Sierra County, NM - June 5, 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 near the Ladder Ranch. After considering several factors to include fire behavior, fuel types, natural barriers, estimated time of evacuation, and other factors, it was determined that the residents and employees of the Ladder Ranch, are currently in increased danger from the Black Fire and should be upgraded from a “READY” to a “SET” status.

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

UPPER ANIMAS CREEK AREA- LADDER RANCH

Areas 1A, 3 (NW of Chloride/Winston), 4, 8A and 11A remain in GO status. These changes are effective immediately. Please continue to stay vigilant 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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