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Closure of Creekside Cabins Due to Public Health Menace

On Friday, January 20th, representatives of Mendocino County Code Enforcement and Environmental Health conducted an inspection of the conditions at Creekside Cabins near Willits. The County obtained a warrant for the inspection after being refused entry by the property owner and posted the warrant for the 24-hour period required by state law. Friday afternoon and evening, Mendocino County Public Health Officer Andrew Coren reviewed the results of the inspection for risk to human health and safety.

Mendocino County Public Health has determined that **the conditions at Creekside Cabins create an immediate menace to public health** due to the presence of exposed sewage and other hazards. The area encompassing the entirety of Creekside Cabins, has been **ordered closed pursuant to Penal Code section 409.5(a)**. The temporary bridge to exit the property will be available to residents as soon as Wednesday, January 25 at 8:00 AM. Residents may remain until Thursday, January 26 at 5:00 PM only for the purposes of evacuating or preparing to evacuate themselves and their possessions or otherwise remediating the hazards. Nonresidents may enter for the same purposes with prior permission from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. Persons seeking permission to enter should call 707-510-5324.

Any person entering or remaining at this location does so at their own risk. Persons doing so should be advised that the conditions at this location create a risk of exposure to unsafe levels of waterborne bacteria which can cause infections of the gastrointestinal tract, skin rashes, and other infectious diseases. Symptoms of gastrointestinal disease may include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, bloody stools or emesis, abdominal pain, fever, dehydration, weakness and mental status changes. Skin contact with these bacteria, especially open wounds, may cause inflammation and infection showing redness, swelling, pustules, pain and exudates. These problems could progress, if untreated, to internal disease such as sepsis (blood-borne infection) and ultimately death. Anyone exposed who experiences gastrointestinal symptoms should drink plenty of water and those experiencing skin infections should wash the areas frequently and thoroughly with soap and water and contact their personal physician. In case of emergency, contact 911 for immediate medical care.

For further information, please see the attached Public Health Order.

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