Hello Siskiyous,

Words cannot express the sadness I feel for the community. Specifically, our employees and students who have been displaced and, who may have lost their homes...perhaps even for a 2^{nd} time. I'm heartbroken.

Few updates:

- **On-campus COVID Testing:** Canceled for the week of Sept. 5th.
- **OES on campus:** OES has graciously set up cooling & charging stations in parking lot A. Showers will also be available after 1p today (Sept. 5).
- Additional Shower Resource: The Gym Showers are also available for employees and their families from 9a 11a.
- Academic Affairs and Student Services: You should have already received an email from Mark and Patrick. Please read through the information and contact Mark or Patrick if you have any questions.
- **Webpage Updates:** Currently, due to the campus power outage, Weblinks is unable to post information on the campus home page. We will be troubleshooting this issue this afternoon.

I was also going to include other 'business' items but will send those in another email later in the week.....it has been a loooonggg weekend.

I want to recognize some key people who have gone above and beyond to assist with the campus power outage, hot water and campus safety issues....evacuating the campus (including lodge students), setting up beds and delivering food to RHSI for our evacuated lodge students, moving students back to campus....sending vital communications via COS Connect, email and social media.....prepping dozens of 'grab and go' meals in a moment's notice and assisting with providing our community with needed resources...Ronnie and her crew, Patrick, Mark, Carie, Crystal, Val, Ty, Austin, Robert, Teresa, and Siskiyou County OES. These people have been working nonstop and, we know it's not over.....I also want to acknowledge those who will keep campus operations running through the closure...Facilities and maintenance, Food Services, Lodges, HR, Payroll and Business Services....oh, and thank you to those who have reached out to offer assistance! I feel extremely lucky to work with such a dedicated team.

My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with all of you. Please stay safe, follow evacuation orders, and reach out if you need assistance. Carie an I will be discussing fundraising efforts

sometime this week.

Take care everyone.

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