

- Caldor fire forced the evacuation of more than 50,000 residents
- Approximately 900 homes were destroyed and families were left homeless to face the winter months on other people's couches, spare rooms, cars, or trailers.
- The area's only post office and school were destroyed and the only water system was severely damaged.
- Grizzly Flats Forest Service Fire Station and the Pioneer Fire Department were destroyed.
- The displaced students were relocated to the nearest school which was 45 minutes away.
- Almost 65% of students in Grizzly Flats were eligible for free and reduced-price meals.
- Only 40% of homeowners had fire insurance and nearly all of those were underinsured for a disaster of this magnitude with deficits ranging from \$120,000-more than \$300,000.
- Grizzly Flats elderly population is more than double the state and national average, with three times as many households relying on social security income.
- The unemployment rate was more than four times the national rate with 22% unemployed before the fire.
- It ranks in the 64th percentile in terms of socioeconomic vulnerability—only 36 percent of census tracts in the USA are more vulnerable.
- 21% of Grizzly Flats residents are considered disabled.
- If Grizzly Flats were a County, it would rank 46th out of 58 in terms of the median household income.
- To date, only 34 property owners have applied for fee waivers to either rebuild or put a temporary RV on the property.
- The devastation of this community cannot be overstated. The survivors are exceptionally vulnerable, face nearly insurmountable challenges in recovery and many have simply pulled up stakes and left the County or even the State.