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Community
Effort

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*Learn how you can
receive emergency
alerts from the
county sheriff*

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Alsea's Labor Day, Nighttime Wildfire

Bryan Lee, Emergency Mgr, Benton County Sheriff Dept., was in touch with responders at the fire, monitoring wind direction and speed in Alsea, plus he had a message composed, ready to send to the Alsea community should it be needed. (Only people in the Alert System would have received the alert however.)

10 minutes later, Sheriff personnel at the scene reported that the fire was contained, and that fire crews en route had been told they were no longer needed.

So, an alert was not sent to community members. Earlier, however, homes in the fire's immediate vicinity, and in the fire's likely path (Yew wood Lane), were alerted in person (knock on the door).



See aftermath from highway 34 near milepost 45)

How to Receive Emergency Alerts

You Can Receive Warning Notices On Developing Local Emergencies

Lincoln & Benton county residents can sign up to receive emergency notices from their Sheriffs. Notices can supply information about expected or occurring emergencies as well as instructions. There are no charges associated with this service.

Note: It's challenging for a Sheriff to give timely alerts early in events and during fast moving events. So, prepare for likely emergencies. And, if you find yourself in danger, protect yourself & then call 911!

You Must Sign Up & Keep Your Contact Info Up-To-Date

Incorrect or incomplete data will disrupt your receipt of notices.

Home Address plus Contact Info: **cell** &/or **texting** &/or land-line numbers, &/or **Email address(es)**.

Each family member with a cell phone should sign up so they receive alerts independently.

If you live within a mile of the county line, you should sign up in both Lincoln & Benton counties.

Sign Up Or Update At:

Benton County <https://www.co.benton.or.us/preparedness/page/emergency-alert>
For help registering, call: 541-766-0254 or email: Sierra.Anderson@co.benton.or.us

Lincoln County www.co.lincoln.or.us/alerts

Alsea Had A Wildfire Labor Day Night

The east wind was hot & super dry, gusting to 45mph – conditions when wildfires move very rapidly. Fortunately, quick work by Alsea fire dept and other responding depts, limited it to only a few acres. Some homes on Yew Wood Lane were evacuated. Had this fire moved into the main Alsea Valley, we could easily have needed additional evacuations.

Would you have been notified?



Without Alerts, You Could Experience Something Like Bill Did:

(Excerpt from 9/8/20 Register-Guard)

“If Bill Wiese and his family had been asleep for five more minutes in their home near Blue River on Monday night, they almost certainly would have died.

They went to bed just before 8:30 p.m., unaware it would likely be the last time they slept in their double-wide trailer before the 37,000-acre Holiday Farm Fire overtook it. They received no alerts, no knock on the door – it was by just sheer lifesaving luck that their son woke up in the middle of the night to the flames right up against the side of their home.

They made it out, but barely.” For the rest of their story, see:

<https://www.registerguard.com/story/news/2020/09/08/oregon-wildfire-holiday-farm-fire-update-mckenzie-valley/5751055002/>

Llame al 541-766-0254 para obtener una copia de:
“Cómo Recibir Alertas de Emergencias” en español.