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For Immediate Release

Evacuation order expanded and alert amended in the Maple Drive area

Williams Lake, B.C. – An Evacuation order issued on May 8th has now been expanded from one property to two due to landslide. As a result, the alert has also been amended in the Maple Drive area. The alert does not include any additional properties at this time.

Current Evacuation Order Area: <https://bit.ly/mapledriveEOamendment>

Current Evacuation Alert Area: <https://bit.ly/mapledriveEAamendment1>

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN ORDER IS IN EFFECT

- You must leave the area immediately.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Do not shut off your natural gas.
- 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.
- If you are on an evacuation ALERT or ORDER, or if you have been displaced from your home due to an emergency, Please self-register with Emergency Support Services (ESS) at <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/>. Self-Registration will reduce wait times for evacuees and assist in the referral process.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN ALERT IS IN EFFECT

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.

Upon notification of an **ALERT**, you should be prepared for an evacuation order:

- Have a plan to transport all family members or co-workers (while practicing physical distancing if possible) outside of the area, should the area be brought under evacuation order.
- Keep 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).
- Ensure that any dependents or pets are prepared for departure.

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- Move pets and livestock to a safe area.
- Ensure that you have accommodation options for your family, if possible. A Reception Centre will be made available if required.
- In the event you are evacuated, do not shut off your natural gas.
- Monitor reliable news sources for information on evacuation orders and locations of Reception Centres and the CRD's channels on Facebook and cariboord.ca.
- If you are on an **evacuation ALERT or ORDER**, or if you have been displaced from your home due to an emergency, Please self-register with Emergency Support Services (ESS) at <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/> . Self-Registration will reduce wait times for evacuees and assist in the referral process.

Residents throughout the Cariboo Regional District are reminded to use caution as banks of rivers, streams or washout areas may be unstable and dangerous. Please stay away from fast flowing water, as well as road washouts.

Contact the CRD's EOC if you have concerns about flooding in your area, need sand and/or sandbags. It is the homeowner's responsibility to undertake temporary and permanent flood protection to protect their home and property.

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/EOC. For more information contact the CRD's emergency information line at 1-866-759-4977 (8:30am – 4:30pm daily).

Residents 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