families, pets, and irreplaceable belongings.

Although the fire still burns, a united community now faces the long road of recovery together. Efforts have begun to rebuild what has been lost. The music of live performances in the Twin Pine Event Center have been silenced and replaced with the sounds of coping families and the innocence of children's laughter. The Tribe mobilized into action and with the collaboration of the Red Cross they have converted the Event Center into the Red Cross central location disaster relief center for the community. The time line is unknown as to how long the Event Center will remain a temporary home but our doors are open to the community and will remain that way.

The Middletown Rancheria is looking for support in the form of monetary donations. An account has been set up and 100% of all donations will go directly to where they are needed most, to the victims of Valley Fire for Tribal Members, Tribal Employees and Community Members. We are thankful for the support we have received but it is only the beginning of what is needed to rebuild the lives of those that have lost everything.

Donations can be made by sending relief funds directly to **Routing No. 121140218 Account No. 0537459919**. The Middletown Rancheria of the Pomo Indians is a federally recognized tribe and 100% of your support is tax exempt.

We cannot emphasize how much your help is needed and we are so grateful and thankful for any and all support we receive.

Sincerely,

The Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California Tribal Council