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GREEN RIDGE FIRE – EVACUATION LEVELS CHANGE FOR GARFIELD

Effective July 26, 2021, The Garfield County Sheriff's Office has lifted the Level 1 evacuation area for the Grouse Flats area. The remaining Level 1 evacuation area for Garfield County will remain in effect and be expanded from Mountain Road going East to Columbia County line and North from the Umatilla National Forest boundary to Linville Ridge Road to Blind Grade Road and extending to the Columbia County line.

Evacuation Levels are evaluated daily based on current and forecasted fire activity. Again, the change in current evacuation levels are precautionary.

LEVEL 1— Be **READY** for potential evacuation. Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, monitor emergency services websites and local media outlets for information.

LEVEL 2— Be **SET** to evacuate at a moment notice. This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and to be ready to leave at a moment's notice.

LEVEL 3— **GO!** means leave immediately. Danger to your area is current or imminent, and you should leave immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact the Garfield County Emergency Management Director, Tina Meier, or Sheriff Drew Hyer at (509) 843-3494.