

# Cariboo Regional District Smokey Lake Fire Area

## **EVACUATION ORDER**

Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Whereas a declaration of a state of local emergency was declared on 2025-09-07 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 *Smokey Lake 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 September 7, 2025 at 1:00 PM and is in effect for the following areas:

#### See attached map

The evacuation route is:

Proceed to Highway 20 then head east to Williams Lake. For those who need additional resources, report to the ESS Centre at Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex, 525 Proctor Street, Williams Lake to register, receive assistance, and for refreshments.

### **YOU MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY**

Members of the RCMP and other 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 have to.
- 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), or report at the ESS Centre at Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex, 525 Proctor Street, Williams Lake.
- 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 A. Wagner (Sep 7, 2025 12:41:04 PDT)

Margo Wagner, CRD Chair

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