

County of Yuba CDSA	Original November 2018	Policies and Interpretations Policy NO. 2018-CDSA-02
Topic: Emergency RV Camping Pages: 2	New	Kevin Mallen Director

PURPOSE:

It is the intent of this Policy to temporarily modify the enforcement of camping regulations in the unincorporated area of the County for the purpose of housing survivors of the Camp Fire. This modification is necessary due to the devastating impacts of the Camp Fire and large number of individuals and families that are displaced. This policy will expire on October 31, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

On the morning of November 8, 2018, the Camp Fire erupted in Butte County near the community of Pulga. High winds, low humidity, and extremely dry vegetation fueled the fire in a south westerly direction at a high rate of speed into the town of Paradise. At least 85 individuals lost their lives and more than 18,000 structures were destroyed. 13,972 of the total number of structures destroyed were dwellings. The Fire caused 53,000 individuals to be evacuated, many of which are now displaced and without homes. The devastating impacts will not fully be known for years.

POLICY:

Camping within the unincorporated area of Yuba County may occur both within and outside of the Valley Growth Boundary (“VGB”) if the following guidelines are followed and met.

- This Policy applies to unmodified vehicles and trailers that are classified as a recreational vehicle. Camping in temporary structures, tents, etc. are not permitted under this policy.
- Individuals or families that wish to camp on private property within the unincorporated area of the County must obtain a Temporary Use Permit from CDSA (there is no cost for the permit).
- Use of Recreational Vehicles (RVs) for emergency purposes by individuals or families displaced due to the Camp Fire must discontinue camping on or before October 31, 2019.
- Camping on parcels shall not create any public nuisance within the County of Yuba.
- Properties used for camping must be improved with a single family dwelling. Commercial or industrial properties shall not allow camping unless authorized by the Yuba County Ordinance Code.
- RVs must be currently registered and insured.
- Utility connections shall be made with approved connections and shall not create a hazardous condition.
- Sewage (gray or black water) shall be properly disposed of and shall not be discharged to the ground surface.
- Rubbish/Garbage must be removed on a regular basis as required by Chapter 7.05 of the Yuba County Ordinance Code.
- No building or structures shall be used for the purpose of living or camping that are not intended, designed and permitted for human habitation.

Within the VGB:

- No more than one fully self-contained recreational vehicle may be placed on a residential lot.
- RVs may only be placed in the rear yard area out of all mandatory setbacks. RVs shall not be placed on the street, within the driveway, or within the front yard setback.
- RVs may be connected to electricity provided that the circuit feeding the RV is adequately sized for the intended load. A building permit may be required to create a proper circuit.
- Generator Use is PROHIBITED.

Outside of the VGB:

- RVs used for camping shall be limited to the following:
 - <5ac – not more than one self-contained recreational vehicle may be placed.
 - ≥5acres – not more than four self-contained recreational vehicles may be placed.
- RVs may be connected to the private sewage disposal system. Sewage system maintenance should be modified for increased usage. Contact Environmental Health for recommendations to prevent system failure.
- Generators may be used but shall not be operated between 10pm and 7am. Generators shall be properly connected to the RV and placed on a pad that is free from vegetation such as concrete, crushed rock, or decomposed granite. Electrical cords must be protected from physical damage and shall not create a hazardous condition.

Additional Yuba County Resources - Local Campground Information:

Collins Lake RV Campground
7530 Collins Lake Road.
Browns Valley, CA 95918
1-800-286-0576

Thousand Trails – Lake of the Springs – RV Campground
14152 French Town Road
Oregon House, CA 95962
1-800-730-5935

Sycamore Ranch RV Campground
5390 State Hwy 20
Browns Valley, CA 95918
530-749-5420

Camp Far West
8176 Camp Far West Road.
Wheatland, CA 95692
530-633-0803

Thunderbird Trailer Park
1523 N. Beale Road
Marysville, CA 95901