



EVACUATION ORDER



CUTOFF CREEK WILDFIRE #G41269 EVACUATION ORDER ISSUED and EXPANDED EVACUATION ALERT CHANGE July 14, 2021, at 1800 hours

An Evacuation Order has been issued by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Saik'uz First Nation and BC Parks effective **July 14, 2021, at 1800** hours due to a wildfire.

Because of the **danger to life and health** the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, in conjunction with Saik'uz First Nation and BC Parks has issued an Evacuation Order for the **Cutoff Creek Wildfire** for the following area:

South of the intersection of Kenney Dam Road and Brophy Road, southwest to Knewstubb Lake, and southeast to the 600 FSR, including Saik'uz IR Tatuk Lake 7, Tatuk, and Finger FSR. The order does not include Kenney Dam Road where it runs adjacent to the Nechako River, as shown on the attached map.

PERSONS UNDER EVACUATION ORDER MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AND REGISTER AT THE RECEPTION CENTRE

Persons who disregard this Evacuation Order and remain in the Evacuation Order area do so at their own risk. The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and Saik'uz First Nation may be unable to assist anyone who remains in the Evacuation Order area.

- If you need transportation assistance from the area please advise the individual providing this notice or call the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at 250-692-3195 or 1-800-320-3339.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Shut off all gas and electrical appliances, other than refrigerators and freezers.
- 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 a leash.
- Do not use more vehicles than you must.
- If you require assistance for livestock, please call the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at 250-692-3195 or 1-800-320-3339.
- If Saik'uz First Nation members require assistance, please contact Gilbert Vickers, Fire Chief, Saik'uz First Nation at 250-570-1295.



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Evacuees:

- Register at the Reception Centre in **Vanderhoof Municipal Arena** at 340 Columbia St. East or contact the Emergency Support Services Director at 1-778-916-1995.
- Emergency Support Services can provide assistance for food, accommodation, hotel or staying with friends and family, clothing, emotional support and family reunification.

An Expanded Evacuation Alert has been issued by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako effective **July 14, 2021 at 1800 hours.** (replacing the Evacuation Alert Change July 9, 2021 at 1800 hours.)

Because of the potential **danger to life and health**, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in conjunction with BC Parks, for the following areas:

East of the Nechako River including the Kenney Dam Road West to the Corkscrew RSF and Sinkut Road, excluding the evacuation order area, as shown on the attached map.

An **Expanded Evacuation Alert** has been issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however, you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

DURING AN EVACUATION ALERT BE PREPARED FOR AN EVACUATION ORDER:

- locate all family members or co-workers and plan to meet outside the evacuation area, should an evacuation be called while separated;
- gather essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), immediate care needs for dependents and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc). Have these items readily available for quick departure;
- prepare to move any persons with mobility challenges and/or children.
- moving pets and livestock to a safe area, if you require assistance please call the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako;
- arranging to transport your household members or co-workers in the event of an evacuation order. If you are asked to evacuate and need transportation assistance from the area please call the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako;
- arrange accommodation for your family if possible.

An **Evacuation Order** is in place for the adjacent area and a Reception Centre has been opened at the Vanderhoof Municipal Arena in Vanderhoof.

Monitor your local radio station and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako website, www.rdbn.bc.ca for information on this Evacuation Alert and/or any changes to the situation.

Gerry Thiessen
Chair, RDBN

Priscilla Mueller
Chief, Saik'uz First Nation



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For media inquiry, please contact:

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako – Chair Gerry Thiessen: Phone 250-567-0567

Saik’uz First Nation - Chief Priscilla Mueller and Sasha Striegler Lannone: 250-567-0496

For public inquiry, please contact:

RDBN at www.rdbn.bc.ca or call 250-692-3195 or 1-800-320-3339

