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EOC – Puntzi Lake – 15-02

Evacuation Order Expanded for Puntzi Lake

Puntzi Lake, B.C. – The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) has expanded the Evacuation Order for Puntzi Lake to include the south western shore and the southern tip of Puntzi Lake. The north shore of the lake is also under Evacuation Order and former Evacuation Orders remain in place. Approximately 30 properties are within the new boundary. The Puntzi Lake fire has rapidly grown to approximately 1,000 to 1,200 hectares.

Previously today, the CRD placed 15 residences on the northwest side of Puntzi Lake on Evacuation Order. The south western shore and the northern shore of the lake are now under Evacuation Order as well. Evacuation Alerts have been expanded further along the northern end of the lake and south of the fork in the Puntzi Lake Road down to Highway 20.

An Emergency Social Services Reception Centre has been established at the Cariboo Regional District offices in Williams Lake at 180 D North Third Avenue. The CRD's EOC Public Information line is 250-398-5117.

Residents are reminded to register for the Cariboo Chilcotin Emergency Notification System by visiting the Cariboo Regional District at cariboord.ca. For up to date fire information, please visit the Cariboo Fire Centre online Bcwildfire.ca or call 1-888-336-7378. For more information regarding evacuations, please visit the CRD's website at cariboord.ca, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations or on Twitter @CaribooRD.