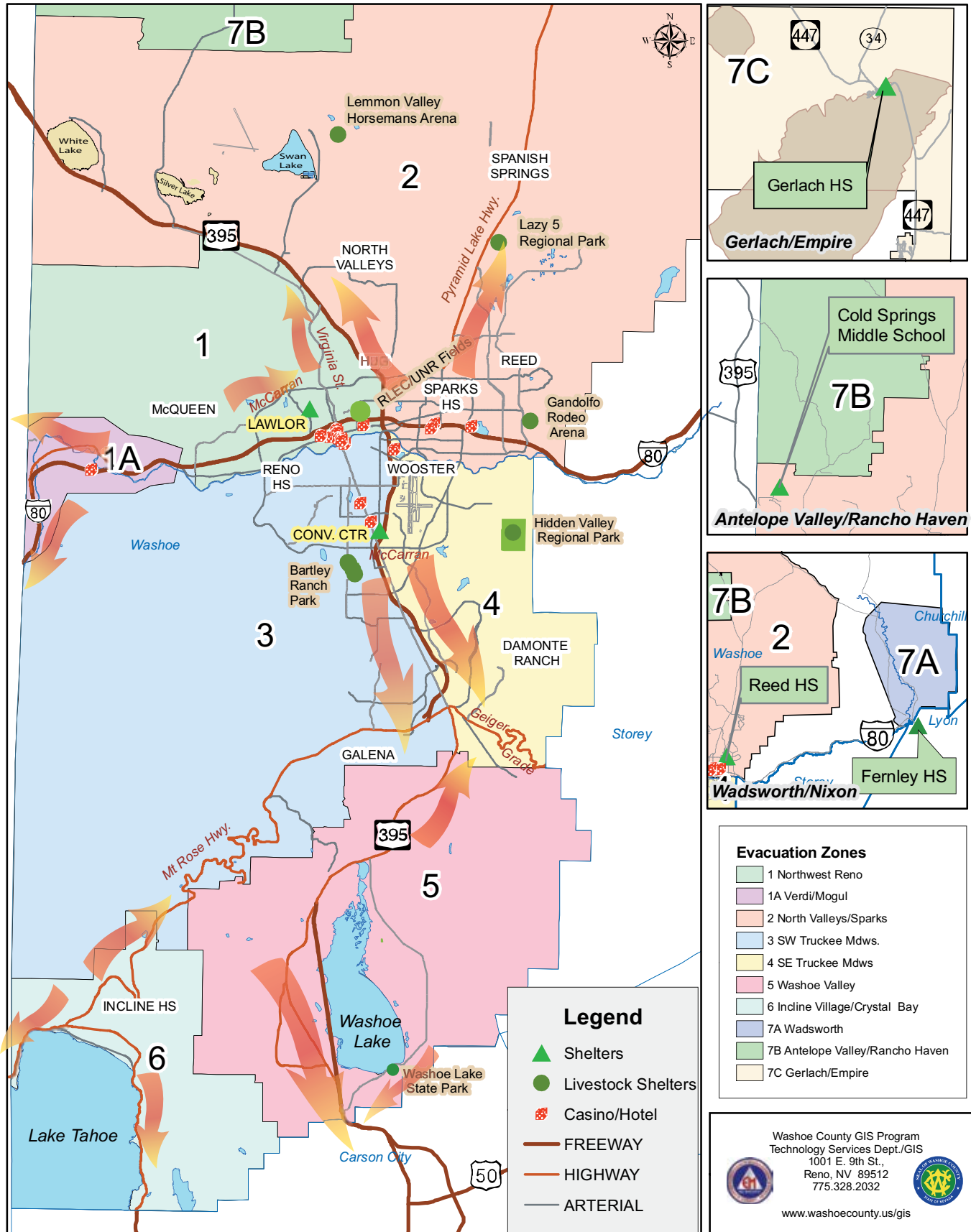


# Regional Evacuation & Shelter Plan



For purposes of evacuation and shelter planning, Washoe County is divided into several sectors. The attached map depicts general evacuation directions and preplanned shelters. However, when a crisis occurs, local public safety personnel will identify official shelters and routes based on the current situation.

***Sector 1*** North of the Truckee River, and west of US 395. The two primary shelters are McQueen and Hug High Schools. The primary large animal shelter areas are the UNR Fields and the Livestock Events Center. Lawlor Events Center is designated as a potential large-scale shelter. Evacuation routes lead away from the river and downtown areas north generally along McCarran and Virginia/US 395.

***Sector 1A*** Verdi/Mogul area. Residents of this area will use Sector 1 shelters/routes. If passage to Sector 1 is blocked, options included movement to Truckee, California; or temporary refuge on high ground in the Dog Valley area.

***Sector 2*** North of the Truckee River, and east of US 395. The primary shelters are North Valleys, Spanish Springs, Reed, and Sparks High Schools. The primary large animal shelter areas are Lazy 5 Regional Park, Lemmon Valley Horseman's Arena, and Gandolfo Rodeo Arena. Evacuation routes lead away from the river and downtown Sparks north generally along US 395 and Pyramid Lake Highway.

***Sector 3*** South of the Truckee River, and west of US 395. The primary shelters are Reno, and Wooster High Schools. The primary large animal shelter is Bartley Ranch Regional Park. The Convention Center is designated as a potential large-scale shelter. Evacuation routes in this region lead away from the river and downtown area south generally along Virginia/US 395.

***Sector 4*** South of the Truckee River, and east of US 395. The primary shelter is Damonte High School. The primary large animal shelter is Hidden Valley Regional Park. Evacuation routes in this region will proceed south generally along Virginia/US 395.

***Sector 5*** Washoe Lake area. Residents in this area will proceed either north into Sectors 3 or 4; or if that direction is unsafe, south towards Carson City. Potential shelters include Galena or Damonte Ranch High Schools, or Carson City High School in neighboring Carson City County. The primary large animal shelter is Washoe Lake State Park.

***Sector 6*** Incline Village/Crystal Bay. The primary Shelter is the Incline Village High School. Additional shelter areas are the Community Center and Ski Beach. Evacuations routes are HWY 431, or SR 28 towards either Kings Beach or South Lake Tahoe.

***Sector 7A*** Wadsworth/Nixon area. It includes the Tribal Nation of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. If residents have to leave this area, potential shelter sites include Reed High School in Sparks, or Fernley High School in neighboring Lyon County.

***Sector 7B*** Antelope Valley/Rancho Haven area. The Cold Springs Middle School is a designated shelter for this sector.

***Sector 7C*** Gerlach/Empire area. The Gerlach High School is a designated shelter for this sector.

Since no single method of communication is failsafe, regional public safety officials use a combination of 5 methods to keep the public informed during an emergency.

- 1- Local government Public Information Officers (PIO) gather key information from first responders and elected officials and produce press releases that are then broadcast by local media outlets.
- 2- Emergency Managers can initiate the Emergency Alert System (EAS). This system interrupts local radio and television broadcasts with emergency alerts and instructions to the public.
- 3- Public Safety Officials can directly broadcast messages over the government cable channels (channels 13, 15 & 17) from the Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC).
- 4- First Responders and credentialed volunteers can go door-to-door alerting citizens of impending hazards.
- 5- The City Watch system can be used to automatically telephone residents and relay emergency information.

The City Watch Notification System is a computer system that calls telephones in a particular geographic area, and plays a recorded message. However, there are two issues to consider- availability of electric utility power, and ability of the system to contact a particular type of telephone.

In an emergency, the electric utility power may fail at any time. This means that any telephone which relies on electric utility power to function will not work.

The City Watch system can only contact hardwired telephones (so-called "wireline" or "PSTN" phones) which are serviced by SBC, ATT, or another local telephone company. You can, however, enter your cell phone number into the database on the following web site: [www.ReadyWashoe.com](http://www.ReadyWashoe.com) Click on the "regional notification" tab, and follow the instructions to enter your telephone number of choice.

Again, there is no guarantee that every citizen can be contacted, but with these 5 methods regional officials can quickly notify large sections of the local population.

### The EAS Local Primary Stations

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   KUNR 88.9 FM