

MEDIA ADVISORY ON BEHALF OF JACKSON COUNTY

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Jackson County Conducting Citizen Alert Test Tuesday, May 23

JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON — Jackson County and all Cities will be conducting a Citizen Alert notification system test on Tuesday, May 23.

This test is being conducted in preparation for fire season. It aims to build awareness about Citizen Alert, the address-based emergency alerting system in Jackson County and to increase individual registrations in the system. Individuals who have registered for Citizen Alert will receive a test notification on Tuesday, May 23. For more information on Citizen Alert visit <u>www.jacksoncounty.org/alert</u>.

In addition to the Citizen Alert system, Jackson County will also test the JACKSONEVACS, the textbased alert service. Once opted-in individuals will receive a basic text message for all level 1, 2, and 3 evacuation alerts issued in Jackson County. To opt in text "JACKSONEVACS" to 888777.

Individuals who have questions about Citizen Alert or their Citizen Alert account may contact the County at 541-774-6790 or by emailing <u>alert@jacksoncounty.org</u>.

The County and Cities encourage all residents to sign up for Citizen Alert. If you have already signed up, please make sure your information is up-to-date and note the following:

- This test will only reach individuals who are currently signed up for Citizen Alert.
- Residents are encouraged to review their information in Citizen Alert and make sure everything is up-to-date before the May 23 test.
- Add Citizen Alert to your contacts! Add the following phone numbers to your phone's contacts to know when you are receiving an alert. 541-897-8556 and 88911 (text message).

For more information and to sign up for or update your Citizen Alert account, visit <u>www.jacksoncounty.org/emergency</u>.

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