

Residents permitted to return to Lavington Road area

Tuesday July 18, 2017 – 9:00pm

A small area around Lavington Road within the Cariboo Regional District has been identified as having a reduced fire risk which allows residents to return to the area.

The following area has been reduced from an Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert:

- West from the Fraser River at Buckridge Hall on the West Fraser Road following the south boundaries of DLs 6147, 2041, Blk A&B of 8006, 8005 and Blk B of 8005; north to Garner Road at the junction of the Webster Lake Road at 35 km; west to Lavington Road at 26; west 6 km; north to the boundary of the remaining order area.

While residents are able to return to the Lavington area, nearby locations remain on evacuation order and security will be in place to enforce the order in those areas. Those returning to the area are asked to exercise caution to ensure their personal safety. Please refer to the map available on the Cariboo Regional District website to see the specific area that has been downgraded: <http://bit.ly/2tdFL5k>

It is important to note that air quality remains poor as a result of smoke from nearby fire activity. Those with respiratory issues, small children and the elderly should consider this before they choose to return to the area.

Red Cross services will be available to anyone returning to the area that requires assistance. They can be reached at 1-800-863-6582.

Since this area remains on evacuation alert, anyone returning there must continue to be prepared to evacuate their premises or property should an evacuation be required. As with previous evacuation alerts, residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however limited notice may be given due to changing conditions.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN ALERT IS IN EFFECT

To remain prepared for an evacuation order, residents should:

- Locate all family members or co-workers and designate a Reception Centre outside the evacuation area, should an evacuation be called while separated.
- Gather essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), immediate care needs for dependants and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc). Have these items readily available for quick departure.

- Prepare to move any disabled persons and/or children.
- Move pets and livestock to a safe area.
- Arrange to transport your household members or co-workers in the event of an evacuation order.
- Arrange accommodation for your family if possible. In the event of an evacuation, Reception Centres will be opened if required.
- Monitor news sources for information on evacuation orders and locations of Reception Centres.

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