

# Requa area still cut off by landslide

*Residents without power for second day*

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A crew is still working to clear a landslide that closed Requa Road over the weekend.

Del Norte County Road Superintendent Jeff Daniels said Monday he hoped to have at least one lane open by sometime tonight or Tuesday and get power restored to stranded residents, but the slide could continue to be a problem for some time.

About 78 people who live above the slide on Requa hill at the mouth of the Klamath River have been stuck without power since late Saturday.

On Monday, the Del Norte County Office of Emergency Services was boating in food and fuel to residents who were starting to run low on supplies.

The Historic Requa Inn has been providing shelter and food for out-of-towners stuck after the landslide, neighbors. It's also been a command post for OES, along with the Yurok Tribal Office in Klamath.

Emergency responders knocked on doors to see if any residents had medical needs, basically to see "how everyone was doing," said Cindy Henderson, emergency services manager for the county.

One person was taken by boat from Requa for shortness of breathe Monday morning and was treated, Henderson said.

"Everyone is doing pretty good," she said.

A truckload of about 1,500 cubic yards of debris had been removed by Monday afternoon and the crew was trying to get another truckload out by the end of the day, Daniels said.

The crew has managed to get about halfway through the slide but more of the hill keeps coming down, Daniels said.

"We're just hoping it stays where it's at," he said.

So far, that hasn't been the case. Each scoop of debris brought out, "a little bit more has come down," Daniels said.

"It's been one step forward and one step back," he said. "That's the nature of landslides."

Once the road opens, the slide area will have to be monitored daily as about 40-50 feet of upslope has the potential to fall, Daniels said, especially when it rains again.

The National Weather Service is forecasting rain for most of the week.

“This will be a project for several weeks,” Daniels said.

On Monday, food and fuel was taken by boat to the residents, who were starting to run low, to make sure they made it through the night, Henderson said.

Requa residents have telephone service, but fuel was needed for a generator that runs telephone service for all of Klamath, she said.

“We’re taking it one day at a time,” Henderson said. “We’re trying to keep them content and help them weather through this.”

A smaller slide came down over the road Saturday afternoon. The county road crew had cleared it that evening when about an hour later more of the hillside came down.

Geneva Wiki, an owner of the Requa Inn, said several out-of-towners were visiting the Requa Overlook when the first slide happened Saturday.

Visitors included a family on their way to Disneyland, a couple from Florida who were going to Medford and a group from Arcata, Wiki said. They found shelter at the inn until the road was cleared.

The innkeepers found themselves without power again after the second slide and are feeding and housing others stuck on the hill.

