

# Are you prepared?



## **WILDLAND FIRE EVACUATION PLAN Shingletown Ridge**



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### Pre-Fire Preparation

- Have adequate clearance around structures of all flammable material. Minimum of 100 feet in areas designated "Very High Fire Danger", (includes wood piles). (Greater distance may be required based on slope).
- Clear pine needles and leaves from gutters and roof. Trim back overhanging branches at least 10 feet from the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe.
- Replace roofing and siding with nonflammable or fire resistive materials.
- Reduce or remove flammable vegetation, including landscape plants, and replace with less flammable plants.
- Maintain greenbelt modification around developed areas.
- Install and maintain strategic fuel breaks.
- Have means of transporting pets readily available.
- Collect valuables, important documents, medications and other personal items in one place and be ready to evacuate if necessary. Maintain a mobile survival kit.
- Local Disaster Volunteers or Neighborhood Watch groups should conduct data collection on homeowners by neighborhood. Shasta County Social Services has information regarding medically fragile persons.
- Local groups should establish alternative communications and alerting methods such as phone trees.
- Preplan and prepare for a local disaster coordination point to be known as "Evacuee Collection Points" (ECP).

*Public Agencies will carry out duties and functional responsibilities to the best of their ability, considering the extent of the emergency and available resources.*

### What Would Happen in the Case of an Evacuation

- Emergency Response Personnel (Fire Department/Sheriff's Office) will decide the areas to be evacuated and notify the occupants.** The area to be evacuated will depend upon where the fire is, wind and fire behavior. **Fixed evacuation plans will not work due to the variability of fire spread.**
- Law Enforcement agencies are responsible for carrying out the evacuation.** They will use deputies, officers, Search and Rescue, and citizen volunteer patrols (CVP). Law Enforcement agencies are responsible for the security of areas that are evacuated. Sheriff officers will be placed at road blocks to obtain information regarding people that may still be in an evacuated area.
- The Local Community Disaster Rep. Or Neighborhood Watch Chairperson** will work closely with the Sheriff's Office in the Command Post to **ensure that local needs are communicated.**
- Red Cross/Sheriff's Office will decide where people will be relocated for short-term relocation.** Red Cross will have a representative in the Command Post.
- California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the Shasta County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), CalTrans/County Public Works will control traffic flow** and maintain access for emergency equipment. CHP and SCSO will have a representative in the Command Post. CHP and SCSO may utilize CVP, Search and Rescue, or Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Officers.

### What to do if a Wildfire is Approaching

- Park your vehicle facing out. Put your valuables in the car. Place the car keys where you can find them.
- Secure pets and prepare them to be transported. **If you have livestock or large animals that you have no means of removal, contact the Sheriff's Office at 245-6540, with the number and type of animals.**
- Close shutters and heavy drapes.
- Leave your electricity on and leave some inside lights on. Leave doors unlocked.
- Attach garden hoses to exterior faucets and place buckets full of water around the house.
- Place a ladder outside for roof access.
- Cover up by wearing long pants, long sleeved shirt, goggles or glasses and a baseball cap and a bandana to cover your face. 100% cotton clothing is preferable.
- Turn off gas at gas meter or propane tank.

## Three Levels of Shelter/Evacuation

### Evacuation Notification:

First notification may come in the form of an advisory. Residents will be advised of potential hazards and the possibility of future mandatory evacuation. Residents should prepare for the following alternatives and will be given instructions as to travel routes and Evacuee Collection Points. Second notification will be an evacuation order.

### Shelter in Place:

This would be for a low intensity fire where the structures have good clearance and are made of fire resistant materials and the Fire Department felt it was safe to stay.

### Evacuee Collections Points (ECP):

Temporary holding areas for smaller groups of people until shelter locations can be established. These locations are identified throughout the community to provide collection points that are a relatively short distance from their homes. A map of established Evacuee Collection Points and a list describing their location is attached. Not all Evacuee Collection Points may be available based on the location of the fire.

### Evacuation:

**When an evacuation order is given, residents should leave immediately.** Red Cross establishes shelters for the short-term housing and care of evacuated residents during an evacuation order.

### Alternative Locations:

Residents who do not wish to use Red Cross shelters should consider determining in advance alternative housing locations. Access to these locations may be restricted due to the road closures resulting from the incident.

To assist in reuniting families, have an alternate out-of-the-area telephone contact point. If unable to make contact, call the Red Cross at (530) 243-3021.

### Planning Your Evacuation Route:

The direction of your evacuation will be dictated by the location of the fire in relation to your home and the direction and speed it is spreading. The following concepts will help you determine the safest travel route. **Single fixed routes will not work in a fire situation!**

### Evacuee Collection Point:

Know the location of **all Evacuee Collection Points** in your area.

## Primary Travel Routes

- Know the primary travel routes to get to the Evacuee Collection Points.
- Be prepared to be directed by Public Safety or traffic control personnel. You must follow their directions.
- Drive the routes, in advance, so that you will be prepared before the confusion of an actual emergency.

## During Evacuation

- Have checklist and map ready with all the actions you will take prior to and during evacuation.
- If you become trapped by fire while evacuating in your car, park in an area clear of vegetation, close all vehicle windows and vents, cover yourself with a blanket or jacket and lie on the floor. If you are trapped by fire while evacuating on foot, select an area clear of vegetation and lie face down.
- Watch for downed power lines.

## If You Are Unable to Evacuate When a Fire Approaches:

- Stay inside your house away from outside walls.
- Keep all doors closed but leave them unlocked.
- Keep your entire family together and **REMAIN CALM.** Remember if it gets hot in the house, it is four to five times hotter and more dangerous outside.

## After the Fire Passes

- Check the exterior and roof immediately, extinguish all sparks and embers. If you must climb on the roof, use caution.
- Check inside the attic and underneath decks for hidden burning embers.
- Check your yard for burning woodpiles, trees, fence posts or other materials.

## How Will Citizens Be Notified?

- Neighborhood Communication and Alerting Systems (phone trees)
- Emergency Alert System (EAS), alerting on radio and TV
- Fire Personnel
- Home-to-home by the Sheriff's Office, their volunteers or other public safety personnel.

### Local Radio Stations

KNNN	99.3	(FM)
KQMS	1400	(AM)
KSHA	104.3	(FM)
KEGR	102.7	(FM)
KEWB	94.7	(FM)
KNCQ	97.3	(FM)
KVIP	98.1	(FM)
KVIP	540	(AM)

## When Can People Come Back Into Their Homes?

The Fire Department will determine when it is safe for citizens to move back into their homes. This will be done just as soon as possible. Please do not attempt to return to your house until Public Safety personnel have advised you that it is safe to do so. When safe, the evacuation area may be re-opened to residents only. A form of identification showing residential address may be required to allow access. Areas may remain closed to vehicle traffic for fire fighter & public safety.

This will be announced through the media as well as on the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's information line (225-2510), at roadblocks, Evacuee Collection Points, information points and Red Cross shelters.

For more information, contact the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection office at (530) 225-2418. Contact the Red Cross at (530) 243-3021 for disaster preparedness information.

**Be alert for downed power lines and contact your gas and electric company before turning utilities back on.**

## Where To Keep This Plan:

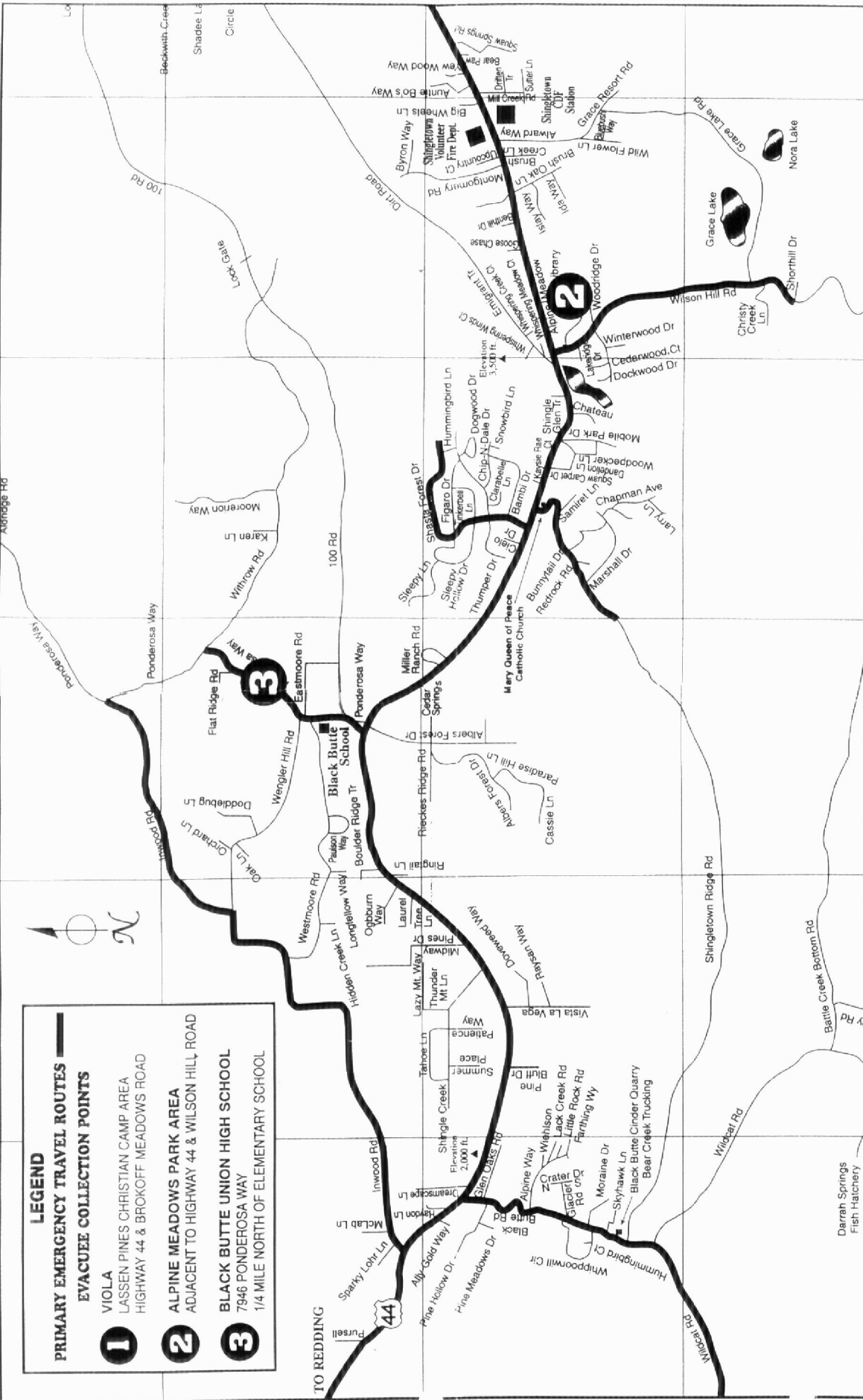
A few suggestions on locations for keeping and maintaining your escape plan:

- Refrigerator Door
- Home Bulletin Board

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**PRIMARY EMERGENCY TRAVEL ROUTES** —————

**EVACUEE COLLECTION POINTS**

- 1** VIOLA  
LASSEN PINES CHRISTIAN CAMP AREA  
HIGHWAY 44 & BROKOFF MEADOWS ROAD
- 2** ALPINE MEADOWS PARK AREA  
ADJACENT TO HIGHWAY 44 & WILSON HILL ROAD
- 3** BLACK BUTTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL  
7946 PONDEROSA WAY  
1/4 MILE NORTH OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TO REDDING  
44



Darran Springs  
Fish Hatchery

Battle Creek Bottom Rd

Shingletown Ridge Rd

Windstar Rd

Whippoorwill Cr

Hummingbird Cr

Black Butte Cinder Quarry

Bear Creek Trucking

Skyhawk Ln

Moraine Dr

Glacier Rd

Crater Rd

Alpine Way

Whitson

Lack Creek Rd

Little Rock Rd

Farthing Wy

Black Butte

Black Mt Ln

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