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To: Sponsoring Agency Fire Chiefs (and designated

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SUBJECT: California-Based US&R Resources Activated for

Tropical Cyclone Helene

NOTE: *****INFORMATIONAL/SITUATIONAL AWARENESS*****

Seven California-based members of the FEMA US&R Blue Incident Support Team (IST) have received Activation Orders to deploy to Orlando, Florida in anticipation of Tropic Storm Helene landfall. They will be joined by the East IST Cache and six NIMS Type 1 US&R task forces from other states that also have been Activated by the US&R Branch.

Cal OES Fire & Rescue continues to monitor and support US&R resource needs.

Respectfully,

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