



## **BROOKINGS PREPARES**

### ***SHERIFF ALSO DECLARES LEVEL 1 PRE-EVACUATION ALERT IN HARBOR***

The City of Brookings has declared a State of Emergency in connection with the Chetco Bar Fire and has entered a "Level 1" pre-evacuation stage.

Sheriff John Ward has also declared a Level 1 pre-evacuation alert for that portion of the Harbor community and other unincorporated areas which are not currently included in any evacuation notification.

All Brookings Harbor residents have a heightened awareness of fire danger during warm summer months and practice fire safety; a Level 1 pre-evacuation means a wildfire is active in our immediate area.

While the City continues to play primarily a support role during this fire emergency, we are also preparing plans in the event the fire moves more aggressively toward the City. In cooperation with the Curry County Sheriff and the State Fire Marshall, the City has developed an evacuation strategy which may be implemented in phases and may change as fire conditions change.

Under the "Level 1" stage, residents should monitor the Chetco Bar Fire website <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5385/> and local media outlets for information about the fire and possible evacuation. Do not rely upon postings on Facebook or other social media unless those postings are from emergency services agencies.

This is the time for preparation for a possible fire threat and evacuation. Residents should clean rain gutters, rooftops and brush around their homes.

Actions should include choosing a location out of the Brookings Harbor area to which you may need to relocate. A preparedness checklist is attached to this notice.

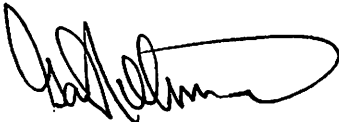
We are fortunate to have hundreds of firefighters and a great deal of fire apparatus staged in the City and at the Port that will be available to respond to provide protection to the community. However, fire activity is unpredictable, particularly during dry, windy Chetco Effect conditions. If the fire does move into the City, it is likely to be from burning embers travelling through the air.

The City has been preparing its water system to support firefighting efforts by servicing and staging emergency generators at pump stations, improving access to the Chetco River for drafting water and making sure fire hydrants are serviceable.

Firefighters have been visiting homes to familiarize themselves with neighborhoods and to evaluate access and the ability to defend structures from fire. This activity is prudent pre-planning. Most of these firefighters are not familiar with our community. They have been assisting property owners with cleaning debris from rain gutters and rooftops, and other work to improve fire safety.

The City has adopted mandatory water conservation. The use of water for washing buildings, vehicles and hard surfaces is now prohibited, as is operating landscape irrigation systems. A complete list of water restrictions is available on the City's website. We need to maintain water storage at maximum capacity for firefighting.

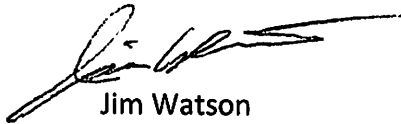
For the latest information on the Chetco Bar Fire call 541-469-1177.



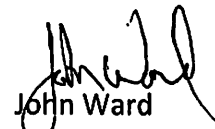
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# Pre-Evacuation Advisory Handout

## Pre-Evacuation Advisory

**Gather Essential Supplies:** In the event that you are in an evacuation situation, you will need the following supplies when you leave your home; put all supplies together in a duffle bag or other large container in advance.

- Flashlight with plenty of extra batteries
- Battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Prescription medications in their original bottle, plus copies of the prescriptions
- Eyeglasses (with copy of the prescription)
- Water (at least one gallon per person is recommended; more is better)
- Foods that do not require refrigeration or cooking
- Items that infants and elderly household members may require
- Medical equipment and devices, such as dentures, crutches, prostheses, etc.
- Change of clothes for each household member
- Sleeping bag or bedroll and pillow for each household member
- Checkbook, cash, and credit cards
- Map of the area

**Gather Important Papers:** You will want to gather, at a minimum, the following papers to take with you. Place them in a portable file or small container in advance.

- Driver's license or personal identification
- Social Security card
- Proof of residence (deed or lease)
- Insurance policies
- Birth and marriage certificates
- Stocks, bonds, and other negotiable certificates
- Wills, deeds, and copies of recent tax returns

### **Animals/Pets – Be Prepared:**

- Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check policies on accepting pets and restrictions on number, size, and species. Ask if “no pet” policies could be waived in an emergency.
- Keep a list of “pet friendly” places, including phone numbers, with other disaster information and supplies. If you have notice of an impending disaster, call ahead for reservations.
- Ask friends, relatives, or others outside the affected area whether they could shelter your animals. If you have more than one pet, they may be more comfortable if kept together, but be prepared to house them separately.
- Prepare a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter animals in an emergency; include 24-hour phone numbers.

Ask local animal shelters if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets in a disaster. Animal shelters may be overburdened caring for the animals they already have, as well as those displaced by a disaster, so this should be your last resort.

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## **General Descriptions for the Three Evacuation Levels and Necessary Actions by Residents:**

### **LEVEL I (1)**

EVACUATION or PROTECTION **ALERT**: A wildfire threat is in your area. It would be wise to consider planning and/or packing, in the event an evacuation becomes necessary.

### **LEVEL II (2)**

EVACUATION **WARNING or NOTICE**: High probability of a need to evacuation.

- You should prepare now by packing necessary items and preparing your family, pets, and vehicle for potential departure. Remember the 6-P's:
  1. A plan for the persons in your family (including a meeting place.)
  2. Personal items (including toiletries, food and water for 2-3 days and special personal possessions.)
  3. Prescriptions-Have your full, current supply of prescriptions packed.
  4. Photographs (and other mementos) which cannot be replaced.
  5. Pets (Have a plan in place and pets secured so frightened pets don't escape fenced yards or kennels.)
  6. Papers-Pack all important papers, including reference phone numbers, account numbers, etc.
- Now is the time to move persons with mobility or medical issues.
- If you have livestock or large animals, please move them to a safe place now!
- Please use common sense and evacuate at any time you feel uncomfortable or see active fire behavior.

### **LEVEL III (3)**

EVACUATION **REQUEST or ORDER**: Occupants of the affected area(s) are asked to leave within a specified time period, by pre-designated route(s). Perimeter roadblocks are typically established. At this stage:

- You should take your family, pets, and necessary items including medications and important papers and evacuate now if you are in a Level III area.
- Check in with your local Red Cross shelter (even if you don't intend to stay there). Check in with them and let them know where you will be in case your family is looking for you.
- Drive with your lights on, safely and SLOWLY remaining aware of your surroundings as you leave.