

## 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 or may be required, residents will be notified by some or all of the following means:**

- Telephone: Recorded message to your wired phone and registered wireless phones. Register your cell phone at [www.montrosecounty.net](http://www.montrosecounty.net) (Department Services - Emergency Preparedness)
- Radio: Emergency Alert System (EAS) stations, such as
  - ☆ KUBC (AM 580)
  - ☆ KKXK (FM 94.1 & FM 99.3)
  - ☆ NOAA Weather Radio
- Door to door contact by emergency/law enforcement personnel, IF RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE

**You will be told if this is an evacuation NOTICE or ORDER:**

- **If 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, DO NOT lock house
- ☆ Point vehicle with most fuel towards escape route, keys in vehicle, doors unlocked

- **If 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 Center (the 4-H Event Center at the Ouray County Fairgrounds), 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
- ☆ A representative from the Incident Command Center will keep you informed at the Evacuation Center

## 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 & law enforcement personnel will decide when it is safe to return
- Information will be available at the Evacuation Center, at road blocks and through the media

### **Useful information links on the Web:**

- <http://www.csfs.colostate.edu>  
(Colorado State Forest Service - wildfire mitigation)
- <http://www.nifc.gov>  
(National Interagency Fire Center - current wildfire incidents)
- <http://www.weather.gov>  
(NOAA Weather - current weather and fire conditions)



# LOG HILL MESA RESIDENTS' EVACUATION GUIDE

LOG HILL MESA  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

[www.loghillfire.org](http://www.loghillfire.org)  
970.626.4095  
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Have You Taken Steps  
To Protect Your Home  
From Wildfire?  
[www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org)

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY TNS  
WIRELESS PHONE ALERTS:  
[www.montrosecounty.net](http://www.montrosecounty.net)

# EVACUATION ROUTES

- County Road 1 south via escarpment to CO 62 east to Ridgway
- County Road 1 north via Colona to US 550 south to Ridgway

Remember the Mesa only has 2 ways out and in – if evacuations are in progress do not block roads as emergency vehicles and fire equipment will be coming in

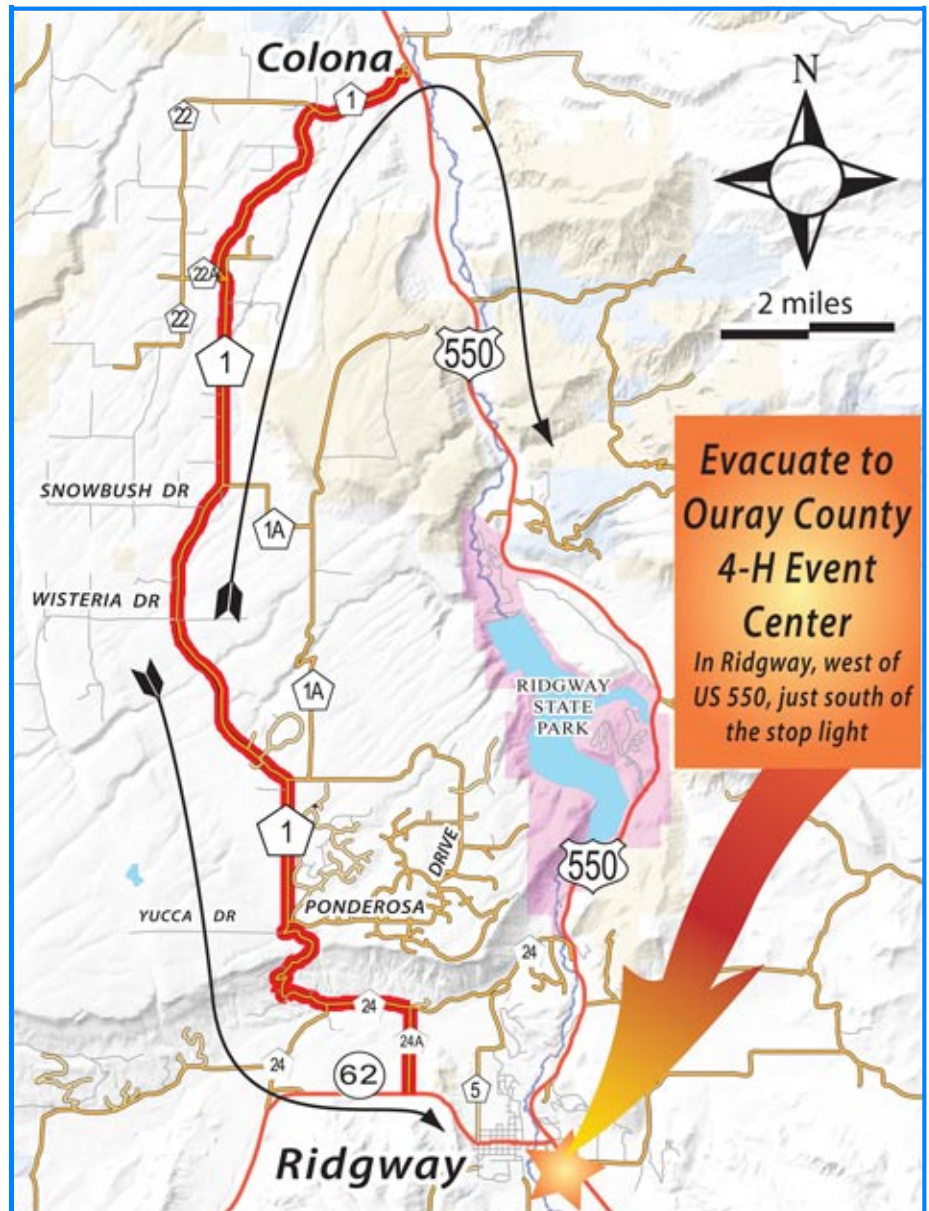
# GO TO EVACUATION CENTER

Even if you do not require shelter, stop at the Evacuation Center enroute to your final destination and provide contact information so you can be reached regarding the status of your property and when you may return home. The Evacuation Center will also have volunteers to assist with temporary shelter for large animals (horses, etc.) and small animals (pets)

# 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 EAS, keep doors unlocked

**KEEP CALM,  
THINK CLEARLY,  
ACT DECISIVELY**



**Evacuate to  
Ouray County  
4-H Event  
Center**  
*In Ridgway, west of  
US 550, just south of  
the stop light*