



## PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

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# Paradise, CA

CAMP FIRE — 2018

### LOCATION

Paradise is located about 85 miles north of Sacramento, CA. Over 95% of structures in the town of Paradise were destroyed by the Camp Fire in November 2018. The population in 2010 was reported to be 26,800. After the fire, the population declined more than 90% to approximately 4,600 residents.

In the winter, Paradise has an average high temperature of about 55° F and an average low temperature of about 40° F. In the summer, temperatures average around 90° F.

### DISASTER

The Camp Fire started on November 8, 2018 due to a faulty electrical line and made worse by a drought in the area. By the time it was contained on November 25, 2018, it had become the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history. At least 85 civilians were killed, and several civilians and firefighters were injured. The total damage from the fire was estimated at \$16.5 billion, with one-quarter of the damage uninsured.

### MDS RESPONSE

Weekly volunteers will be staying at apartments on the property of the former Atria Retirement Center. The work will focus on building homes that were destroyed by wildfire in the town of Paradise and the surrounding county. The county is rugged and some jobs may be 45 minutes from town on mostly paved roads.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

#### Physical Address

1007 Buschmann Rd  
Paradise CA 95969

#### Mailing Address

1007 Buschmann Rd Apt 1  
Paradise CA 95969



#### Telephone

(717) 471-6857 (Office Manager)  
(717) 471-9300 (Project Director)

#### Email

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### TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project. If you choose to fly in or take a bus, you will need to be sure to arrange for transportation from the station to the project, as MDS is not able to pick up weekly volunteers. If you have questions about this, please call the Coordinator for Weekly Volunteers at 800-241-8111.

- The Sacramento International Airport is the closest airport, about 75 miles away. Rental cars are available through Avis (800-352-7900) and Enterprise (855-266-9289).
- Greyhound has a bus station in Chico, CA, about 18 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 800-231-2222.
- Amtrak has a train station in Chico, CA, about 18 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 1-800-872-7245.

### DIRECTIONS

Google maps should direct you to the address. Follow the paved driveway to the back of the property past the partially burned 2 story building. The single-story building on the left has 6 apartments and should have a sign out front.