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For Immediate Release

Changes to orders and alerts in Nazko area

Williams Lake, B.C. – The Cariboo Regional District announced changes to evacuation alerts and orders in the Nazko area today. The Nazko Valley has seen a partial lift of the evacuation alert to all clear. The Nazko Road has been downgraded from order to alert, meaning residents can return home along the road and the Nazko Road is open for traffic.

An evacuation order remains in place for the Bazaeko Blackwater Nazko area. An evacuation alert remains in place for the Nazko area (north of Nazko). View a PDF map of the areas: <https://bit.ly/2C2XWDH>

Wildfires remain active and firefighting activities continue in some areas. It is important for residents to stay out of active wildfire areas. Interfering in an active fire area will result in crews ceasing ground and air operations potentially endangering nearby properties.

Since areas remain on evacuation alert, residents must be prepared in case the area receives a future evacuation order on short notice. Information about what to do when on evacuation alert is listed below.

Residents returning to the area are encouraged to register for the Cariboo Chilcotin Emergency Notification System to receive a text, call or email regarding Evacuation Alerts and Orders: member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612292#/signup

For rural properties that have been impacted by wildfire, residents should be aware there may be danger trees in wildfire affected areas. Home owners and private land owners are recommended to work with an insurance agency to have an assessment done by a qualified arborist on their private property.

Remaining on Evacuation Order

- You must remain out of the area.
- Register with Emergency Support Services (ESS)

Remaining on Evacuation Alert

Since the area remains on evacuation alert, residents should remain prepared for an evacuation by:

- Having a plan to transport all family members or co-workers outside 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 dependents and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc).
- Ensuring that any dependents 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. A 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.



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