



# Arizona Central West Zone Incident Management Team

## Canyon Complex/Rich Fire Update

Wednesday, July 30, 2008, 7:00 a.m.

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The Plumas County Sheriff's Office has released the following information regarding road closures and current evacuation orders.

Date: 7/30/08 Time 0835 Hours  
Incident: Wild Land Fire in the Feather River Canyon

Due to current weather conditions and fire behavior the following Road Closures, Evacuation Orders and Sheriff's Advisement are in effect.

### Highway Closures

- Highway 70 "Hard Closure"- Between Caribou and Virgilia
- Highway 70 "Soft Closure"- Between the "Y" at Hwy 89& 70 and the town of Virgilia.
- Highway 70 "Soft Closure"- Between Grandview and Caribou Road.

### Evacuation Orders

- Sheriff's Mandatory Evacuation- Rush Creek Road
- Sheriff's Voluntary Evacuation- Caribou Road, Seneca, and the South portion of Butt Valley Reservoir
- Sheriff's Advisement- Highway 70 between Rock Creek Dam and Rich Bar
- Sheriff's Advisement- Highway 70 between Virgilia and Woody's Hot Springs

### Definitions

**Sheriff's Advisement**- Will be sent to all local radio and news stations, Public Information Officer for Plumas County, Local OES Director, Fire Departments in the affected area, and the Rich Bar Incident Command Team.

**Sheriff's Voluntary Evacuation**- Due to the potential threat to life and property by a wildland fire, residents are encouraged to leave the area. The area will be staffed by Law Enforcement and residents will be advised of the threat, but no road closures for residents living in the area. The general public **will not** be allowed in the area of a "**Soft Closure.**"

Sheriff's Voluntary Evacuation- Will be sent to all local radio and news stations, Public Information Officer for Plumas County, Local OES Director, Fire Departments in the affected area, and the Rich Bar Incident Command Team. Door to door notification will take place by responding personnel.

**Sheriff's Mandatory Evacuation-** Due to fire behavior and/or proximity to the wildland fire, residents are in imminent danger or the potential for imminent danger exists. Residents are encouraged to leave the area and road closures will be in effect for all roads around the evacuated area. These closures are "**hard closures;**" residents and the general public **will not** be allowed back and/or escorted into the area until the evacuation is lifted. "**Hard Closures**" to the local highways could also be established for the safety of fire personnel in the area. If "**hard closures**" are established, it is a "**Sheriff's Mandatory Evacuation**" due to the fact that the general public will not be allowed free access and, therefore, can not adequately maintain food, supplies, medicine, etc.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

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