

# DISASTER DIRECTORY

## INYO COUNTY



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## LISTOS CALIFORNIA: A NEW CULTURE OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Far too often, the people and communities hardest hit by natural disasters are those least equipped to survive them. Listos California helps highly vulnerable populations get ready for wildfires, earthquakes and floods, before disasters strike. (Listos means “ready” in Spanish.)

Emergency alerts are the cornerstone of readiness and all Californians should receive them. But in too many counties, few people do. To help, we created customized Disaster Directories for all 58 counties in both English and Spanish.

Each directory provides:

- A brief profile of the county’s disaster risks
- Relevant vulnerabilities of its residents
- State and local alert resources for
  - General emergencies
  - Earthquakes
  - Wildfires
  - Public Safety Power Shutoffs
- Resources for people who are medically dependent on electricity
- State and county public health resources

Listos California hopes these Disaster Directories help bridge the gap between people in harm’s way and alerts that save lives. Please note that this directory is accurate as of the date on its cover. Be sure to check the status of any resource for the latest updates.

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Anchored at the California Office of Emergency Services, Listos California was launched in 2019 through an investment of public funds by Governor Gavin Newsom and state lawmakers. For more tools and tips to prepare for disasters, go to [LISTOSCALIFORNIA.ORG](https://listocalifornia.org).

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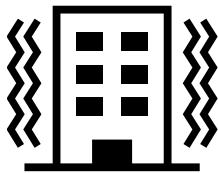
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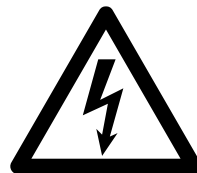
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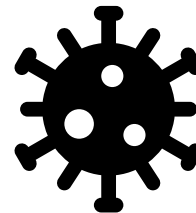
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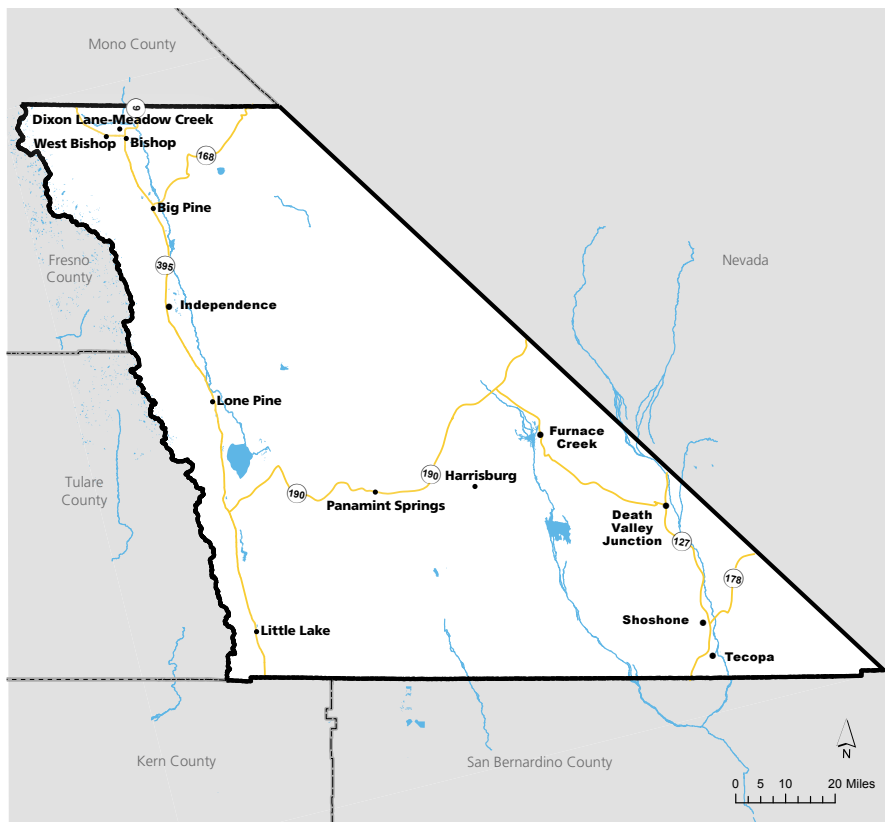
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# COUNTY OVERVIEW

## INYO COUNTY AT A GLANCE

**Inyo County:** Located in East Central California, bordering the State of Nevada

**Major cities:** One incorporated city (Bishop), 5 tribal nations (Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley, Bishop Tribe, Timbi-Sha Shoshone Tribe, Fort Independence Community of Paiute, Lone Pine) and many unincorporated communities



Inyo County is home to both the highest peak in the contiguous U.S. (Mt. Whitney) and the lowest place in North America (Badwater Basin in Death Valley National Park). Considered one of the most remote places in California, residents may experience isolation during disasters, long travel times, difficult road conditions and spotty communication coverage, creating a high **evacuation vulnerability**. Due to its varied topography, the county is at increased risk of **floods, droughts** and **wildfires**. **Severe weather** can trigger **avalanches** and other **landslides** in parts of the county. With 12 active faults, the county is at increased risk of **ground rupture, liquefaction** and major **ground shaking** events.<sup>1</sup>

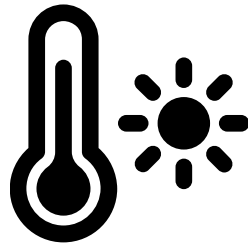
# COUNTY OVERVIEW

## INYO COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS



8

Number of major flood disaster declarations between 2003 and 2017, a rate of more than one every two years<sup>1</sup>



134°F

The hottest temperature ever recorded on the Earth's surface at Furnace Creek Ranch (formerly called Greenland Ranch) in Death Valley<sup>1</sup>



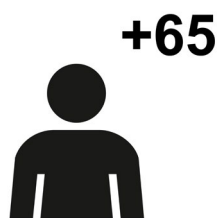
30%

Percentage of county critical facilities at risk of damage from a dam failure<sup>1</sup>



17,084

Acres of unincorporated Inyo County located in a very high fire hazard severity zone<sup>1</sup>



21.8%

Percent of Inyo County residents over age 65, higher than the California average<sup>4</sup>

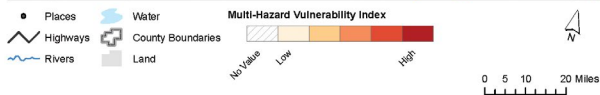
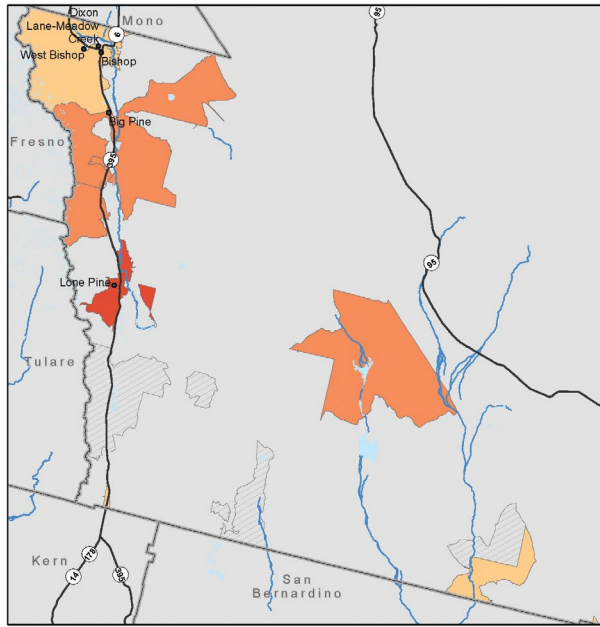


13.7%

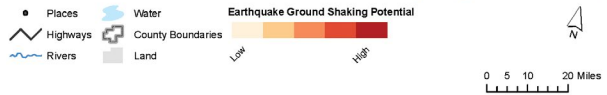
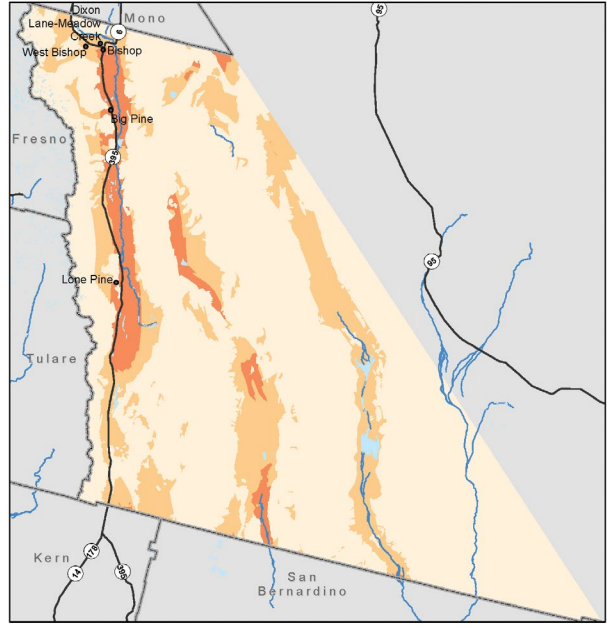
Percent of residents living with a disability, higher than the California average<sup>4</sup>

# INYO COUNTY HAZARDS

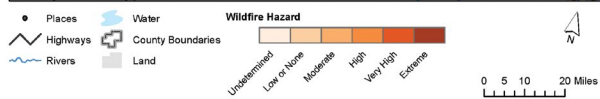
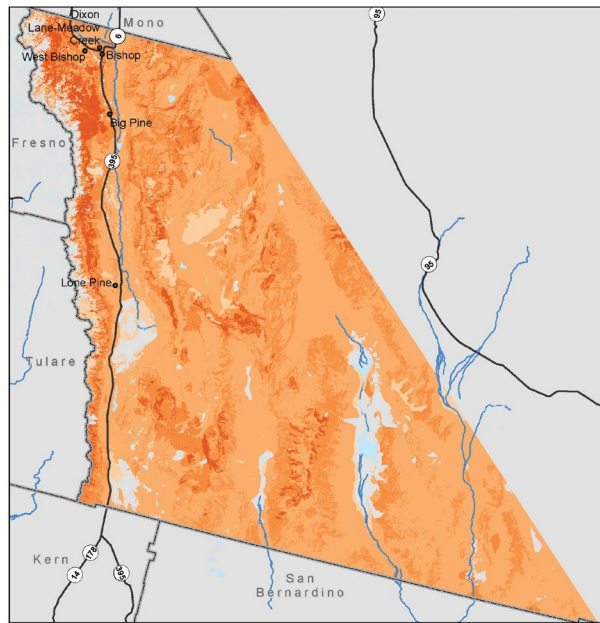
Multi-Hazard Vulnerability Index



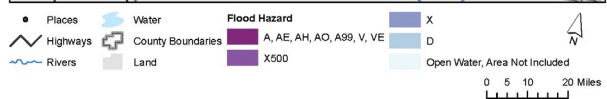
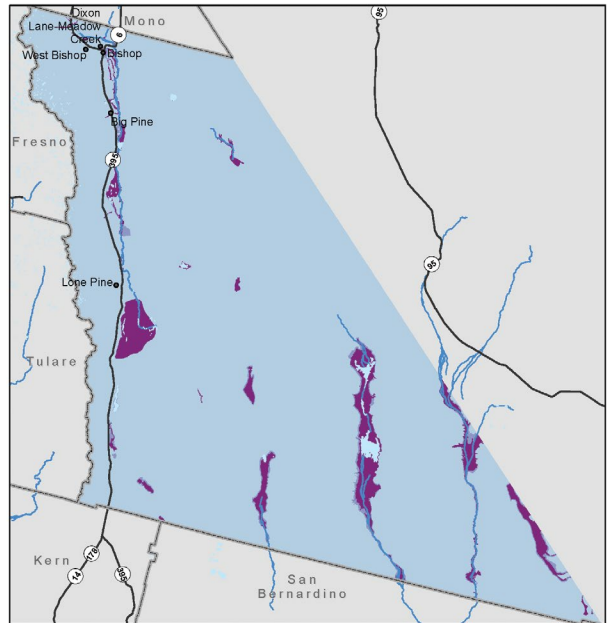
Earthquake Hazard



Wildfire Hazard



Flood Hazard





## WHAT ARE EMERGENCY ALERTS?

When emergencies and disasters strike, public safety agencies use different types of alerts to send emergency information to your cell phone, landline, radio or television.

### What are the main types of Emergency Alerts?

- **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)** are a national service that sends a vibration, loud tone and short message through your phone if an emergency is nearby. You must have a cell phone that is WEA enabled to receive alerts. You don't need to sign up and there is no charge to you. You can check the settings in your phone to make sure the alerts are activated.
- **The Emergency Alert System** can be used by state and local officials to deliver important emergency messages to your TV or Radio.
- **Mass Notification Systems** like reverse 9-1-1 send an alert to your landline phone if you are in an affected area. Check with your city or county to see if you need to opt into this service.
- **Outdoor Warning Sirens** warn you to get inside immediately for more information. These can only be heard outside.
- **Weather Radios** will broadcast loud alert sounds during an emergency. If the power is out and your TV is not working, these radios can still broadcast continuous weather and emergency information specific to your area, 24/7.



# CALIFORNIA DISASTER RESOURCES

## LISTOS CALIFORNIA

### About

Listos California is the state of California's emergency preparedness campaign. (Listos means "ready" in Spanish.) You can find 5 easy steps to prepare for any natural disaster at their website. You will also find tips and tools to help you during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Website

[LISTOSCALIFORNIA.ORG](https://LISTOSCALIFORNIA.ORG)

### Text

Text [LISTOSCA](https://LISTOSCA) to 72345 to receive tips in English or Spanish on how to prepare for natural disasters. You will receive one tip per day, at the time of your choice, over the course of one week.

## DISASTER RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANT CALIFORNIANS

### About

If you are an immigrant Californian, you can find links to disaster recovery resources and information on ensuring your health and safety. Resources are available in a variety of languages.

### Website

[TINYURL.COM/CALIFORNIAIG](https://TINYURL.COM/CALIFORNIAIG)

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

### About

You can find the latest emergency news for any disaster, and tips on readiness for individuals, families, businesses, schools and more.

### Website

[CALOES.CA.GOV](https://CALOES.CA.GOV)





# GENERAL EMERGENCY ALERTS



## CodeRED INYO

### About

You can opt-in to receive emergency notifications from Inyo County via phone calls, text messaging, email and more. You can register multiple communication methods, and multiple addresses to receive emergency alert notifications near you.

### Website

[TINYURL.COM/INYOALERTS](https://TINYURL.COM/INYOALERTS)

### Directions

1. Visit [TINYURL.COM/INYOALERTS](https://TINYURL.COM/INYOALERTS) and sign up for a new account.
2. Once registered, you can choose to receive alerts via text, cell phone, email, landline phone or TTY device.



## LOCAL RADIO STATION FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

### About

You can tune into your local radio station to receive emergency information.

### Radio Stations

[CITY OF BISHOP KSRW 92.5 FM](#)

[CITY OF BISHOP KIBS 100.7 FM](#)

[MAMMOTH LAKES KMMT 106.5 FM](#)



## INYO COUNTY SOCIAL MEDIA

### About

You can find preparedness messaging and emergency updates by following the social media sites below.

#### Twitter

[@INYOCOUNTY](#)

[@INYOSHERIFF](#)

[@INYO\\_NF](#)

#### Facebook

[FACEBOOK.COM/EXPLOREINYOCOUNTY](https://FACEBOOK.COM/EXPLOREINYOCOUNTY)

[FACEBOOK.COM/INYOCOUNTYSHERIFFSOFFICE](https://FACEBOOK.COM/INYOCOUNTYSHERIFFSOFFICE)



# GENERAL EMERGENCY ALERTS

## CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY ALERTS

### About

Each county in California has an alerting program that you can sign up for to receive alerts if an emergency situation were to arise in your county. If you work in one county, but you live in another, you can sign up for both using this website.

### Website

[CALALERTS.ORG](https://CALALERTS.ORG)

### Directions

1. Visit [CALALERTS.ORG](https://CALALERTS.ORG) and click SIGN UP in the top right corner.
2. Click the name of your county. You can sign up for your county's alert system by following the directions.



# EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY ALERTS

## CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE EARLY WARNING

### About

The California Earthquake Early Warning System delivers warnings to Drop, Cover and Hold On via cell phones before the strongest shaking arrives. There are two ways to receive the alerts:

**WEA Alerts:** ShakeAlert messages can be sent to your cell phone or other WEA enabled devices, alerts that an earthquake is happening in your area. There is no need to subscribe.

**Free MyShake App:** You can download the free MyShake App which will send earthquake alerts to your cell phone or WEA enabled device when you do not have cell service but do have Wi-Fi.

### Website

[EARTHQUAKE.CA.GOV](http://EARTHQUAKE.CA.GOV)

### Directions

1. Check your phone to make sure the alerts are activated.
2. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play to download the application available in both English and Spanish.
3. Go to the System Settings in your cell phone or WEA enabled device, and make sure that location services are turned on.



# WILDFIRE ALERTS & RESOURCES

## CAL FIRE TEXT ALERTS

### About

You can sign up using your phone number and zip code to receive text alerts about wildfires near you. Sign up using the website.

### Website

[PLAN.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG](https://PLAN.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG)

## CAL FIRE EMAIL NEWS

### About

You can receive real-time, county-specific updates on wildfires in your area via email. Sign up using the website.

### Website

[TINYURL.COM/CALFIREMEDIA](https://TINYURL.COM/CALFIREMEDIA)

## CAL FIRE WILDFIRE INCIDENTS

### About

You can receive accurate updates about wildfires near you by entering in your zip code. Go to this website to view all active wildfires near you.

### Website

[INCIDENTS.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG](https://INCIDENTS.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG)

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RESOURCES

### About

You can find a list of wildfire resources on a variety of issues, such as sheltering, transportation impacts and power shut-offs.

### Website

[RESPONSE.CA.GOV](https://RESPONSE.CA.GOV)



# WILDFIRE ALERTS & RESOURCES

## READY FOR WILDFIRE WEB-BASED APP

### About


If you take a short survey to identify your living situation, the web-based app will send you free and personalized steps you can take to prepare for wildfires in your area. You can access the web-based app and survey through a computer, tablet or mobile phone by going to the website.

### Website

Available in English and Spanish: [PLAN.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG](https://PLAN.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG)

### Directions

READY FOR WILDFIRE is not available in Google Play or the iOS App Store. You can save the web-based app directly to your mobile phone home screen for quick access.

1. From your mobile phone, visit [PLAN.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG](https://PLAN.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG).
2. For Android users, you will see an “Add to Home Screen” pop-up message to save the web app to your device home screen.
3. For iPhone users, you can click the share option  and scroll and tap the “Add to Home Screen” button.



# POWER SHUTOFF RESOURCES



## PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF ALERTS (PSPS)

### About

During extreme weather or wildfire conditions, your local energy company may need to shut off the power. You can sign up with your utility service provider to receive notifications when this will occur.

### Alerts by Phone or Website

Southern California Edison, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Valley Electric Association are all utility service providers for Inyo County.

#### **Southern California Edison, serving Inyo County**

1-855-549-3800 or text ENROLL to 28954

[TINYURL.COM/SCEALERT](https://tinyurl.com/SCEALERT)

#### **Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), serving Inyo County**

[TINYURL.COM/LADWPALETS](https://tinyurl.com/LADWPALETS)

#### **Valley Electric Association, serving Inyo County**

Emergency Line: (775) 727-5312

## POWER SHUTOFF HOTLINE

### About

If you are a medically vulnerable Californian, during a power shutoff, you can call this hotline to find resources within your area. Assistance is available in many languages and 711 Telecommunications Relay Services are also available for persons with a hearing or speech disability.

### Phone Number

(833) 284-3473

### Phone Line Hours

Daily, 9:00am-9:00pm



# POWER SHUTOFF RESOURCES

## MEDICAL BASELINE NOTIFICATION

### About

If you are dependent on electricity for a medical device, such as a breathing machine, power wheelchair, home oxygen or dialysis, you can be added to your energy company's list of customers who have urgent electrical needs. Your energy company may send extra alerts or knock on your door to ensure your safety during Public Safety Power Shutoffs. Be sure you call your electrical company to notify them of your electricity needs. Information is available in many languages.

### Website

Medical Baseline Application [TINYURL.COM/SCEBASELINE](https://tinyurl.com/scebaseline)

ADA Emergency Power Planning Checklist [TINYURL.COM/PSPSOUT](https://tinyurl.com/pspout)



## DISABILITY SERVICES & LEGAL CENTER (DSLCL)

### About

If you rely on power to operate life-sustaining medical devices (CPAP, BiPAP, oxygen, communication device, power wheelchair, etc.), your local Independent Living Center may be able to assist you with costs associated with accessible transportation, short-term housing support during a PSPS and/or a loaner back-up battery system. Go to the website or call for more information.

### Website

[ROLLINGSTART.COM](https://rollingstart.com)

### Phone Number

(909) 890-9516

### Phone Line Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm

# COVID-19 RESOURCES



## INYO COUNTY COVID-19 INFORMATION

### About

You can get answers to questions about COVID-19, including testing sites and vaccination clinics in Inyo County.

### Website

[TINYURL.COM/INYOCOVID](https://tinyurl.com/inyoCOVID)

### Vaccine Registration for Inyo

[MYTURN.CA.GOV](https://myturn.ca.gov)

## CALIFORNIA CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

### About

You can get answers to questions about COVID-19 safety, testing, closures workplace safety and more. You can track your county's daily statistics.

### Website

[COVID19.CA.GOV](https://COVID19.CA.GOV)

### Phone Number

(833) 544-2374

### Phone Line Open

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-8:00pm  
Saturday-Sunday, 8:00am-5:00pm

## COVID-19 GUIDE FOR IMMIGRANT CALIFORNIANS

### About

If you're an immigrant living in California, you can learn how to protect yourself, your family, and your community from COVID-19 regardless of your immigration status. You can read the guide in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Filipino.

### Website

[TINYURL.COM/GUIDEFORALL](https://tinyurl.com/guideforall)



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