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## Local agencies carry on recovery efforts in the Cariboo

*Williams Lake, B.C.* – The CRD’s Recovery Manager, Stephanie Masun, delivered her final recovery report to the Cariboo Regional District Board at their April 13 meeting. The report signifies the end of the contract for the CRD’s Recovery Manager; however, various agencies are conducting ongoing recovery work throughout the Cariboo.

The following are some of the ongoing recovery services available in the Cariboo:

- The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development has a locally based Community Wildfire Recovery team to help with assistance and information. They also have useful information [posted on their website](#).
- United Way has established Community Wellness Managers in the region to support community wellness and mental health needs.
- Based out of Williams Lake, Samaritan’s Purse is travelling throughout the region, helping people navigate the services available to them.
- [Red Cross](#) continues to provide support in the region and invites residents to call 1-800-863-6582 to make an appointment for individual recovery resources and supports. The Red Cross office in Williams Lake has recently moved to 510 Broadway Avenue North.
- The Red Cross [Community Partnerships Program](#), which provides funding to support community driven efforts that promote individual and community recovery and resiliency, continues to accept applications.
- Red Cross’s [Support to Small Business program](#) is available until May 31, 2018. This program provides financial assistance for Small Businesses and First Nations Cultural Livelihoods impacted by the British Columbia 2017 fires.
- Community Futures is hosting a Wildfire Recovery Support Program that provides hands-on support to businesses in the region who have been affected by the wildfires. Through this program, businesses can receive referrals to supporting agencies and personal administrative help. The Community Futures offices in Williams Lake, Quesnel and Ashcroft are delivering this program throughout the region with each office covering its local and regional mandated area.

Emergency preparedness is also a component of recovery. Information about [FireSmart](#) and other wildfire prevention programs is available on the CRD’s website as well. Take a moment to visit the [PreparedBC website](#), which is British Columbia's one-stop shop for disaster readiness information.

Find these recovery resources, programs, contact information and more on the [Wildfire Recovery page](#) at the CRD website. Updates are posted on the [CRD’s Facebook page](#). If you are looking for recovery supports, review the recovery information provided on those pages or contact the provincial wildfire recovery program or Red Cross for additional support.

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Additionally, drop by one of the CRD's information fairs this month to learn more about emergency preparedness and resilience. Information fairs are being held in the North Cariboo and South Cariboo:

- [Tuesday, April 24 at the Nazko Valley Community Centre from 5:30-7:00 p.m.](#); and
- [Thursday, April 26 at the Lone Butte Community Hall from 5:30-7:00 p.m.](#)

Similar events are being hosted by other agencies in the Cariboo this spring.

Masun's Wildfire Recovery Management report provided an overview of the CRD's recovery management activities to date. The report also identifies the early-identified recovery needs and general trends, an overview of recovery program solutions and resources, short-term recovery program gaps and long-term planning and lessons learned. [Read the report](#), along with CRD's two other post-wildfire reports, on the CRD website.

Find recovery and emergency preparedness information at:

- CRD Website  
[www.cariboord.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc/recovery](http://www.cariboord.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc/recovery)
- CRD Emergency Operations Facebook Page  
[www.facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations](http://www.facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations)
- Prepared BC  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc>
- Red Cross  
[www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca)
- Provincial Wildfire Recovery Program  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/emergency-response-and-recovery/recovery-programs>

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