

## Fall River Valley Fire Safe Council Meeting Notes:

Meeting Date: August 26, 2021

Next Meeting: Thursday September 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Soldier Mountain Volunteers

The topic of the meeting was evacuation routes. The group discussed various locations: Old School road area, Alpine sub-division, Big Eddy estates and the area out by St. John ranch. There was no one at the meeting from the area by St. John ranch. The group assumed that areas evacuated would head to the fairgrounds in McArthur or to the high school parking lot.

Big Eddy estates has a loop road and once people are on six mile hill road can either go towards Cassel or Fall River.

The group out by St. Johns ranch have a one way road into that area off the 18 road. It was unknown by anyone at the meeting if there was another way out of there. Once on the 18 road they can either head north towards fall river or south towards highway 44.

Old school road: currently the main road is the main ingress/egress in and out of Old School. This is an issue especially in an emergency. There is a gate with a lock on it, where the Odgen property meets the forest service road. In the past when this was the Howard property, Bruce kept the lock unlocked and was OK with people using that route as an emergency evacuation route. Contact needs to be made with Odgens to discuss the issue (Debbie has a phone number and will follow up). There is also a route out thru PG and E that is gated, this also needs follow up (Debbie will follow up with PG And E). The other issue that was brought up was the number of livestock that lives on Old School road, people will need time to evacuate animals.

Alpine sub-division: Currently the main way in and out is Soldier Mountain road. The other road out (Hansen property) has been blocked. In the past the material has been moved out of the way to assist with evacuations. Part of the Soldier Mountain project was to improve the road out to Gomez (the decision is not signed yet). Gomez has several gates on the road.

Evacuation routes still have questions that need answering. This was a general discussion with follow-up needed.

There was no real updates to the map due to our map person being on the Dixie fire. It was brought up to add the gas pipeline to the map.