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EOC Update: Update on evacuations and flooding concerns

Evacuation Update

The CRD and RCMP completed the second evacuation order for the Nazko area this morning. Fifty people have registered in Quesnel for Emergency Social Services so far, which includes both CRD and Nazko First Nation residents. The Nazko First Nation also issued an evacuation order yesterday.

The CRD's two evacuation orders for the Nazko area impact about 120 properties:

- [Evacuation Order – Nazko Area – April 29 @ 12 p.m.](#)
- [Evacuation Order – Upper Nazko Area – April 29 @ 7 p.m.](#)

Evacuated residents should register with **Emergency Support Services (ESS)** at the reception centre in the Quesnel Recreation Centre at 500 North Star Road, which will be open until 8:00 p.m. tonight. ESS will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow.

Upcoming Flooding Concerns

The BC River Forecast Centre and the Province's Water Stewardship department have advised the CRD to expect high stream flows and potential flooding concerns along Baker Creek, the Quesnel River, the Cottonwood River and the Chilcotin River. Residents who live along these waterways and their tributaries should take steps now to prepare in case of flooding. Have an emergency plan, prepare emergency supplies, assess your property and buildings for potential drainage issues and take proactive steps to prevent flooding. Contact the CRD's EOC if you have concerns about flooding in your area.

Safety Precautions

Please stay away from fast flowing water, as well as road washouts. The banks of rivers, streams or washout areas may be unstable and dangerous.

Flooding Resources

The CRD's EOC is providing sandbags to residents as needed. It is the homeowner's responsibility to undertake temporary and permanent flood protection works to protect their home and property. If you need sandbags, contact the EOC. Learn more about proper sandbagging techniques: bit.ly/2FIdNd1

High stream flows and flooding are expected to continue through the week. If you are experiencing flooding issues that affect your home or business, please contact the CRD's public information line at 1-866-759-4977. For after-hours emergencies, please call the Provincial Emergency Reporting Line at 1-800-663-3456.

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 or other emergency updates: member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612292#/signup

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For more information:

- **CRD Website – Emergency Operations Centre**
cariboord.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc
- **CRD Website – Emergency Preparedness**
cariboord.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-prep
- **CRD Emergency Operations Facebook Page**
facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations
- **Drive BC – Road Closures and Updates**
drivebc.ca

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