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## Update on structure loss in the Cariboo region

*Williams Lake, B.C.* – The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) has issued 19 evacuation orders and 12 evacuation alerts since the Emergency Operations Centre opened on July 6, 2017. The CRD's evacuation orders and alerts cover about 24,000 square kilometres.

Approximately 35,116 people have been impacted by evacuation orders and alerts throughout the Cariboo region, including the City of Williams Lake and the District of 100 Mile House.

In areas where it is safe to do so, the CRD is conducting comprehensive assessments with the help of volunteer fire departments and search and rescue crews to determine the number of structures lost. The CRD continues to gather information about the status of structures throughout the region and to make every effort to contact owners of impacted structures before releasing details publicly.

An estimated 13,274 parcels of land are on evacuation order or alert throughout the regional district. So far, the CRD has confirmed that 41 homes have been lost.

“I would like to express my sincere regrets to those who have lost homes and other structures in the Cariboo region. I encourage our communities to extend love and support to these families as we do so well here in the Cariboo,” says CRD Chair Al Richmond. “Also, thank you to the BC Wildfire Service and all the structural firefighters who continue to work so hard to protect our communities. I cannot express how thankful we are for your continued efforts.”

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