



## Notice

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### **FinCEN Encourages Communication from Financial Institutions Affected by the California Wildfires**

WASHINGTON – FinCEN announced today that financial institutions affected by the California wildfires should contact FinCEN and their functional regulator as soon as practicable to discuss any delays in their ability to file required Bank Secrecy Act reports. Institutions seeking to contact FinCEN should call the FinCEN Resource Center at 1-800-949-2732 and select option 8 or e-mail at [FRC@fincen.gov](mailto:FRC@fincen.gov).

In light of the fluid nature of the various recovery efforts, financial institutions are also encouraged to keep FinCEN and their functional regulators informed as their circumstances change.

FinCEN would also like to remind financial institutions about the potential for fraudulent transactions in the wake of disasters. Please see FIN-2017-A007- Advisory to Financial Institutions Regarding Disaster-Related Fraud (October 31, 2017). <https://www.fincen.gov/sites/default/files/advisory/2017-10-31/FinCEN%20Advisory%20FIN-2017-A007-508%20Compliant.pdf>.