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Team Rubicon Providing Debris Removal in Wake of Recent Floods and Mudslides in Lake Elsinore, Calif.

LAKE ELSINORE, Calif., (Jan. 29, 2019) – <u>Team Rubicon</u>, a veteran-led disaster response organization, has launched an operation to provide response and recovery support to the residents of Lake Elsinore, Calif., following the recent floods and mudslides in the Robinhood Oaks Estates area. Operations began Monday, January 28 and are anticipated to last five days.

In coordination with local and state officials, Team Rubicon will conduct damage assessments, and provide debris removal, spontaneous volunteer management, as well as sawyer and heavy equipment operations - helping to speed the recovery of the community.

Team Rubicon performs its services at no cost to those affected, thanks to the generosity of donors. Residents seeking assistance are urged to call Riverside County Emergency Management Department at (951) 358-7103.

"This community in Lake Elsinore has unfortunately been struck by several different types of disasters these last several months," said Cody Frazier, Team Rubicon Incident Commander for Operation Wind Rider. "Our volunteers have stepped up and are putting great effort into making this area safer for when the next storm comes."

Team Rubicon boasts a 90,000-strong, highly skilled volunteer force that helps communities stabilize and recover after a devastating natural disaster. Since its inception following the 2010 Haiti earthquake, Team Rubicon has responded to more than 315 disasters, including Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, Florence, and Michael.

Through a strong communications infrastructure supported by cutting-edge technological solutions, Team Rubicon volunteers efficiently and effectively respond to natural disasters and help families return to their homes as soon as possible. By giving military veteran volunteers the opportunity to continue their service through disaster response, Team Rubicon provides them an avenue to gain a renewed sense of purpose, community, and identity.

About Team Rubicon

Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. Team Rubicon is a nonprofit organization offering veterans a chance to continue their service by helping and empowering those afflicted by disasters, and also themselves.

Programs and services are made possible by the support of individual donors, corporate partners, and the dedication of volunteers across the country. To join or support Team Rubicon's mission, visit www.TeamRubiconUSA.org.

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