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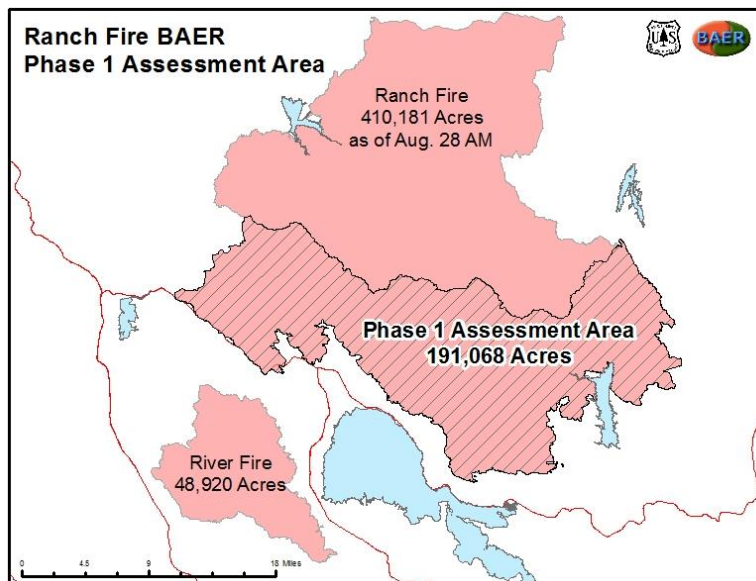
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Ranch Fire BAER team to hold community meeting

UPPER LAKE, Calif. — A Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team was recently established by the Mendocino National Forest to begin a survey of the Ranch Fire that burned on private, state, and federal land. The BAER team has completed its review of the Phase 1 Assessment Area and would like to share the results with local affected communities.

Please attend a one-hour community meeting on Thursday, Aug. 30, at 6 p.m. at the North Shore Event Center, 2817 E. Hwy 20, Nice, Calif. 95464. There will be a Q&A with BAER team specialists following the presentation.

The Forest Service BAER team is evaluating the Ranch Fire in two phases, a south phase that represents approximately 191,000 acres, and a north phase to cover the remaining fire acres to the north (see map below). BAER team surveys are rapid assessments of the burned area that evaluate the watersheds and determine the potential for increased post-fire flooding, sediment flows, and rock slides.



For more information about the BAER process, visit: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6156>

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