

GUIDE TO EVACUATION LEVELS

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Whatever the danger or disaster, Walker Range FPA (WRPA) is part of the Klamath County comprehensive disaster response plan to deal with emergencies. To help WRPA and our local fire departments in the event of an emergency, it is important you and your family know what the evacuation level terms mean, and know how to react.

REMEMBER, the best way to prepare for disaster is: **Prepare your Home, Make a Kit, Have a Plan, and Be Informed.**

LEVEL 1—A level 1 Evacuation means **alert**. Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, and monitor local media outlets for information. Residents with special needs (such as a susceptibility to breathing problems in wildfires or those with animals/pets) should take note and begin making arrangements to evacuate. For wildfires, smoke can often cause the most problems for residents, especially those sensitive to smoke and animals. Evacuations at this time are voluntary.

LEVEL 2—A Level 2 Evacuation means **be ready**. This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the effected area, or if choosing to remain, to be ready at a moments notice.

LEVEL 3—A Level 3 Evacuation means **leave immediately**. Danger to your area is current or imminent, and you should leave immediately. Listen to local media, and watch for emergency personnel who may be coming by to give further instructions regarding the evacuation.

During evacuations, the American Red Cross will establish shelters at schools, churches, or community buildings in our area in safe zones. During an emergency listen to local media for information on the location of a shelter. Above all, **remain calm.** Preparing your home in advance for disaster, having a kit, making a plan, and remaining informed means you can make informed and calculated decisions for your family, and you know your escape routes in advance.

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