

Reduction of Evacuation Level in the Highway 56 Corridor

Sanders County Sheriff Tom Rummel, in consultation with the Incident Commanders of the Clark Fork and Goat Rocks Complexes and the Kootenai National Forest, announced the reduction of the Evacuation Order for the Highway 56 Corridor Area to Pre-evacuation at a meeting with evacuees in Noxon this morning. The change will take effect at 6:00 am on Tuesday, September 1. The reduction affects the area from mile marker 14 south to mile mark 2.7 on both sides of the Highway and also includes all residences on the East Fork Bull River Road. Although residents may return to their homes they are reminded they are still in a Pre-evacuation area and that there is still active fire in the vicinity. The burned forest land near their homes may contain unstable snags, deep stump-holes and smoldering jackpots of fuel, so caution is urged.

With this change all residences south of mile mark 20.5 along the Highway 56 Corridor to the Highway 200 intersection, including Angel Island, Bull Lake Estates, Eagle View Estates, East Fork Bull River Road and the South Fork of Bull River, are in Pre-evacuation status. The residences north of Highway 200 from mile marker 6 to the Highway 56 intersection (approximately 4 miles); and the residents of Old Bull River Road also remain under a Pre-evacuation order.