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Final Phase of Junkins Fire Evacuees to Re-Enter Homes Today

Pueblo, CO: The Pueblo Sheriff's Office and the Great Basin Incident Team have lifted the evacuation order today (October 22, 2016) for the remainder of the Pueblo County residents who have been on evacuation notice since Monday due to the Junkins Fire.

Residents living in the North Creek area from Red Mountain Youth Camp to the Pueblo/Custer County Line will be allowed to begin the re-entry process to their homes at 10 a.m. Access to those homes can be made only via Highway 78. The area from Red Mountain Youth Camp to the Pueblo/Custer County line will be restricted to residents ONLY until further notice.

All residents returning to their homes are required to get a re-entry permit at the Colorado Building on the Colorado State Fairgrounds. Processing will begin at 10 a.m. through 3 p.m. today. Residents are required to show a photo ID with proof of address or a photo ID along with another item showing proof of address.

As operations on the Junkins Fire continue, the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Bureau has transitioned to recovery as residents, who were evacuated from their homes are returning. The public hotline is still available through the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office at (719) 583-6250.

A multi-agency resource center has been established, in conjunction with the re-entry center at the Colorado Building on the Colorado State Fairgrounds. The center offers services and assistance to Beulah area residents as they return to their homes.

In returning to their homes, residents need to be aware that extended power outages will likely have resulted in spoiled food. Dumpsters will be provided for residents to dispose of spoiled food items only. The dumpsters are located at the intersection of North Creek Road and North Creek Cutoff from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. The dumpsters will be locked during non-operation hours. Residents are requested to NOT leave food waste on the ground or around the dumpster if it is locked due to wildlife in the area.

Residents are also asked to avoid being on the roads in the Beulah area as there is still heavy traffic from First Responders who are working the fire. Law enforcement presence will remain in the area.

