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NATURE OF STORY: Evacuation Advisories Discontinued for the Upper McKenzie River Area

DETAILS:

The evacuation advisories for the upper McKenzie River area, including zones 1-10 on the attached map, have been lifted and are no longer in effect. This includes Camp Melakwa and Foley Hot Springs. This collaborative decision between the Willamette National Forest, fire officials, and law enforcement officials is the result of recent cooler temperatures, increased humidity, and decreased fire activity in the area.

This change in evacuation advisories does not impact forest area closures and road closures. Residents and visitors are encouraged to check the Willamette National Forest website for forest closures and TripCheck for road closures.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office will continue to keep the public inquiry line open for the remainder of the day to assist the public with any questions regarding this recent downgrade in advisories. That number is 541-682-3977.

A huge thank you to the fire first responders and forest service personnel who continue to work to keep us safe, and to community members in the area of the upper McKenzie River who have experienced multiple levels of evacuation and have banded together as a community to help each other.

Fire activity information will continue to be posted on https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/.