



SHERIDAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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For Immediate Release
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No Changes to Evacuation Status and Road Closures Amid Ongoing Fire Response

Sheridan County, 10/22/2024 10:00 a.m. – After careful evaluation of current fire conditions and the operational needs of fire personnel, officials have determined that **no changes** will be made today to the existing evacuation statuses and road closures. These measures remain in place to ensure the safety of both fire crews and local residents.

Road Closures Remain in Effect

- **Road closures** continue to be enforced to allow fire personnel, fire aircraft, and local residents safe access to the closure areas.
- **Red Grade Road** remains a **hard closure** as fire crews work to remove hazardous trees and strengthen fire lines along the roadway.

Due to the ongoing work with large machinery, **public access to Red Grade Road is not safe at this time.** Heavy equipment is being used to clear debris and remediate fire lines, making travel in the area hazardous.

Ongoing Operations

Fire crews are actively using heavy machinery to clear debris and repair fire lines. We understand the inconvenience these closures may cause, but they are necessary to ensure both public safety and the effectiveness of fire suppression efforts.

Officials will continue to **re-evaluate conditions daily** and will lift restrictions when it is safe to do so.

We appreciate your **continued patience** as we work to manage these efforts and protect our community.



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