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## Evacuation alert expanded for Blackwater River area

*Williams Lake, B.C.* – Effective immediately, the Cariboo Regional District has issued an expanded evacuation alert for the Blackwater River area, which is about 100 kilometres west of Quesnel. This alert is an expansion of the alert issued for the Kluskus Area on July 16, 2017.

Because of the potential danger to life and health, the Cariboo Regional District has issued an evacuation alert for the following areas:

- 4 km West of the Nazko River following the Blackwater River; West to the east boundary of Tsacha Lake; Southeast to 7 km Southeast of Toil Mountain; Northeast for 32 km to 4 km west of Marmot Lake; Northerly to the Blackwater River maintaining a 4 km buffer to the Nazko River.

View a map here: <http://bit.ly/2uH9Qfb>

An evacuation alert has been issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be required. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

### **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN ALERT IS IN EFFECT**

Upon notification of an **ALERT**, you should be prepared for an evacuation order by:

- Having a plan to transport all family members or co-workers outside of the area, should the area be brought back under evacuation order.
- Keeping essential items readily available for a quick departure; including medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), immediate care needs for dependants and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc.).
- Ensuring that any dependants are prepared for departure.
- Ensuring that pets and livestock remain in a safe area.
- Ensuring that you have accommodation options for your family, if possible. Reception Centre will be made available again if required.
- Monitoring reliable news sources for evacuation order information.

Further information will be issued as it becomes available via the CRD Emergency Operations Facebook page (@CRDEmergencyOperations) and the CRD website [www.cariboord.ca](http://www.cariboord.ca). For more information contact the CRD's public phone line at 1-866-759-4977.

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