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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Butte County Fire Department Offers Sand and Sandbags To the Public for Winter Storm Preparations**

**Butte County-** In anticipation of this week's expected winter storm, the Butte County Fire Department is taking proactive measures to assist the community by providing free sand and sandbags to residents.

With the aim of safeguarding homes and properties from potential flooding, the Butte County Department of Public Works has established designated distribution points at the following Butte County Fire Stations for residents to access sand and sandbags:

- Fire Station 25 Butte College – 3487 Pentz Road, Butte Valley
- Fire Station 27 Centerville – 13330 Centerville Road, Butte Creek Canyon
- Fire Station 33 Upper Ridge/Magalia Sheriff Substation – Lakeridge Court, Magalia
- Fire Station 38 Concow – 12960 Concow Road, Concow
- Fire Station 41 Nord – 13871 Highway 99, Chico
- Fire Station 55 Bangor – 7540 Oro Bangor Highway, Bangor
- Fire Station 64 Kelly Ridge – 22 Walnut Avenue, Oroville
- Fire Station 72 Palermo – 2290 Palermo Road, Palermo

Each of these locations will allow public access 24 hours a day for the duration of the storm. The availability of sand and sandbags is part of the Butte County Fire Department's ongoing commitment to community safety and emergency preparedness. We encourage residents to take advantage of this resource as a precautionary measure, as sandbags can be an effective barrier against rising water levels.

Butte County Fire Chief Garrett Sjolund emphasizes the importance of residents being ready for the storm, stating, "Just like it's critical to establish defensible space before a wildfire comes, strategically placing sandbags can prepare your home to withstand the storm and minimize potential flood damage."

For up-to-date information on the availability of sand and sandbags, residents can visit the Butte County Public Works website: <https://www.buttecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/4301/Sandbag-Locations-List-PDF>.

The Butte County Fire Department encourages all residents to stay informed about weather updates and to follow any official instructions issued by local authorities in the event of severe weather conditions.

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