

Evacuation Route and Emergency Evacuation Gathering Areas Map for Elk Meadows Ranchettes

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Some things to remember:

KEEP a copy of this map in your car.

READ the Missoula County Wildfire Preparedness Guide “Preparing BEFORE, DURING and AFTER Wildfires in Missoula County”.

BEFORE a wildfire evacuation is declared:

- Sign-up for Smart911. Go to Smart911.com to receive electronic evacuation notifications.
- The reverse side of this card has an Evacuation Route and Emergency Evacuation Gathering Areas Map for Elk Meadows Ranchettes. MARK WHERE YOUR HOUSE IS on this map so you can orient yourself in an emergency.
- Know your ways to get out and familiarize yourself and your family with them, do this annually. Notice local landmarks on the maps to help you with identifying your way out. Two Evacuation Routes are through Private Property so be sure to get permission first before walking these routes annually.
- Have a plan on how to take care of your animals.
- Stay informed of the situation by way of radio or television broadcasts.

DURING a declared wildfire evacuation:

- Some evacuation routes could be impassable so follow emergency personnel’s directions. Emergency personnel can include but is not limited to Federal/State/County/Local law enforcement, Local Fire Department, etc. personnel.
- TURN YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON! It could be very smoky with low visibility.
- Try to take only one vehicle out to reduce evacuation time and congestion along the evacuation routes.
- Drive away from the wildfire hazard.
- Be aware and cautious that incoming fire/emergency resources could be using one or more of the evacuation routes people are taking out. Keep in a single and orderly line to allow two-way traffic.

EVACUATION ROUTES:

- These routes are all possible evacuation routes that can be used if needed during a wildfire emergency.
- These are identified on the map as Evacuation Route “X”, Evacuation Route “Y” and Evacuation Route “Z”.
- NO Recreational Vehicles (RVs) or trailers on these routes.
- Please note that the exact evacuation route will be determined by emergency personnel.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION GATHERING AREAS:

- These areas are **LAST RESORT** areas that offer relative safe conditions to wait as the wildfire passes.
- DO NOT leave these areas until emergency personnel say it is safe to leave.
- These are identified on the map as Evacuation Safety Zone “A”, Evacuation Safety Zone “B” and Evacuation Safety Zone “C”.
- Follow these steps if you are staying in a n Emergency Evacuation Gathering Area:
 - ✓ Get off the road, point your vehicle toward the road.
 - ✓ Have your headlights on BRIGHT.
 - ✓ Put your Hazard lights on.
 - ✓ Stay in your vehicle.

