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Large grass fire causes home evacuations

(KNZA)--Local area deputies and firefighters, on Sunday, offered assistance as a regional county required evacuations due to grass fires.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, in a release, says deputies from his department joined Kansas Wildlife and Park Officers in assisting the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office with evacuating some homes located in northern Shawnee County, near the Shawnee County State Lake, due to approaching grass fires, early in the afternoon.

Morse, in a release, noted that "Jackson County Fire Departments were also part of the crews battling fire amidst March winds that were making conditions difficult," referencing the strong, Sunday afternoon winds that gusted above 40 mph.

Morse noted that no evacuations were necessary in Jackson County, although he did alert residents to remain aware of conditions.

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