CCA Emergency Evacuation Plan
Protocol

Purpose of Emergency Evacuation Plan:
To provide CCA members with information on how homes threatened by fire or other hazard can evacuate quickly and safely.

Definition of Triggering Events: (That do not disable phone/internet services or sever roads outside of CCA)
- Wildfire or explosion that threatens or obstructs trunk road
- Other natural disaster deemed by local emergency authorities to be a threat to CCA members which requires evacuation
- **Note:** Earthquake, mudslide or other event that obstructs the CCA road but does not impose an immediate threat of harm to CCA members will require consultation with neighboring landowners before emergency exits can be used.

Emergency Exits:
- #1 (Established)
    - Chuckanut Crest Drive—main trunk (if passable)
- Emergency Alternatives:
    - #2 (Bergsma logging road)
    - #3 (Brighton Crest—Interurban)
    - #4 (Vanderbilt Road)
- Emergency Exit Map (see attached)

Emergency Evacuation Protocol
- <u>Emergency Determinations</u>
    - Department of Emergency Services (DEM), Whatcom County Sheriff's Office (WCSO), South Whatcom Fire Authority (SWFA), or other relevant authority will assess and make the decision regarding need for CCA evacuation.
        - Direct notification of registered CCA homeowners through AlertSense program

- <u>Emergency Communications</u>
    - Direct cell phone notification from **DEM, WCSO, or SWFA** to <u>registered</u> CCA members.

        - Via the established agency **AlertSense** emergency notification system
        - Individual members are responsible for giving personal contact information to AlertSense system (see attached **"Sign up for ALERTSENSE Notifications"**)

Member Emergency Planning and Evacuation Action Steps

The Chuckanut Crest **Emergency Evacuation Committee** (EEC)[1] has prepared the following information specific to the Chuckanut Crest Community as to how we each can prepare for an evacuation emergency. This material is focused on *emergency evacuation only*, such as may be required in the event of a fire or explosion threatening our homes and neighborhood. It does not cover all types of possible events, such as earthquake or mudslide which temporarily blocks a road, but does not require emergency evacuation.

Advance Preparation for an Evacuation Emergency

- **Register with the county's "AlertSense" program (www.whatcomready.org).**
  Whatcom county maintains this reverse-911 system that can notify us if an evacuation is necessary. Note that **each family member** with a cell phone must register to ensure that their contact information is in the system. (See the attached "Sign Up for AlertSense Notifications" page for details.)
- **Prepare a packed "go-bag" with the few items you'll take with you. (Visit www.ready.gov for examples.)**
- **Get familiar with Chuckanut Crest Emergency Exit Routes (see attached map).**
  Through the efforts of the EEC, several of our adjacent neighbors have agreed to allow CCA members to evacuate the CC neighborhood through their properties if the Chuckanut Crest Drive Trunk Road is not passable or safe. (In exchange, our association has granted permission for these neighbors to use our roads for emergency evacuation, if that is needed.) **Consult the attached CCA Evacuation Exits map**. Note that you cannot re-enter through these routes and that they are for *emergency exit only.* They should not be used for any other purpose.

If an Evacuation Emergency is declared (by fire authority or other agency)
- Follow directions provided by notifying agency.
- **Tune in to Radio KGMI 790 AM**, our local news radio station.   Select a preset on your radios to this station and set an internet bookmark to KGMI.com where you can listen without charge.
- Grab "go bag" and leave your home by vehicle as soon as possible -- wildfires move very quickly.
- If main trunk road is blocked, consult CCA Emergency Exit Map. Use the emergency exit nearest your home—or an alternate route if necessary.
- If safe to do so, notify your immediate neighbors to confirm that they know about the evacuation order, and aid if you can do so safely.

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[1] Joanne Hallett, Erick Laine, Ann McQuade

Ongoing CCA Planning and Preparations

- **Emergency Exit Coordinator.** The CCA board has designated new board member Erick Laine to also serve as Emergency Exit Coordinator. Among other tasks, Erick will serve as an ongoing contact for the local fire and emergency response personnel – a function that the EMS officials requested, when the EEC committee conferred with them about these matters.
- **Ongoing Emergency Exit Committee.** EEC members Joanne Hallett and Ann McQuade have agreed to continue to participate on the committee over this year, working with Erick to ensure that evacuation routes are inspected at least annually, and maintained as needed. Other tasks:
  - **Sponsor annual tour of CCA road system** with interested EMS officials. The goal: ensure that EMS officials are more familiar with our 5+ miles of roads, where and how large vehicles can turn around, possible staging areas in an emergency, and location of fire hydrants.
  - **Helping Member Get Smarter About Wildlands Fire Safety.** The committee will be in contact with the CCA membership later this year about opportunities to consult individually with local and state fire and land use officials, to learn how to make their own properties safer from forest fire.
  - **Update or revise emergency protocols** as needed.

Questions About the EEC Report or Recommendations? Interested in Participating?

Additional information can be provided by calling any of the Emergency Evacuation Committee members

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- Ann McQuade (360) 220-9525, annmcq@gmail.com

Sign up for ALERTSENSE Notifications

Individual Sign-Ups Recommended. While this site will accept up to 2 cell phone registrations, we recommend that each person in your household who has a cell phone sign up individually on this website. This will ensure that each individual will receive notification of an evacuation or other alert. (During the signup process you can also designate types of alerts you wish to receive.)

1. Go to: **www.whatcomready.org**

2. Click "PUBLIC ALERT" button; Click "Sign Up"

3. Enter your name, email, phone, address, choose zones, agree, check NOT a Robot, click Sign me Up

4. You will receive an email - ACTIVATE your registration by clicking the link in the email.

5. Return to this website to modify your information at any time.