



Plumas County Sheriff Issues Evacuation Notices for Belden Area

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Quincy, CA – The Plumas County Sheriff has issued an evacuation notice for areas around the small community of Belden due to the Belden Fire becoming active this afternoon. The fire is approximately ¼ - 1½ mile above Highway 70, and currently is holding along a rocky hillside above the state route.

A voluntary evacuation is issued for an area north of Highway 70 above the west end of the Belden community area, in the vicinity of Indian Creek RV Park and the immediate area surrounding Maggie's Maple Leaf, (T25N, R6E, Sec 23 and 24).

A Sheriff's Advisement is issued for the Belden community area south of Highway 70 across the Feather River.

A **Voluntary Evacuation** notice is issued due to the potential threat to life and property by a wildland fire and residents are encouraged to leave the area. The general public will not be allowed into the area.

A **Sheriff's Advisement** encourages residents to make an evacuation plan based on the threat of a wildland fire.

The Belden Fire, currently estimated at 150 acres, was attacked by helicopter rappellers yesterday, but they were forced to disengage due to fire activity and unsafe working conditions because of abundant snag trees from the Storey Fire, which burned in 2000. Afternoon gusty winds fanned flames this afternoon, moving the fire into the Feather River Canyon. A helicopter that had been working on the fire was forced to disengage due to limited visibility in the area.

For further information about evacuations contact the Plumas County Sheriff administration number at 530-283-6375 or the emergency only number at 283-6300. For further fire information contact 283-7882, 7883, 7884.