



BUTTE LIGHTNING COMPLEX

www.fire.ca.gov



Information Line: 530-538-7826



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Release Date: Sunday , June 29, 2008, 12:00 p.m.

Concow Community Evacuation Downgraded to Precautionary Evacuation Advisory

CAL FIRE, the Butte County Sheriff's Office, and allied agencies on the Butte Lightning Complex have determined that the Concow Community evacuation can be downgraded to a "Precautionary Evacuation Advisory" at noon today. Firefighters have made significant progress containing the Rim Fire and the immediate threat to the community has been diminished. The "Precautionary Evacuation Advisory" will remain in effect until upgraded or when the threat from the Rim Fire and other fires has been mitigated.

A "Precautionary Evacuation Advisory" is defined as: Areas under a "Precautionary Evacuation Advisory" are in the fire's influence zone. While not immediately in danger, changes in weather and/or fire conditions could rapidly cause a threatening situation to occur. Residents should be prepared to evacuate at a moments notice. Those needing extra time to evacuate should leave.

Concow residents need to know the following when returning to their homes:

- Residents will be permitted access to their homes but all access roads into the fire area will remain closed.
- Small animals can be picked up from the Spring Valley Evacuation Shelter until 5:00 p.m. throughout the day (Sunday, June 29, 2008). Animals not picked up by 5:00 p.m. (Sunday June 29, 2008) will be transported to the new shelter location at Las Plumas High School @ 2380 Las Plumas Ave. in Oroville. Small animals will be cared for at the shelter while the "Precautionary Evacuation Advisory" is still in effect.
- Previously evacuated large animals should be left with family, friends, or the Chico State Farm evacuation location for the duration of the "Precautionary Evacuation Advisory". This will prevent an additional large animal evacuation if the threat is elevated and an Immediate Threat Advisory issued.
- **Remain alert and be prepared.**

The following road closures will be lifted for the Concow Precautionary Evacuation Area:

- Lunt Rd. @ Hwy. 70
- Concow Rd. @ Hwy. 70
- Concow Rd. @ Jordan Hill Rd.
- Jordan Hill Rd. from Concow Rd. to Hoffman Rd.
- Pinkston Canyon Rd. from Hwy. 70 to Concow Rd.
- Deadwood Rd. from Hwy. 70 to Concow Rd.

The following road closures will remain in effect for the Concow Precautionary Evacuation Area: (No access to the fire area will be permitted)

- Concow Rd. @ the end of the pavement
- Jordan Hill @ Hoffman
- Hwy. 70 @ Big Bend through Greenville "Y"/Hwy.89
- Andy Mountain Rd./Rim Rd. @ Hwy. 70 (open to residents)
- Bardee's Bar @ Big Bend Rd.

Several residents in the Jarbo Gap area may be without power. The affected area is near the CAL FIRE Jarbo Gap Station. The Butte County Public Works/Road Department is working on repairing a damaged bridge at Cedar Creek on Camp Creek Road to facilitate PG & E access to repair the lines.

Residents returning to their homes must remain prepared for a potential elevation of their evacuation status. A fire threat still exists for the Concow Community. Monitor local radio and television outlets for **official** incident information. Information can also be found at CAL FIRE www.fire.ca.gov and from Butte County at www.buttecounty.net.

###