

Butte County Evacuation Notification Categories & Traffic Closure Levels

Immediate Evacuation Order:

Requires the immediate movement of people out of an affected area due to an imminent threat to life. Choosing to stay could result in loss of life. Staying may also impede the work of emergency personnel. Due to the changing nature of the emergency, this Immediate Evacuation Order may be the only warning that people in the affected area (s) receive.

Evacuation Warning:

Alerts people in an affected area (s) of potential threat to life and property. People who need additional time should consider evacuating at this time. An Evacuation Warning considers the probability that an area will be affected and prepares people for a potential Immediate Evacuation Order.

Shelter-In-Place:

Advises people to stay secure at their current location by remaining in place as evacuation will cause a higher potential for loss of life.

Rescue:

Emergency actions taken within the affected area to recover and remove injured or trapped citizens. Responders have specific training and personal protective equipment necessary to accomplish the mission i.e., hazard material spill, swift-water rescue, etc. Boundaries of the areas where rescue is planned should be identified on the incident map with notification that entry is restricted to rescue workers only.

Traffic Closure Levels:

Level 4 – Closed to all traffic, potential life hazard

Level 3 – Closed to all traffic except emergency responders

Level 2 – Closed to all traffic except emergency responders and critical resources i.e. public works, utilities and animal rescue

Level 1 – Open to above resources and residents only

Note: Media has access to any natural disaster