



Cariboo Regional District Bowers Lake Fire Area

EVACUATION ORDER

Friday, July 17, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

Whereas a declaration of a state of local emergency was declared on July 17, 2026 by the Cariboo Regional District pursuant to Section 95 of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* due to wildfire within the jurisdiction of the Cariboo Regional District;

And whereas Section 107 (1)(c) and (d) of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* authorizes requiring evacuations in relation to a declared state of local emergency, making arrangements for the adequate care and protection of evacuated persons and animals, and controlling travel to or from an area;

And whereas the wildfire is a significant threat to the health, safety, and welfare of persons, such that an evacuation and controlling travel is necessary to minimize threats;

This **Evacuation Order** has been issued by the Cariboo Regional District and is effective as of 2026-07-17 at 6:00 p.m. and is in effect for the following areas:

See attached map

The evacuation route is:

Take the Windy Mountain Forest Service Road, turn right on to Judson Rd and then left to Horse Lake Rd, and continue to Highway 97 or Highway 24.

For Emergency Support Services assistance, call 1-866-759-4977.

***Emergency Support Services will be provided only if your primary residence is on an evacuation order**

YOU MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY

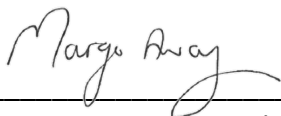
Members of the local police department and other agencies and other applicable agencies may be expediting this action.

A person must not enter the area identified above and in the attached map for purposes of residing, occupying or visiting the area.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

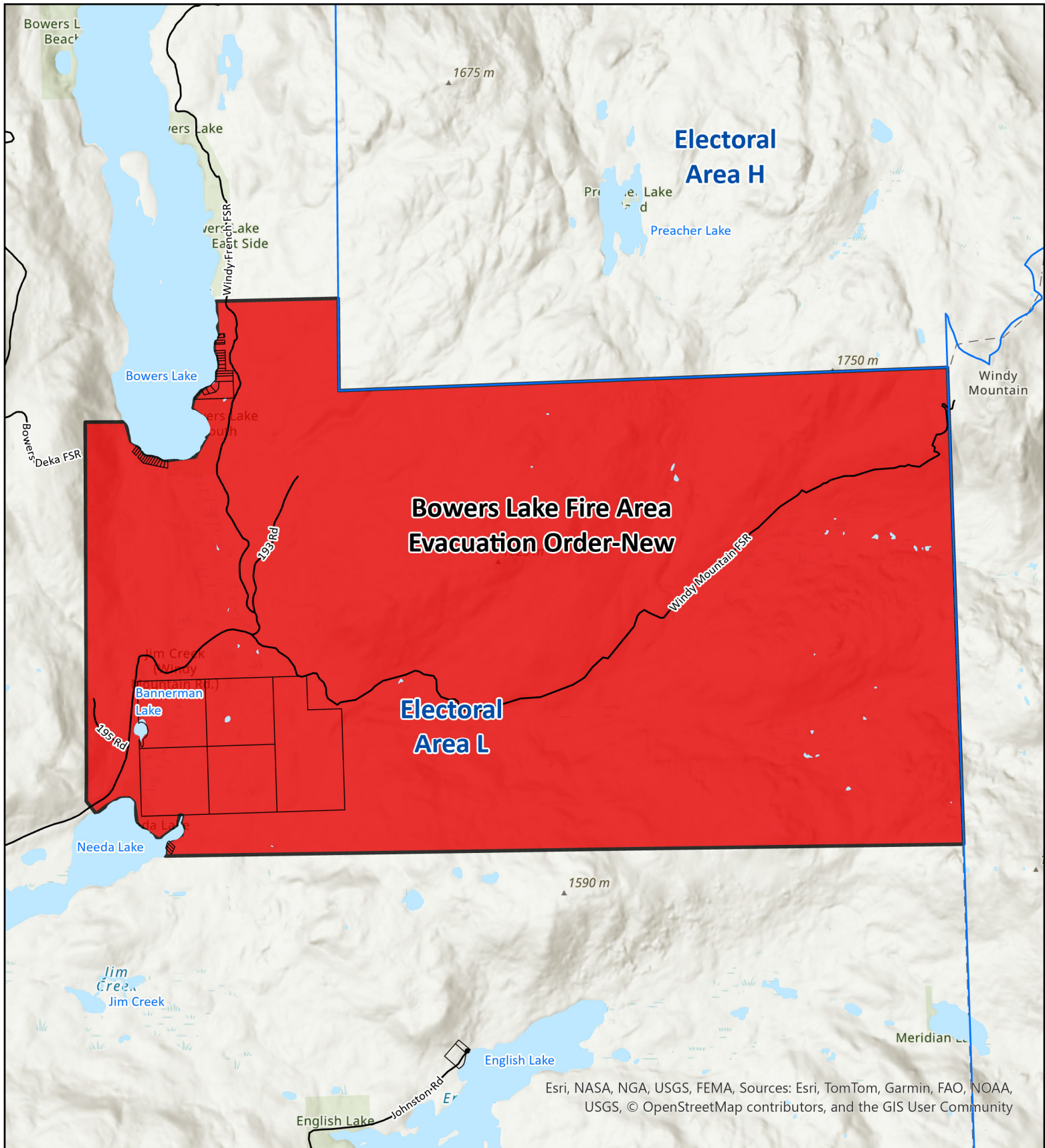
- You must leave the area **immediately**. Follow the evacuation route provided.
- Gather your family; take a neighbour or someone who needs help.
- Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
- Take critical items (medicine, purse, wallet, and keys) only if they are immediately available.
- Close all windows and doors; close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Do not shut off your natural gas. FortisBC will turn off natural gas service as needed.
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency service.
- Do not use more vehicles than you must.
- If you have homeowners' or tenants' insurance, contact your insurance provider to arrange for living expenses such as accommodation and food.
- To receive Emergency Support Services, please self-register using the Evacuee Registration & Assistance (ERA) tool at <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/>, (if not already done).
- Emergency Support Services will be provided only if your primary residence is on an evacuation order.
- Residents who choose not to evacuate should understand they stay at their own risk. Responders may not be able to come to your rescue if it is unsafe to do so.

For more information, visit cariboord.ca/emergency, or contact: 1-866-759-4977



Margo Wagner, Board Chair
Cariboo Regional District

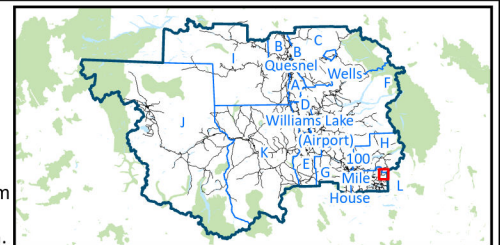
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Legend

EVACUATION ORDER - NEW

 Electoral Areas and Municipalities



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