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BUTTE WILDFIRE

The Butte Wildfire started on September 9th in Amador County's Mokelumne River Canyon and quickly spread into Calaveras County overnight.

We knew the fire was moving toward us, but never thought it would reach our home so quickly! At 3 AM on September 11th, we were forced to evacuate from our home with only 15 minutes to spare. We loaded our horses, dogs and whatever else we could throw into our cars at the last minute. Thankfully, all our cattle were safely located in Valley Springs and, with the generous hospitality of the Ospital Family in Burson, we had a comfortable place to temporarily call home while we waited for evacuation orders to be lifted.

On September 17th, after a week long evacuation, we were allowed to return to our home. We'll never forget the moment we saw our house standing on a charred mountaintop. It is truly a miracle that our house remained in tact while virtually everything around it was burned, including (sadly) five neighboring homes.

At last count, the Butte Fire consumed 71,000 acres of land, destroyed over 800 structures and took two people's lives, making it the worst wildfire ever recorded in Calaveras County history. Thank you to all who fought the fire, kept order, restored power, cleared the roads and supported us during and after the evacuation!



REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

We are extremely lucky that our ranch, animals and home were all spared. In addition, it is a miracle that the beef stored in our freezers stayed frozen solid, even after four days without power! Many thanks to our wonderful neighbors, the Pargetts, for turning on our generators prior to our return. Without their help, our beef would have been lost!

Unfortunately, not all were as lucky as us and we are determined to help give back. We have already donated over 100 pounds of beef to various fund raising efforts and, beginning October 1st and until our current inventory is sold out, 50% of the proceeds from our beef sales will be donated to relief efforts in the community.

Please visit our [Butcher Shop](#) and join us in our rebuilding efforts, one steak at a time!

AN EXCITING DEBUT AT OUTER AISLE

We are pleased to announce that our beef is now featured at one of Calaveras County's premier restaurants, [Outer Aisle](#) in Murphys. We are honored to work with them and excited to share in their core values of land stewardship, respect for animals and promotion of a sustainable, local food system.

Please be sure to stop by and try Partner/Executive Chef Jimmy Sadegi's delectable, creative nose-to-tail menu!

Pictured below: Outer Aisle's Wagyu burger with aged white cheddar, caramelized onions, lettuce, tomato and house-made ketchup on a grilled focaccia roll (courtesy of Chef Jimmy Sadegi).

