

2018

# Wildfire Evacuation Plan

## for the Prairie City Community

For use by the Incident Commander in the event of a catastrophic wildland fire near the community of Prairie City, Oregon.

Malheur National Forest  
Oregon Department of Forestry  
Bureau of Land Management  
Grant County



## PRAIRIE CITY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE EVACUATION PLAN

### PURPOSE

This plan is intended to be used in the event that the [insert wildfire name] creates a need for notification and evacuation of the citizens in and adjacent to the incident.

### INTENT

The Grant County Sheriff's Office is legally charged with the responsibility of evacuation. In order for adequate planning and decision making to occur before the need, it is important that the Sheriff's Department has advance notice and be included in the earliest possible discussions regarding evacuation needs.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA

This plan will cover the Prairie City Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) areas generally described as (choose N, E, S or W) of the fire. Prairie City is accessed east and west on US Highway 26. The current population is 1100. Most of the WUI area is protected by the Prairie City Rural Fire Protection District.

### TRIGGER POINT

If the fire is deemed to threaten the identified tactical area(s), the Operations Section Chief will request activation of the appropriate evacuation level based on current and predicted fire behavior. Upon recommendation by the Operations Section Chief, the agency decision makers will convene and re-evaluate the threat using the following criteria:

- Fire crosses or approaches pre-identified lines
- Time of day (i.e. early morning vs. mid-afternoon)
- Weather (current and expected)
- Fuels and fire behavior
- Sustained run vs. spot fires
- Probability of success with available resources

### ACTIVATION

The \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Incident is situated primarily within or adjacent to the Prairie City Wildland Urban Interface area, within the Oregon Department of Forestry Central Oregon District, Grant County and surrounded by the Malheur National Forest north, south and east. This community evacuation plan is activated by calling the affected agency representative:

<u>Agency Decision Makers:</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Cell</u>
_____ Incident Commander	(xxx) xxx-xxxx	
Forest Supervisor, Malheur National Forest	(541) 575-3000	
Unit Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry	(541) 575-1139	
Grant County Sheriff	(541) 575-1131	
Grant County Judge	(541) 575-0059	
Grant County Fire Defense Board Chief	(541) 575-1855	
Dean Hicks, Prairie City Fire Chief	(541) 820-3324	
Gary Waterhouse, Prairie City Mayor	(541) 820-3325	
American Red Cross	(888) 895-1099	(541) 382-2142 Voice Message

**Grant County 24 Hour Dispatch** (541) 575-0030  
**John Day Interagency Dispatch – USFS & ODF** (541) 575-1321

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The \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Incident is situated primarily within or adjacent to the Prairie City Wildland Urban Interface area, within the Prairie City limits and Grant County Oregon. This community evacuation plan is activated by calling the affected agency representative.

**Steps for activation:**

1. The need for a possible evacuation will be identified by Operational Personnel.
2. The request for evacuation will be submitted or concurred by the Incident Commander or his designee.
3. Contact communications to place the request as needed.
4. The IC or designee will inform the agency representative of the current and the predicted situation.
  - Identify the affected area.
  - Ask that a liaison from the affected county report to the ICP.
  - Ask that the appropriate evacuation be implemented.
  - Ask for confirmation of shelter activation / location from Red Cross.
  - The IMT Information Officer will coordinate the development of a media release of evacuation/shelter decisions.

**\*\* Evacuation Location will be determined by American Red Cross if activated.**

**\*\*Other Considerations: Oregon State Police will evaluate US and State Highways for closures at each juncture of evacuation and make that determination in conjunction with the Incident Safety Officer.**

**EVACUATION COORDINATION**

**Coordination:**

- Evacuations will be coordinated between the Incident Commander and the Sheriff’s representative.

**Communications:**

- For field coordination of evacuation communications
  1. Use ODF Red Net, RX 151.3400, TX 151.3400, TX Guard Tone 156.7
  2. For backup use Oregon Search and Rescue RX 155.8050, TX Guard Tone 156.7

**Evacuation Process:**

- Visual identification notification
  1. Green colored ribbon at driveway designates “**Occupied**” contact made
  2. White colored ribbon stretched across driveway designates “**Not Occupied**”
  3. Yellow colored ribbon indicates “**Danger Area – Do Not Cross**”

In the event of radio failure and/or lack of cell phone reception use Grant County Fire radio:

<b>Grant County Fire – Emergency Radio System</b>				
RX	TX	Tone Rx	TX	Name
<b>154.44500</b>	158.86500	107.2	162.2	Grant County Fire - Monument
<b>154.44500</b>	158.86500	107.2	85.4	Grant County Fire - Tamarack
<b>154.44500</b>	158.86500	107.2	131.8	Grant County Fire - Long Creek
<b>154.44500</b>	158.86500	107.2	107.2	Grant County Fire - Dixie
<b>154.44500</b>	158.86500	107.2	156.7	Grant County Fire - Aldrich
<b>154.44500</b>	158.86500	107.2	100.0	Grant County Fire - John Day
<b>154.44500</b>	158.86500	107.2	74.4	Grant County Fire - Snow Mountain

## **Notification Summary**

### **Precautionary Notification**

**NOTIFICATION OF COOPERATING AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF FIRE ACTIVITY OUTSIDE THE ESTABLISHED CONTROL OR CONTAINMENT LINES.**

#### **LEVEL 1**

PERSONS ARE WARNED THAT CURRENT OR PROJECTED THREATS FROM HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPROACHING FIRE(S) ARE SEVERE.

THIS IS THE TIME FOR PREPARATION, AND PRECAUTIONARY MOVEMENT OF PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, CELL PROPERTY, AND (UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES) PETS AND LIVESTOCK.

YOU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED AS CONDITIONS CHANGE. AREA RADIO STATIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BROADCAST PERIODIC UPDATES.

IF CONDITIONS WORSEN, WE WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO CONTACT YOU. IF YOU ARE ABSENT FROM YOUR HOME FOR MORE THAN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, PLEASE LEAVE A NOTE WITH YOUR NAME AND A CONTACT TELEPHONE IN A VISIBLE LOCATION. AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO CONTACT YOU BY PHONE

#### **LEVEL 2**

CONDITIONS INDICATE A GOOD PROBABILITY THAT HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPROACHING FIRE(S) WILL SEVERELY LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICE PROTECTION. DANGEROUS CONDITIONS EXIST THAT MAY THREATEN YOUR RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS.

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#### **LEVEL 3**

CURRENT CONDITIONS PRESENT SPECIFIC AND IMMEDIATE THREAT(S) TO THE LIFE AND SAFETY OF PERSONS WITHIN THIS AREA

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FIRE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ARE WORKING IN THIS AREA TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE ROUTE(S) TO TAKE.

A TEMPORARY SHELTER HAS BEEN SET UP AT: **Enter location determined by American Red Cross**

IF YOU CHOOSE TO IGNORE THIS ADVISEMENT, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT EMERGENCY SERVICES MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE.

VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE AREA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

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See individual evacuation notification handouts in Appendix A

### **TACTICAL AREA DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **US Highway 26 Corridor area:**

Oregon State Police, (541) 575-1363 office

#### **Prairie City**

Grant County Sheriff, (541) 575-0030 dispatch

Private land located in: Township 13S; Range 33E; Sections 2 & 11

#### **County Road 60 WUI**

Grant County Sheriff, (541) 575-0030 dispatch

Private land located in: Township 13S; Range 33E; Sections 14, 23-25 & 36  
Township 14S; Range 34E; Sections 1, 12 & 13

#### **Dixie Creek – County Road 58 WUI**

Grant County Sheriff, (541) 575-0030 dispatch

Private land located in: Township 12S; Range 33E; Sections 23, 24  
Township 12S; Range 34E; Section 19

#### **Loop Road WUI (County Roads 61 & 62)**

Grant County Sheriff, (541) 575-0030 dispatch

Private land located in: Township 13S; Range 33E; Section 12, 13  
Township 13S; Range 34E; Sections 7- 9, 15-18, 21- 23, 25-27, 34-36  
Township 14S; Range 34E; Sections 1, 12 & 13

#### **Old Bates Road – CR 72 WUI**

Grant County Sheriff, (541) 575-0030 dispatch

Private land located in: Township 12S; Range 34E; Sections 28, 32 & 33

**Dixie View Road – CR 75 WUI**

Grant County Sheriff, (541) 575-0030 dispatch

Private land located in: Township 12S; Range 34E; Sections 31 & 32

**Indian Creek - County Roads 55 and 71 WUI**

Grant County Sheriff, (541) 575-0030 dispatch

Private land located in: Township 13S; Range 32E; Section 13

Township 13S; Range 33E; Section 18 – 20, 28 – 33

Township 14S; Range 33E; Sections 3 – 5 & 8

**Pine Creek WUI (County Roads 54 and 43)**

Grant County Sheriff, (541) 575-0030 dispatch

Private land located in: Township 13S; Range 32E; Sections 22, 23, 25, 26, 34-36

Township 14S; Range 32E; Sections 1, 10, 11 & 12

## **EVACUATION AREA RE-ENTRY**

The Incident Management Team (IMT) will provide recommendations to the Sheriff's Office for private properties and the (enter agency name) for (agency abbreviation) property for lowering evacuation levels. The authority having jurisdiction is responsible for applying the change in evacuation level.

Considerations for safe re-entry:

- ✓ Public and firefighter safety
- ✓ Fire behavior / situation
- ✓ Fire traffic / activities
- ✓ Hazard tree mitigation
- ✓ Slope stabilization (rolling / falling debris)
- ✓ Utilities secured
- ✓ Visibility
- ✓ Minimizing economic consequences
- ✓ Community integrity

Citizens are advised that the advisory /evacuation level may change at a moments notice.

All re-entry requests shall be coordinated with the IMT Operations Section Chief before re-entry into evacuated areas will begin.

### **Grant County, Oregon**

All requests for re-entry into the evacuated areas within Grant County shall go through the Grant County Sheriff. Persons entering the area shall provide identification and/or proof of ownership of the property in question. After approval, evacuees will be allowed re-entry based on the current situation.

Approved by:

Date:

Typed name of IC

Incident Commander, (add incident mgmt. team name)

Grant County Sheriff

# **EVACUATION PLANNING and RESOURCE GUIDE**

## **Decision Making Authorities**

County Sheriff, City PD  
County/City Emergency Management  
Local/County Fire Chief  
Agency Administrator

## **Mapping Resources**

ODF/Forest/District  
City/County Planning, Assessor's Office  
City/County Public Works  
Internet Sources

## **Evacuation Routes/Traffic Control**

City/County/State Law Enforcement  
City/County Public Works  
State DOT

## **Security and Re-Entry**

City/County/State Law Enforcement  
Utility Providers  
Building Officials  
Assessor's Officials  
Victim Support

## **Operations**

Identify Tactical Areas  
Assess fire Behavior, Weather  
Develop Evaluation Lines  
Identify Ingress, Egress Routes

## **Notification**

Local 911 (Emergency Phone Network)  
Local Media Web Sites  
Public Information Centers  
Public Meetings

## **Shelters**

City/County Emergency Management  
American Red Cross  
Humane Society/Animal Rescue



# **APPENDIX A**

**Use the following Emergency Notice attachments as follows:**

**Level 1 & 2**– handout to affected residences, use as a Public Service Announcement on radio, a newspaper insert (if time allows) leave as flyers in area businesses and for posting throughout the affected area.

**Level 3** – handout to affected residences and use radio immediately for a Public Service Announcement.

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