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For Immediate Release

Evacuation alert issued Chilanko Forks Area

Williams Lake, B.C. – An Evacuation Alert has been issued by Cariboo Regional District at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for Chilanko Forks Area.

See a map of the affected areas: <http://bit.ly/2vQAUfz>

If an evacuation is required the evacuation route will be Highway 20 to Bella Coola

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 the evacuation order by:

- Having a plan to transport all family members or co-workers outside of the area, should the area be brought 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.
- Moving pets and livestock to a safe area.
- Ensuring that you have accommodation options for your family, if possible. A Reception Centre will be made available if required.
- Monitoring reliable news sources for information on evacuation orders and locations of Reception Centres and the CRD's channels on Facebook and cariboord.ca.

Further information will be issued as it becomes available. Please visit the CRD Emergency Operations Facebook page at [facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations](https://www.facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations) as well as the CRD website at cariboord.ca. For more information contact the CRD's public information line at 1-866-759-4977.

Residents are strongly encouraged to register for the Cariboo Chilcotin Emergency Notification System to receive a text, call or email regarding Evacuation Alerts and Orders:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612292#/signup>