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Evacuation Order Lifted for Swanton Pacific Ranch  
- - Cleanup Underway

SANTA CRUZ -- Cal Poly's Swanton Pacific Ranch inhabitants have returned to the ranch after Cal Fire lifted evacuation orders earlier this week. Faculty and students have returned to the ranch along with animals that were sheltered at Swanton's cattle shipping corrals.

Faculty and students, along with other Cal Poly officials, are currently assessing damage to the ranch to determine next steps.

The ranch shipping corrals, just off Highway One in Davenport, remained outside the evacuation zone and safe throughout the Lockheed Fire. Swanton's corrals served as shelter for the horses of neighbors also evacuated from the fire zone.

All Cal Poly animals and operations were evacuated to Swanton Pacific's corrals Aug. 12 as the Lockheed Fire burned close to upper portions of the ranch. The fire subsequently burned close to Swanton's school house (used as a residence), yurts and apple orchard. Initial reports indicated fire crews saved the buildings.

San Jose Mercury News Story Aug. 20 - Story:  
Damage Could Have Been Much Worse - Fire Mainly Limited to Understory

Visit the Swanton Pacific Ranch Web site