



NEWS RELEASE



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Fire activity and evacuation alert in Williams Lake and areas unchanged

Williams Lake, B.C. – The wind event forecasted to occur on Wednesday did not develop as expected. However, there is a potential that the wind event will occur on Saturday night instead. If it does, it will cause an increase in fire behaviour on active fires. The weather forecast for the Cariboo Fire Centre for today and tomorrow predicts a mix of sun and cloud, with highs in the low to mid-twenties and the potential for isolated showers. Any showers that develop will not bring enough rain to decrease the fire activity on fires. Winds are expected to be gusty. Today, there is a risk of thundershowers in the northeastern region of the fire centre.

The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) and the City of Williams Lake continue to monitor fire activity in the area. The evacuation alert for the City of Williams Lake and surrounding areas remains in place.

Should this status change, the public will be notified immediately through all means possible. Everyone is encouraged to monitor local radio stations as well as the CRD and City of Williams Lake channels.

To find Evacuation Alert information for the City of Williams Lake, visit their website at williamslake.ca, Facebook page at facebook.com/CityWilliamsLake, Twitter @CityWL or contact 250-392-2364.

To find Evacuation Alert information for the Cariboo Regional District, visit the CRD's website at cariboord.ca, follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations or on Twitter @CaribooRD. You can also contact the Public Information Line at 1-866-759-4977.

Residents are encouraged to register for the Cariboo Chilcotin Emergency Notification System by visiting the Cariboo Regional District at cariboord.ca or the City of Williams Lake at williamslake.ca.

We would also like to remind residents to refrain from lawn sprinkling or other water-use intensive activities so that water reserves will be available, if required, for firefighting activities.

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