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Evacuation order issued for Whitton Lake area

Williams Lake, B.C. – Effective immediately, the Cariboo Regional District has issued an Evacuation Order for six properties in the Whitton Lake area.

Due to immediate danger, members of the RCMP or other groups will be expediting this action.

The evacuation route is by helicopter.

Register at the ESS Reception Centre at ESS Reception Centre at 640 Carson Drive in Williams Lake. Please note, if you have a primary residence outside of the evacuation order, you will not be eligible for Emergency Support Services (ESS).

View a map of the affected area here: <https://bit.ly/2nZPWtd>

Use the CRD's online interactive map to see all the areas on evacuation alert or order and the wildfires in the area: <https://bit.ly/2tcpS1e> (there may be a delay before the map is updated)

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF UNDER EVACUATION ORDER:

- You must leave the area immediately.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Do not shut off your natural gas if you receive an evacuation order. For more information visit www.fortisbc.com.
- Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Gather your family: take a neighbour or someone who needs help.
- Take critical items (medicine, purse, wallet, and keys) only if they are immediately available. Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
- Do not use more vehicles than you have to.
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency service.
- Register at the Lake City Secondary Campus at 640 Carson Drive in Williams Lake.

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Further information will be issued as it becomes available. Please visit the CRD Emergency Operations Facebook page at facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations as well as the CRD website at cariboord.ca/emergency. For more information contact the CRD's public information line at 1-866-759-4977 (8:00am – 10:00 pm daily).

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>

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