
For Immediate Release

November 16, 2024
Marble, CO

During the late morning of Friday November 15th, a truck transporting liquid propane to the Marble area went off the road on Gunnison County Road 3 near the intersection of Highway 133. There were not any injuries reported. Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District (CRFPD) teams were dispatched to the scene. Due to the HazMat risk from the liquid propane, some residents of County Road 3 were asked to evacuate, and some were asked to shelter in place.

Colorado State Patrol HazMat and CRFPD evaluated the scene thoroughly and have determined today that the safest and most efficient way to handle removal of the truck and propane is to allow the propane to vaporize and dissipate naturally. This process is anticipated to take seven days. Once the propane has emptied from the tank, they can begin removing the truck. The Colorado State Patrol HazMat team will remain on scene during this time.

As of 6pm today, evacuation orders have been lifted for residents and they can return to their homes but are asked to remain prepared for the possibility of re-evacuation if conditions change regarding the air quality or stability of the propane truck. Residents in the area may notice a lingering propane odor in the air near the site.

County Road 3 has been reduced to one-lane travel with alternating traffic until the propane has fully vaporized and the truck has been recovered. During truck recovery efforts, County Road 3 may require temporary closure to ensure safety. Highway 133 is not affected.

A detailed timeline for this incident and updates can be found at the following website-
<https://www.facebook.com/CarbondaleFireDistrict>. Gunnison County will provide necessary updates.

Gunnison County thanks the CRFPD, Colorado State Patrol HazMat, Pitkin County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center, Gunnison Regional 911 Center, and Pitkin Alerts for their continued work on this incident and appreciates the patience and understanding of the residents in the Marble and County Road 3 area.

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