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Regarding the Anvil Fire in the Grassy Knob Wilderness

In conjunction with the Northern Rockies Team 3 currently in charge of the Anvil Fire, northeast of Port Orford, Or., the Curry County Sheriff's Office has assigned a Level II evacuation level to the areas along the Sixes River Road from the Edson Creek Camp Ground to the Sixes River Camp Ground located about sixteen miles east of U.S. Highway 101, on Sixes River Road. The increase of fire level is due to the un-predictability of the fire behavior and growth of the Anvil Fire. The Anvil Fire is a very difficult fire to fight due to the roadless wilderness area, very steep terrain, and heavily wooded thick old growth timber with a lot of fuel for the fire.

This Level II notice will be sent out through Everbridge to those who have signed up for Everbridge in that area. Curry County Sheriff's Deputies will also go to all residences in the selected zone to provide the information. Remember, Level II is:

YOU MUST PREPARE TO LEAVE AT A MOMENTS NOTICE

"This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area, or if choosing to remain, to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice."

If you haven't signed up for Everbridge Emergency Notices, you can go to the Curry County Webpage and sign up at co.curry.or.us. For any questions about Everbridge, you can call Ashley Thien or Commissioner Brad Alcorn in Emergency Management at 541 247-3275.

We are keeping a close eye on the fire behavior on the southwest side of the Anvil Fire and will notify all residents in that area if there will be a need to go to a higher evacuation level, which will depend on the fire behavior. The area previously set for Level II on the Elk River Road remains the same for now. The USFS has closed the Elk River Road from the Elk River Fish Hatchery to Butler Bar Campground.

As your Sheriff, I want you to know that we will always make it a priority to protect you and your property as best we can. Stay safe and watch out for each other.