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## PRESS RELEASE

### October Test of Lahar Siren to Include Sumner

Sumner, WA— On October 2 at 10 am, Pierce County will conduct its semi-annual test of lahar sirens, including those in Sumner. This test will last for 3-5 minutes and include a full wail of the siren.

The siren can put out a variety of alarms including chimes, spoken broadcasts and a full wail. For example, the test in May used the chime setting, so many residents did not hear the successful test. On October 2, the full wail will be much louder, intending to alert residents who are outdoors in the event of a lahar. For indoor warning, residents are encouraged to use NOAA weather radios. However, this particular test is for the siren alone and will **not** include a test of the all-hazard warning through the radios.

While citizens should be aware that the October 2 alert is only a test, it is a good time for individuals to check their own level of emergency preparedness. Everyone should have a communication plan with all family members and preparedness kits that can be grabbed upon evacuation.

#### When

October 2 at 10 am for 3-5 minutes

#### To Get Prepared

Emergency preparedness helps citizens prepare for events ranging from a lahar to more common winter incidents such as floods and windstorms. The following websites offer more information on how individuals can be prepared for emergencies:

East Pierce Fire & Rescue: [www.eastpiercefirerescue.org](http://www.eastpiercefirerescue.org) under the Public Education section

City of Sumner: [www.ci.sumner.wa.us](http://www.ci.sumner.wa.us) under the Emergency section

Pierce County: [www.co.pierce.wa.us](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us) under Emergency Management

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