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Due to the current rain event and in conjunction with the Fire Incident Management Team assigned to the Anvil Fire, the Curry County Sheriff is reducing the evacuation levels currently in place.

Today at 2:00pm, notifications of the decrease in evacuation zones of Level III (Go Now) will be reduced to Level II (Get Set) in the area of Elk River Road from Milepost 4 to the Butler Bar Campground. Even though the Level III is being reduced, the Forest Service Road from Elk River Fish Hatchery to Butler Bar Campground will still be closed to the public for now.

The Curry County Sheriff's Office along with the Fire Incident Command and the Coos Forest Protection Association (CFPA) want you to know that even though the Level III is being reduced, there still will be fire fighters and fire equipment in those areas and to be aware of your surroundings. If we get another warming event and the fire behavior increases, we may need to re-instate Level III. The fire is not out, it has been put in its place for now by the help of the weather.

The current Level II from U.S. Highway to milepost 4 on the Elk River Road will also be reduced back to Level I. The Level II from the Edson Creek Campground to the Sixes River Campground on Sixes River Road will remain in effect for now.

I am pleased to let you all know who were in the closure areas that you can return to your homes. Just remember to be prepared and stay informed. It is due to the USFS District Supervisors, dedicated fire crews, Incident Commands, local fire agencies, local timber companies and CFPA for all the work they did in fighting these fires and not losing any homes.

Sheriff John Ward