



County of Plumas



Sheriff



Public Works



Office of Emergency Services

**PLUMAS COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
STATUS UPDATE AFFECTING PUBLIC SAFETY
THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008**

9:00 a.m.

EVENT: **Rich Fire Incident**

AREAS: **AFFECTED COMMUNITIES:
RUSH CREEK - RICH BAR, RICH GULCH AREAS**

PUBLIC ADVISORY - Be prepared for emergency situations that may occur such as reduction in air quality, possible power outages and fuel needs. See Red Cross emergency preparedness checklist at www.countyofplumas.com for additional information.

Information will be updated as events occur regarding Evacuation at:

24 HOUR EVACUATION STATUS INFORMATION: 530-283-6102

There is an immediate threat for residents of the Rush Creek - Caribou Road, Seneca and Virgilia areas. Citizens need to follow the instructions provided by the Plumas County Sheriff's department. Be prepared for possible/mandatory evacuation by gathering personal belongings that will fit in your vehicle. Be sure to secure medications and important documentation. Proceed directly to the designated shelter or alternate location in the event of a mandatory evacuation. Please remain calm, use extreme caution when leaving the area, drive safely and follow the instructions of all public safety personnel.

In the event of EVACUATION, the Plumas County Sheriff's Department will issue instructions.

**THE CURRENT EVACUATION CENTER LOCATION FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE RICH FIRE IS THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING
274 LAWRENCE STREET, QUINCY, CA**

IMMEDIATE ACTION ORDER

Sheriff's Mandatory Evacuation - Rush Creek Road. Residents in the Feather River Canyon area of Rush Creek are advised to be aware of an immediate threat evacuation order by the Plumas County Sheriff's Department.

VOLUNTARY ADVISEMENT

Sheriff's Voluntary Evacuation - Caribou Road, Seneca and the South portion of Butt Lake.

PRECAUTIONARY ADVISEMENT

Sheriff’s Advisement - Highway 70 between Rock Creek Dam and Rich Bar as well as Highway 70 between Virgilia and Woody’s Hotsprings. Be advised and aware of the extreme fire danger and possibility of the need to leave the area upon notification.

Evacuation Types:

1. **Sheriff’s Advisement** - Notice of an escalating emergency situation that may require relocation. Be prepared to leave area and aware of plan for your animals.
2. **Sheriff’s Voluntary Evacuation** - Due to potential threat to life and property by wild land fire, residents are encouraged to leave the area. Area will be staffed by Law Enforcement; residents will be advised of threat - no road closures for residents of area. General public restricted from area - “Soft Closure”.
3. **Sheriff’s Mandatory Evacuation** - Due to fire behavior and proximity, residents are in imminent danger or the potential exists. Residents are encouraged to leave the area - road closures in effect on all roads around evacuated area. Considered “Hard Closure” not allowing general public or residents back into the area until evacuation lifted. Evacuation routes will be established by the Sheriff Incident Commander. Due to restricted access by the public, there will be no ability to adequately maintain food, supplies and medication needs etc.

ROAD ACCESS

CURRENT ALERTS - CLOSURE INFO available at www.caltrans.com or 1-800-427-7623

STATE ROUTE 70

HARD CLOSURE - Between Caribou and Virgilia

SOFT CLOSURES - Between the Greenville “Y” at Hwy 89 & 70 and Virgilia AND Between Grandview and Caribou Road

ALTERNATE ROUTES

STATE ROUTE 162 (aka: Bucks-Oroville Hwy/Oroville-Quincy Hwy) over Bucks Summit
STATE ROUTE 32, 36 and INTERSTATE 80 over Donner Summit - open, no restrictions
All local Plumas County roads are open and restriction free at this time.

AIRPORT ACCESS

Gansner Airport in Quincy is closed to the public at this time due to the need for all available access for fire suppression activity.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For expanded information - www.countyofplumas.com Office of Emergency Services. Are you prepared? Air Quality advisory posted. Helpful information available.

MESSAGE

The Office of Emergency Services and Plumas County Officials would like to express their gratitude to the efforts made by those working many hours to help keep our county accessible, enjoyable and safe. They would also like to thank the members of the many communities for their cooperation, understanding and willingness to help their neighbors during this disastrous event.

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