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Proposed Evacuation Plan

Aspen Acres HOA

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Aspen Mountain HOA

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Summit County has a READY, SET, GO evacuation plan:

- At the **READY**, pack everything you will take.
- At the **SET**, pack the vehicle and be ready to go. See below for where we are meeting.
- At the **GO**, we will leave as a group from the lower parking lot.

The Aspen Evacuation Plan:

1. In case of emergency, everyone should gather in the lower parking lot.
2. It is assumed that there will be a burn pile in the center of the parking lot. We will have to work around it.
3. Leaving an access lane to the snow gate open so emergency vehicles can pass freely, and an access lane to the mid parking area entrance to Tom Paine Lane, park cars in the main parking area pointing toward the exit to Weber Canyon Road.
4. Parking will be directed by Aspen Acres / Aspen Mtn. personnel.
5. People will gather on the west side of the lot, away from the cars.
6. Check in with the Aspen Coordinators so we know you have staged safely. Await further information.
7. Everyone should stay in this area until instructed by Summit Emergency Management where to go. They need to know where to find us so they can arrange an exit corridor if necessary..
8. Keep in mind that the road out of our property is narrow, and emergency vehicles will need clear access to get in.
9. Follow the instructions of Emergency Management and their designated representatives.
10. Please keep your contact phone number and emergency contact number up-to-date.
11. When it is safe to return to Aspen Acres and Aspen Mountain, you will be advised via the HOA websites and Facebook.

12. We plan to have a bulletin board in the staging area where information will be posted.

Why do we need an evacuation Plan?

Wildfires are a constant threat in our area. As of this writing (October, 2024), the Yellow Lake fire is only 51% contained. It is within 12 miles of our homes, and has burned over 33,000 acres. Also, in 2024 there have been fires on Rt 248 in Kamas, Brown's Canyon Rd in Peoa, and in Echo off I-84.

Aspen Acres and Aspen Mountain are not city locations with multiple road access. There is only one established exit out of the property, and then only one main road until you get to Oakley.

The fire crews need clear access so they can quickly get to the source of a wildfire, and stop it before it gets out of control. Evacuating residents need to give incoming emergency vehicles right-of-way.

The Oakley Fire Department has asked us to develop an evacuation plan to assist them should they need quick access to our property.

What you should take:

Ready, Set, Go – The website, www.wildlandfireRSG.org, has a lot of information about things to consider in case of a wildfire. Check it out.

Summit County also uses the Ready, Set, Go plan to evacuate residents in harms way.

Some of the things to consider taking:

1. Prescriptions and medical equipment.
2. ID's, cash, credit cards.
3. Phones, computers, extension cord, chargers and cables.
4. Pets.
5. Food and water for yourself and your pets. Include paper plates, plastic utensils and garbage bags.

6. Paper towels and toilet paper. Personal hygiene necessities.
7. Clothing for a week, including outerwear for the season
8. Important Documents.
9. Irreplaceable items such as family photos.
10. Masks
11. Stout shoes, long pants and long sleeved shirts
12. Chairs and sun block

** The above are only suggestions. Tailor this list to match your circumstances.

** Don't wait until the last minute. It is easier to pack when you have time to think, and are not in a rush to save your life.

Things to Consider:

This plan assumes that a wildfire is in our general area and we have been requested to evacuate. If a wildfire occurs further west in Weber Canyon (closer to Oakley), some of these plans may need to be changed, possibly at short notice.

There is only one way out of the canyon, and that is through Oakley. You will only come to dead ends going through Thousand Peaks and Smith Moorehouse.

Have a personal emergency plan. Where are you going? What are you taking? Who will know where you are?

Assume that in an emergency we will have no water, no electricity, and no cell service.

Stay up-to-date on fire emergencies. If you leave early, let someone on the Board know where you can be located.

Do not go up the canyon if there is a wildfire between you and your cabin.

Think long term. If you lose everything, what do you need to survive through the next winter?

Do you have a 30 foot clearance zone around your house? This may literally come down to a choice between losing a few cherished trees, or losing your house and the trees.

Research fire retardant chemicals that can be sprayed on the exterior of your house. Understand the pros and cons of these chemicals.

Consider enrolling in the Summit County CERT training program.

Summit County Emergency Management has several web pages with valuable information on what to do in an emergency. Take some time to read this information.