

The map of evacuations for Humboldt and Mendocino Counties staggers the imagination.

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About 750,000 acres are fires burning in our two counties. If much more aggressive action is not taken starting tonight, the risk of a catastrophic is high.

Garberville, Laytonville, Covello, Branscombn and Willits are one 60 mph East Wind event away from conflagration.

The next stop is the ocean.

Yet the USFS manager in charge of the August Complex stated last night that the USFS would not attempt to extinguish all the fires but let the rain do the job.

see last night's video on <https://www.facebook.com/MendocinoNF>

His lines were overrun by 40 mph winds.

His lines cannot stop 60-70mph winds. We all know it.

We cannot tolerate two more months of intense smoke in Northern California. It harms everyone.

There are only 1100 men fighting on USFS land in the August fire. They are being back stopped by Cal Fire Unit 5 in Covello.

But there are not enough men on the line to put out these largest fire events in recorded history.

You have before you a resolution declaring an Emergency in Mendocino County. It appeals to the President to release funds.

But a sentence needs to be added that appeals to the Governor of California.

To put out these fires is going to require another 2,000 men.

The agencies have called in their chips nationally and internationally but cannot raise 2000 fire fighters.

I urge you to add a section to the Emergency Declaration that calls on the Governor to mobilize the California National Guard to release 2,000 troops for immediate training and deployment on the August Complex and its new West and northern designated sections.

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