BLACK FIRE EVACUATION STATUS CHANGES

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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 personnel activity in and around areas north of Kingston and Percha Creek. 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 within these communities should begin or continue efforts to safeguard their homes and properties from the risks associated with the Black Fire and should be upgraded from “PLANNING” to a “READY” status.

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

KINGSTON/PERCHA CREEK- RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN KINGSTON AND PERCHA CREEK AREAS

Areas 1A, 2A (West 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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