

Delia-area fire leads to evacuation

(KNZA)--Residents of the Jackson County community of Delia and surrounding area were advised to evacuate their homes Wednesday afternoon due to a huge grass fire.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said the Sheriff's Office received a call for mutual aid for a wildfire by Shawnee County shortly after 1:00. The fire threatened southwestern Jackson County.

Shortly after, due to strong winds, the fire crossed the Jackson County line and traveled northeast. By 5:00, firefighters from Jackson County and surrounding counties battled the fire that extended from the Shawnee County line to 118th Road and from B to D Roads in Jackson County. Morse said the fire threatened a structure at 102nd Road, east of C Road.

Deputies evacuated residences in rural Jackson County that were threatened by the fire as well as the City of Delia.

The National Weather Service issued a red flag warning for Wednesday due to the high fire danger.

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