

Emergency Plan

Here are some steps you can take to make sure you're prepared and safe in the event of a Lahar:

1) Have a family plan.

- Where you will meet if you cannot get home.
- Out-of-area contact person for all family members to call letting them know you are okay and what your plans are.
- Grab-and-go backpacks for family members with food, water, necessary medications, and copies of important family records.
- Plan for your pets.
- For more detailed information on family preparedness visit www.redcross.org/services/prepare.

2) Know the fastest evacuation route from where you live and/or work.

3) **Plan to WALK OUT.** Automobile accidents create huge bottlenecks. You will be able to get out faster if you walk. The best walk-out route is west on Calistoga Avenue to the County Rock Quarry. Another less convenient route is south of town up the Buttes or Card Roads.

4) **Do not go to the school for your children** - they will already be on their way up the hill. The schools have an evacuation plan. Check with the Orting School District for detailed information on where you can expect to reunite with your children.

5) **Keep Moving** Whether walking or driving don't stop - keep moving. People behind you need to get up the hill, too. Police will not respond to automobile accidents.

Walking Destinations

Pierce County Public Works Rock Quarry:

Follow Calistoga Street west to the Old Soldiers Home, continue Straight on 162nd Ave E, follow 162nd Ave E to the quarry.

The Buttes Housing Development:

Follow State Route 162 south through Orting, turn right on Orville Road, take a left into The Buttes, follow the road up the Hill.

Vehicle Use

It is recommended that you walk to the Rock Quarry.

However we do recognize that vehicles will also be on the roads leaving Orting and heading for higher ground.

We encourage that if you are driving to select routes that will connect you to Bonney Lake or South Hill:

Travel north on Hwy 162, turn right onto 128th at the McMillian light and drive up to Bonney Lake.

Travel north on Hwy 162, turn left further up HWY 162 at Military (At the "s" curves) and drive up to South Hill.

The City of Orting tests the Lahar Sirens the first Monday of every month. The siren will sound for approximately five (5) minutes.

Other Resources

The Red Cross: www.redcross.org/services/prepare

3 Days, 3 Ways: www.3days3ways.org

Pierce County: www.co.pierce.wa.us/prepare



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Lahar Evacuation Information

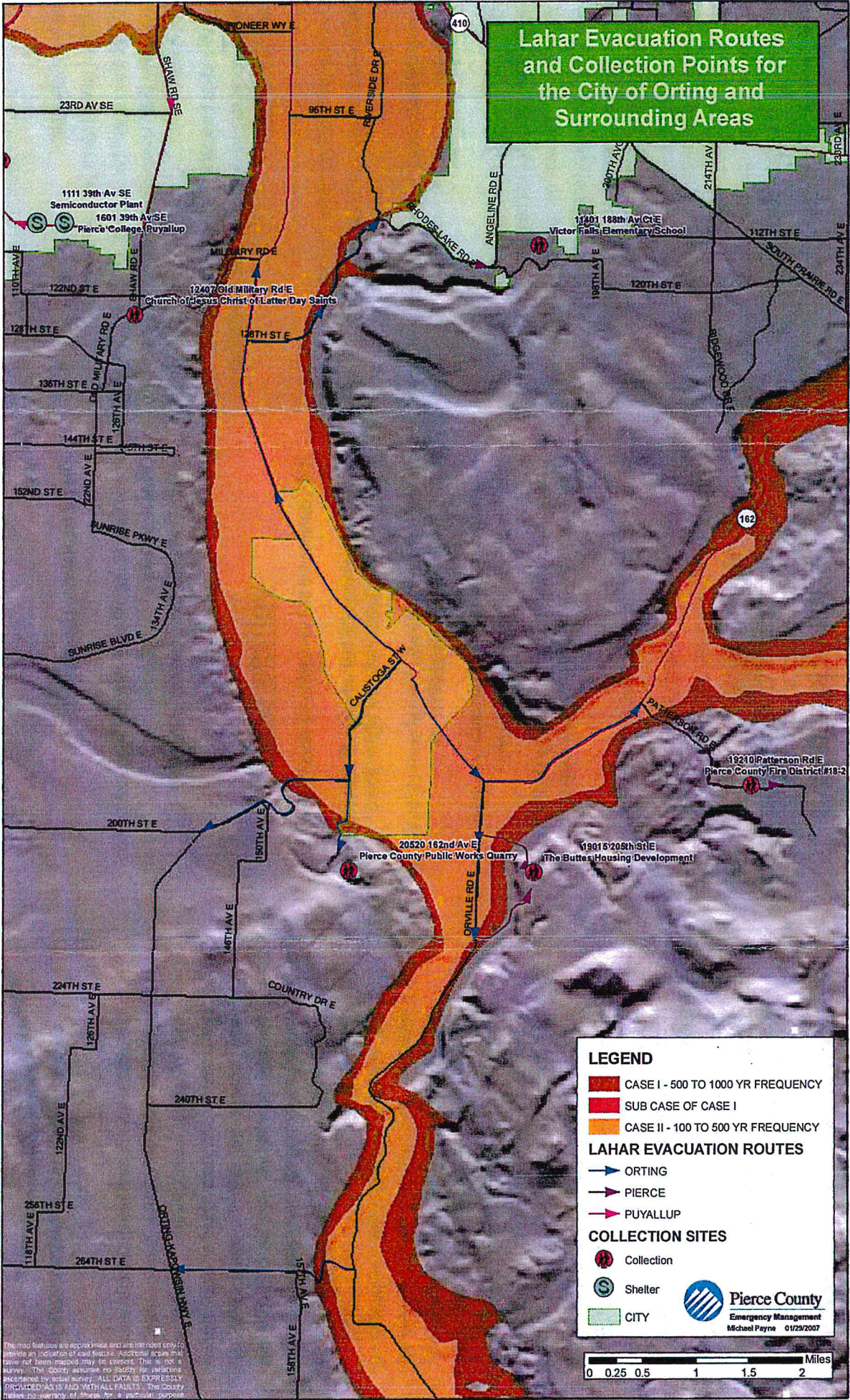
The most serious hazard facing Orting is a Lahar or mudflow from Mt. Rainier flowing down the Puyallup and Carbon Rivers. It has been approximately 500 years since a large mudflow came through the Orting/Puyallup valley and scientists estimate we may be in a 300-year window for something like this to occur again. This is a remote event but would have serious consequences.

It is important for Orting Valley residents to be prepared. Orting has five Lahar sirens that are only activated by an actual Lahar or Lahar drill. Drill sirens only last a couple of minutes. The school district has two Lahar evacuations drills a year where the sirens are tested. You may not be able to hear the sirens indoors so it is also important to have a radio that carries NOAA broadcasts. The AM station 1580 also carries emergency incident messages. In a worst-case scenario, estimates are that you have about 42 minutes to get to high ground (at least 80 feet above the valley floor). It will be critical for Orting citizens to respond quickly and get off the valley floor. First and foremost:

When the Sirens Wail, Don't Wait - Evacuate

www.cityoforting.org

Lahar Evacuation Routes and Collection Points for the City of Orting and Surrounding Areas



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