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SHERIFF ORDERED EVACUATION
Pine Ridge Fire makes it to Colorado River

Mesa County, Colorado— Yesterday the Pine Ridge Fire made it to the Colorado River in the DeBeque Canyon and shut down Interstate 70 in both directions until about 7 a.m. today. Currently, the Interstate is open in both directions, but delays should be expected and any unnessesary travel through DeBeque Canyon should be avoided. Fire updates can be found at www.inciweb.org, posted by BLM officials.

Just after 5 p.m. yesterday, Sheriff Stan Hilkey issued a mandatory evacuation order for homes east of I-70, south of S ½ Road and north of 45.5 Road. As of 10 a.m. today, that evacuation order remains in place. A map of this area is attached. For those displaced by the evacuation order and anyone in the DeBeque area, it is highly recommended they enroll a cell phone number with the Emergency Notification System to receive emergency calls about the evacuation. To enroll a cell phone number, visit the City of Grand Junction website at: www.gjcity.org and choose the Emergency Notification section in the bottom right corner.

Please remain calm and prepared to evacuate if you are in the immediate area of DeBeque. People in western Garfield County are not part of the pre-evacuation order because of their distance from the current fire boundaries. If you do not have an emergency please do not call 911. For general information, call 211 from a landline or 970-244-8400 from a cell phone.

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To see all the details that are visible on the screen, use the "Print" link next to the map.

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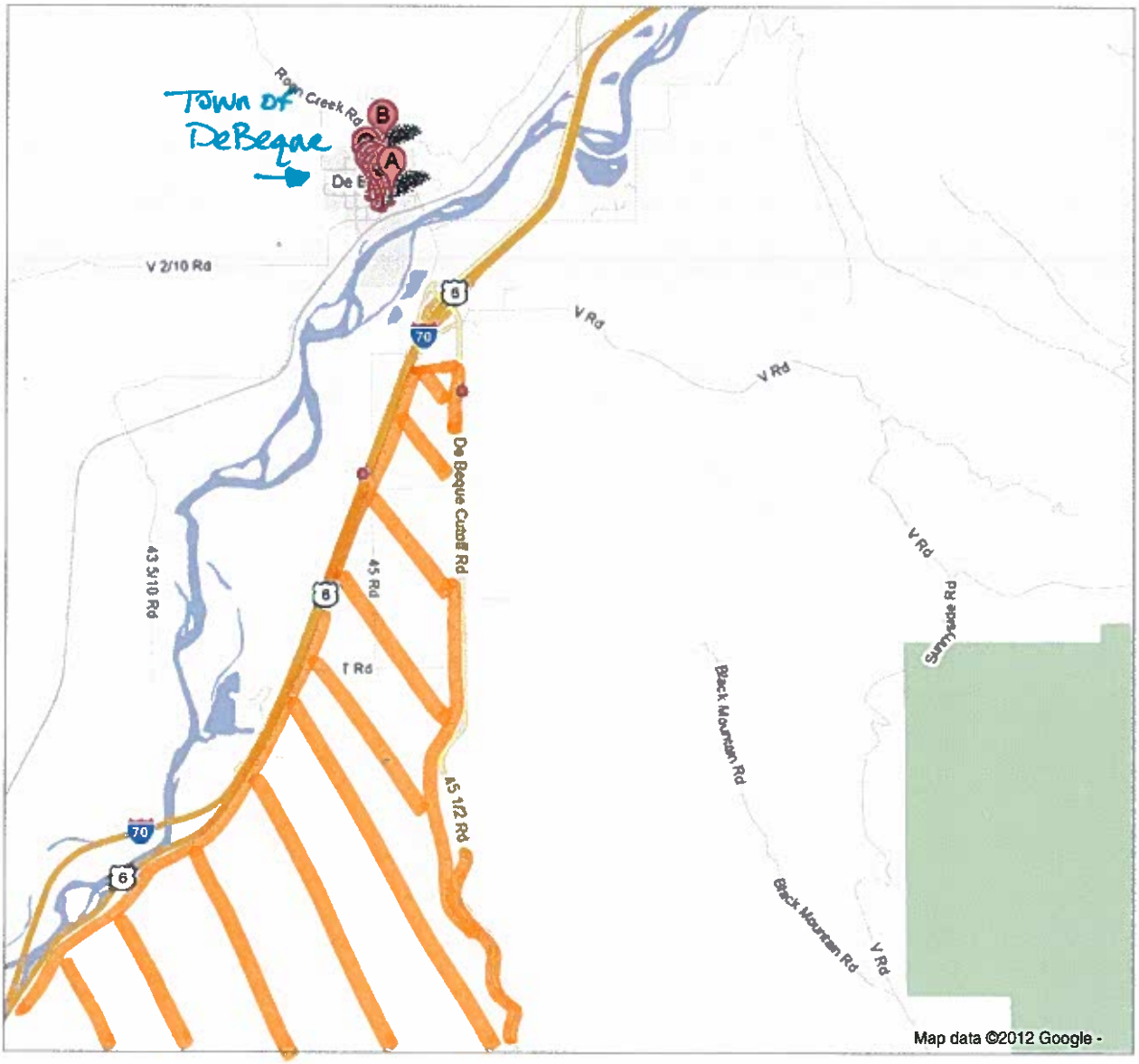

denotes Evacuation area as of 5pm on June 28, 2012.