Although slowed by the pandemic, the South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps' (STCEVC) work to place Tsunami Evacuation signage in the Neskowin area continues, and includes the Hills of Neskowin. The STCEVC received funding from both the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) and from the Tillamook Coast Visitors Association that covers the cost of all the tsunami evacuation signage as well as posts and installation. (See https://southcountyevc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Press-Release-4-21-2020-Sinage-Funding-Provided-.pdf)

With Doug Millican's assistance as well as that of Roger Wicklund of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), we have installed two of three evacuation signs for the Hills of Neskowin. There is now a sign near our mailboxes that reads "Tsunami Evacuation Route" with an arrow pointing up Pacific Overlook Drive. Since U.S. 101 at Tibbetts Road is in the Tsunami Zone, this will direct anyone running from U.S. 101 up our hill.

When we get the right equipment and weather, we will install a thermoplastic sign adhered to the asphalt that says "Leaving Tsunami Zone" adjacent to the flower bed at the Hills of Neskowin sign at our entrance (See below). This allows folks to stop running and catch their breath, although they should continue to our Common Area, where we've installed a sign indicating it as a "Tsunami Assembly Area."

The Hills of Neskowin has always been a designated escape area on DOGAMI's Tsunami evacuation maps. People in Neskowin Village will run to Hawk Hills or Neskowin Crest. Most folks from the Ocean Way area will also run up to the Crest. Viking Estates is pretty much out of the tsunami zone, although parts of Tibbetts Road are in the tsunami zone. So we're most likely to get people who are stranded on U.S. 101 coming here. If you're a homeowner near the front of the Hills of Neskowin, please help guide them up to our Common Area. They should be able to see the Tsunami Assembly Area sign once they get to the intersection where Pacific Overlook Drive loops back onto itself.

-Jean Cameron, STCEVC CERT