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Subj: BEDROCK & SALMON FIRES, EVACUATION LEVEL I NOTICE AND DEGRADED AIR QUALITY

1. Bedrock Fire. An abbreviated synopsis of the fire: Northwest Incident Management Team 12 took command of the Bedrock Fire at 7 PM on Sunday, August 6. The fire was most active on the north and northeast flanks. Work on the southern flank of the fire will continue with mopping up and deepening of established control lines. Additional information may be found here: [Fire Info](#). In general, the fire is moving to the northeast and the biggest impact to Oakridge is the decreased air quality due to wildfire smoke.

2. Salmon Fire. Northwest Team 12 has been assisting the Willamette National Forest with a new fire start and has taken command of the Salmon Fire, providing air and ground resources for fire suppression. The Salmon Fire was discovered yesterday approximately 3 miles east of Oakridge. This fire is currently burning in heavy timber and is estimated to around 50 to 75 acres in size. While the fire is not moving toward Oakridge, its proximity to the city and High Prairie have resulted in an Evacuation Level I, Be Ready, being set for areas north and east of the city.

3. Evacuation Level I Notice. There is a Level 1 (Be Ready) evacuation notice for all residents on High Prairie, McFarland Road, Westoak Road, Salmon Creek Road east of Oakridge, Oakridge north of Roberts Road, and all associated side streets. A searchable map with detailed information may be found here: [Evacuation Map](#). To remind everyone of the different evacuation levels:

- Level 1 - "BE READY!" for potential evacuation. Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, monitor emergency services websites and local media outlets for information. This is the time for preparation and precautionary movements of persons with special needs, mobile property and (under certain circumstances) pets and livestock. If conditions worsen, emergency services personnel may contact you via an emergency notification system.
- Level 2 - "BE SET!" to evacuate. You must prepare to leave at a moment's notice. This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family and friends outside of the affected area, or if choosing to remain, to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Residents MAY have time to gather necessary items, but doing so is at their own risk. This may be the only notice you receive. Emergency services cannot guarantee that they will be able to notify you if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Area media services will be asked to broadcast periodic updates.
- Level 3 - "GO!" evacuate now. Leave immediately! Danger to your area is current or imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand that emergency services may not be available to assist you further. DO NOT delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home. This will be the last notice you receive.

I encourage everyone to sign up for emergency alerts broadcast by Lane County. You may do that here: [Emergency Alert Sign Up](#)

4. Degraded Air Quality. Both fires have resulted in a moderate air quality in Oakridge and surrounding areas, sometime spiking into the unhealthy ranges. Please remember to keep your windows and doors shut and use an air purifier when conditions become elevated. To find out the air quality in real time, please go here: [Air Quality Monitor](#).

Please know the City Administrator, Fire Chief, Police Chief and I are all attending daily meetings regarding the fires and evacuation status. This page offers [Willamette National Forest Facebook Page](#) very current information on both fires.