

Buck Mountain



-  Evacuation Route
-  Primary Road
-  Secondary Road
-  Community Center
-  Outdoor Activity Center
-  Service Area / Fire Hydrant
-  Alternate Exits (not maintained)

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The best time to prepare yourself and your family in case of an emergency evacuation is before you are called to act. These instructions are intended to help you prepare in case you need to evacuate your home due to a wildfire. Take the time to think about what you need/want to take with you when you are not under the stress of an evacuation order and organize them in such a way that they are easy to gather and transport. Keep in mind that you may need to walk out on foot depending on the direction and severity of the fire. The more prepared you are, the more effectively firefighters can protect you and your home if a wildfire threatens.

Before a wildfire threatens:

- ✓ **Plan more than one escape route** from your home and Buck Mountain by car or by foot. (See attached evacuation route map.)
- ✓ **Make sure all members of your household (especially children) are aware of what to do** in the event of an evacuation situation (particularly if you are not at home at the time of an evacuation).
- ✓ **Prepare a family evacuation checklist and organize a backpack to carry:**
 - Critical medications (enough for 5+ days).
 - Portable First Aid Kit.
 - Water and snacks in event of traffic delays or the need to walk a distance.
 - Clothing, blanket(s) and essential toiletries (enough for 5 days).
 - Cell phones, thumb drives, & laptop computer with charger.
 - Pet transportation device, pet food, pet bowls, and pet medications.
 - Important personal papers, photographs, phone numbers and essential valuables
- ✓ **Placing critical papers and effects in a fireproof box or safe deposit box away from home is recommended.** Consider including wills, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks, bonds, passports, social security cards, immunization records, bank account numbers/credit card account companies/numbers, family records (birth, marriage, death certificates), inventory of valuable household goods, important phone numbers (address book), important photographs and mementos.

If an EVACUATION ALERT is issued:

- ✓ **Gather the items on your evacuation checklist. Back your car into the garage or park facing the direction of escape.** Shut doors and roll up windows. Leave a second set of keys in the ignition. Place your valuables/checklist contents in the car ahead of time.
- ✓ **Confine pets to one room** so they will be readily available when the time comes to evacuate.
- ✓ **Stay informed** by listening to local TV stations and radio stations for announcements from law enforcement or emergency personnel. Check the POA website, email and text messages for neighborhood messages.
- ✓ **Arrange temporary housing** outside the threatened area or plan to stay at the evacuation shelter in case the evacuation is longer than expected.
- ✓ **If you are sure you have time:**
 - Remove gas grills from decks and patios – place portable propane tanks in the garage.
 - Close interior doors to confine drafts.
 - Connect garden hoses to outside taps. Place a non-combustible ladder on house for access to roof.
 - Move patio or deck furniture away from the house or put it inside.
 - Shut off any propane lines. (Above or underground).

If an EVACUATION ORDER is issued:

- ✓ **Evacuate immediately** and safely – stay calm.
- ✓ **Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes**, i.e., long pants, long sleeve shirt, hat, dry bandanna to cover your face and goggles or eyeglasses. (Clothing that is 100% cotton is preferable.)
- ✓ **Tie a white towel, sheet or ribbon on your front door** – this advises emergency responders that your home has been evacuated.
- ✓ **Leave lights on in the house** to increase visibility of your home in heavy smoke – turn on your porch light.
- ✓ **Leave windows closed and air conditioning off.**
- ✓ **Shut off gas or propane, turn off pilot lights.**
- ✓ **Yield the right of way** to any fire truck or firefighting apparatus; pull off the road if necessary.
- ✓ **Go to the [Maple Springs Community Center on Sifford Branch Road just off U.S. 421](#).** Check in with the shelter before leaving the area to notify authorities that you have evacuated and provide a telephone number where you can be reached. This location (across from the Champion VFD substation) is the designated meeting place for separated family members during an evacuation. If an evacuation order is issued while you are away from home, this is also the spot to meet your family members. Be aware that law enforcement will prevent you from entering the subdivision.



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Preparation for Evacuation



This Evacuation Plan for the Buck Mountain community has been developed and approved for use in the event that a wildfire threatens the area and necessitates an evacuation. All actions, locations and routes in this plan are suggested. Fire conditions and other factors may necessitate changes to this plan or your response during an event.

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