

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

IN THE EVENT OF A WILDFIRE, YOU SHOULD EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU THINK YOU MAY BE IN DANGER.

Once Authorities are in place and have determined that an official evacuation is required or may be imminent, residents will be notified by some or all of the following means:

- **Telephone/Mobile Phone:** Recorded message to your wired phone and registered wireless phones via Target Notification (TNS) AND/OR text or email message (if you have signed up for this feature) AND via the Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS). Register your cell phone for both systems at www.sanmiguelcounty.org.
- **Radio:** Emergency Alert System (EAS) stations, such as KOTO (FM 91.7), KSJD (FM 91.1), KKKK (FM 94.1 & FM 99.3) or KVNF (89.1). NOAA Weather Radio (where available)
- **Door to door contact** by emergency/law enforcement personnel, IF RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE

EVACUATION NOTICE or ORDER

What to do when given an EVACUATION NOTICE:

- ✓ Assemble family members and pets and arrange for the evacuation of large animals
- ✓ Notify neighbors, establish an out-of-area point of contact
- ✓ Gather important items, including insurance information, important records, computer hard drive, prescriptions, eyeglasses, credit cards/cash, etc.
- ✓ Shut off propane/natural gas, close windows and doors, lights on, attach garden hoses
- ✓ Point vehicle with most fuel towards escape route, keys in vehicle, doors unlocked
- ✓ Wait for an Evacuation Order or 'All Clear'

What to do when given an EVACUATION ORDER:

- ✓ Residents are ordered to leave immediately. There is no time to prepare. There is an imminent threat to life
- ✓ Safely make your way out of the area using the pre-designated evacuation routes, or as directed by emergency personnel
- ✓ Report to the Evacuation or Reception Center, and provide information about your status and contact information so that family & friends can be informed and you can be contacted about your property
- ✓ After an area has been evacuated, it will remain closed until the threat has passed

IF YOU BECOME TRAPPED

In Your Home:

- ✓ Stay inside until the wildfire passes
- ✓ Close all windows, remove light/sheer curtains, close heavy curtains
- ✓ Keep all doors closed but unlocked
- ✓ Keep family together and remain calm
- ✓ Remember, if it gets hot inside your house, it will be much hotter outside

In Your Vehicle:

- ✓ Park away from vegetation
- ✓ Roll up windows
- ✓ Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway
- ✓ Cover yourself with a blanket or jacket
- ✓ Stay in the vehicle until the wildfire passes
- ✓ If the vehicle catches on fire, exit only after the wildfire passes

On Foot:

- ✓ Find an area away from vegetation
- ✓ Lie face down
- ✓ Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway

After The Wildfire Passes:

- ✓ Check the roof and exterior of your home, extinguish all sparks and embers
- ✓ Check your attic and crawlspaces for hidden embers
- ✓ Check your property for burning wood piles, trees, fence posts, shrubs, etc.

RETURNING TO YOUR HOME

- ✓ Emergency fire & law enforcement personnel will decide when it is safe to return
- ✓ Information will be available at the Evacuation Center and/or Reception Center, at road blocks and through the media

USEFUL WEB LINKS

<http://www.cowildfire.org/>

(West Region Wildfire Council - wildfire mitigation)

www.wildfiretoday.com

(Current national information on wildfire)

<http://www.inciweb.org>

(Current State and National wildfire incident status)

<http://www.ready.gov>

(Personal Preparedness Info. Prepare, Plan, Stay Informed.)

firewise.org

(Homeowner Fire Mitigation Information)

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY RESIDENT EVACUATION GUIDE

**SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY
MOBILE PHONE ALERTS @
www.sanmiguelcounty.org/preparedness**

**San Miguel County
Emergency Management**

970.728.9546

EVACUATION ROUTES

Telluride, Sawpit, Down Valley, Placerville: Spur west to Hwy 145 'Society Turn' to Norwood High School Shelter or designated Reception Center

Mountain Village, Lawson Hill: Hwy 145 to Norwood High School Shelter or designated Reception Center

Ophir: Ophir Road to Hwy 145 to Telluride High School Shelter or designated Reception Center

Egnar: Hwy 141 south to Dove Creek or north to Hwy 145 on to Norwood High School Shelter or designated Reception Center.

Norwood: Hwy 145 to Telluride High School or designated Reception Center

REMEMBER, MOST COMMUNITIES ONLY HAVE ONE OR TWO WAYS OUT AND IN – IF EVACUATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS DO NOT BLOCK ROADS AS EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND FIRE EQUIPMENT WILL BE COMING IN.

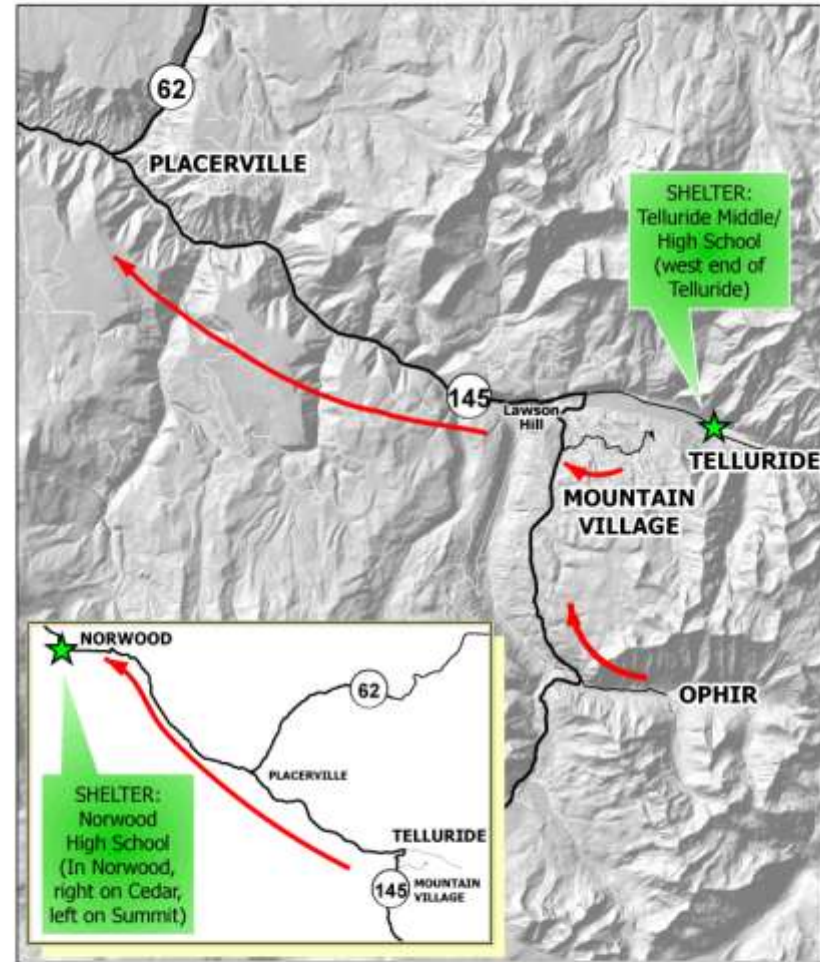
GO TO EVACUATION OR RECEPTION CENTER

There are two designated shelters in the County, though temporary shelters or reception centers may be set up by officials as needed. The Telluride High School and the Norwood High School are official Red Cross Shelters. No pets are allowed in the shelter, but holding areas may be set up in the parking area.

Even if you do not require shelter, stop at the Evacuation Center or a Reception Center on the way to your final destination. There you can provide contact information so you may be reached regarding the status of your property and when you may return home. Reception Centers are designed to receive, register and determine additional needs of evacuees.

DRIVE WITH CAUTION

- Headlights on!
- In smoke, proceed slowly and **stop if you can't see**
- Watch out for emergency vehicles! Yield right of way!
- Roll up windows, turn on radio and tune to EAS stations, keep doors unlocked



KEEP CALM, THINK CLEARLY & ACT DECISIVELY!