BLACK FIRE EVACUATION STATUS CHANGES
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Sierra County, NM - June 4, 2022: The Sierra County Sheriff’s Office in close coordination with the Southwest Incident Management Team 3 is making changes to evacuation status for the Black Fire.

A decision to make immediate changes to the current evacuation status was made after a review of fire activity in and around areas affected at the northern and southeast boundaries of the Black Fire. After considering several factors to include fire behavior, fuel types, natural barriers, estimated time of evacuation, and other factors, it was determined that the area north of State Road 59 to include Poverty Creek, was no longer currently in imminent danger from the Black Fire and should be downgraded from “SET” to a “READY” status.

Due to continued fire growth on the Southeast end of the Black Fire, the areas of the Ladder Ranch, should be upgraded from “PLANNING” to a “READY” status.

Evacuations will downgrade from SET to READY for the following areas:

AREA 1C- SR 59 BEAVERHEAD EAST TO JUNCTION OF SR 52 @ BEAR CREEK RD

Evacuations will upgrade from PLANNING to READY for the following areas:

LADDER RANCH PLANNING- STRUCTURES AND SURROUNDING ASSETS LOCATED ON THE LADDER RANCH

Areas 1A, 3 (NW of Chloride/Winston), 4, 8A and 11 remain in GO status. These changes are effective immediately. Please continue to stay vigilante and aware of fire activity. For information about “Ready, Set, Go” visit: https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/fire-prevention-programs/.

For real time, interactive evacuation map visit: https://bit.ly/3al2Opd

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