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EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK EVACUATION PLAN



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OVERVIEW

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako is located in the central part of British Columbia and encompasses an area of approximately 77,000 square kilometres with a population of about 38,000. The major farming areas in the region are in the Bulkley Valley – Lakes District and the rural area surrounding Vanderhoof.

There is a long history of ranching and dairy production in the region, with a dramatic increase in ranching since the late 1970s. There are numerous farms in the region where pigs, sheep and goats are kept, but most are small holdings. Poultry of various types are present on farms and acreages, however, currently there are no large poultry farms operating.

A summary of farms and the number of animals in the RDBN is shown below: ^{Note 1}

Species	No. of Farms	No. of Animals
Cattle and Calves	859	80,807
Poultry (all types)	278	10,554
Horses and Ponies	352	2,346
Sheep and Lambs	93	3,488
Goats	42	1,142
Pigs	81	977
Llamas and Alpacas	24	66
Rabbits	38	313

Note 1: Livestock data is primarily from Statistics Canada Census 2016, Agriculture Community Profiles. The number of farms in the table exceeds the district total, as many farms support more than one livestock species.

Responsibility for livestock during an emergency belongs to the livestock owner. Wildfires during the summer of 2010 exacerbated livestock owner's resources and they required assistance in evacuating their livestock.

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan has been developed to clearly outline Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako policies regarding emergency livestock evacuation during an emergency or disaster.



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PLAN PURPOSE

The purpose of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan is to provide clear direction to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Operation Centre personnel, supporting emergency management stakeholders, and local livestock owners regarding the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako policies and procedures during an emergency or disaster that require livestock evacuation.

In doing so, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan:

- Considers all of the BCERMS goals in order of priority as follows:
 1. Provide for Safety & Health of all Responders
 2. Save Lives
 3. Reduce Suffering
 4. Protect Public Health
 5. Protect Government Infrastructure
 6. Protect Property
 7. Protect the Environment
 8. Reduce Economic & Social Losses
- provides the operational guidelines for coordinating a response to incidents arising from the hazards and risks faced by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that may cause the implementation of an emergency livestock evacuation;
- outlines the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's authority and responsibilities to act in an emergency or disaster that requires livestock evacuation;
- communicates Regional District policies and procedures to outside organizations that are responsible under the plan; and,



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- guides the ongoing efforts of Regional District, other government agency personnel, and livestock owners in coordinated emergency response procedures and in exercising the plan



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BCERMS GOALS

The British Columbia Emergency Response Management System is a comprehensive management framework that ensures a coordinated and organized response to any and all emergency incidents.

DISASTER

As defined by the *Emergency Program Act* disaster means a calamity that

- (a) is caused by accident, fire, explosion or technical failure or by the forces of nature, and
- (b) has resulted in serious harm to the health, safety or welfare of people, or in widespread damage to property;

EMERGENCY

As defined by the *Emergency Program Act* emergency means a present or imminent event or circumstance that

- (a) is caused by accident, fire, explosion, technical failure or the forces of nature, and
- (b) requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of a person or to limit damage to property;

FARM OPERATION

As defined by the *Farm Practices Protection Act* "farm operation "means any of the following activities involved in carrying on a farm business:

- (a) growing, producing, raising or keeping animals or plants, including mushrooms, or the primary products of those plants or animals;
- (b) clearing, draining, irrigating or cultivating land;



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- (c) using farm machinery, equipment, devices, materials and structures;
- (d) applying fertilizers, manure, pesticides and biological control agents, including by ground and aerial spraying;
- (e) conducting any other agricultural activity on, in or over agricultural land;

and includes

- (f) intensively cultivating in plantations, any
 - i) specialty wood crops, or
 - ii) specialty fibre crops prescribed by the minister;
- (g) conducting turf production
 - i) outside of an agricultural land reserve, or
 - ii) in an agricultural land reserve with the approval under the Agricultural Land Commission Act of the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission;
- (h) aquaculture as defined in the Fisheries Act if carried on by a person licensed, under Part 3 of that Act, to carry on the business of aquaculture;
- (i) raising or keeping game, within the meaning of the Game Farm Act, by a person licensed to do so under that Act;
- (j) [Repealed 2014-16-107.]
- (k) processing or direct marketing by a farmer of one or both of
 - i) the products of a farm owned or operated by the farmer, and
 - ii) within limits prescribed by the minister, products not of that farm, to the extent that the processing or marketing of those products is conducted on the farmer's farm;

but does not include

- (l) an activity, other than grazing or hay cutting, if the activity constitutes a forest practice as defined in the Forest and Range Practices Act;
- (m) breeding pets or operating a kennel;
- (n) growing, producing, raising or keeping exotic animals, except types of exotic animals prescribed by the minister;



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QUALIFYING FARM BUSINESS

Livestock operations that have "farm" classification under the BC Assessment Act, Classification of Land as a Farm Regulation.

LIVESTOCK

The Livestock Act defines livestock as "cattle, goats, horses, sheep and game and includes any other animal designed by regulation." Local authorities will not be reimbursed for relocating hobby farms, horses not raised for sale, exotic animals, or pets.

PETS

Pets are members of the genus Canus, Felis or animals kept within the confines of a home.

BACK YARD AND HOBBY ANIMALS

Backyard and hobby animals are animals that are maintained by the resident for personal use.



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ELIGIBILITY FOR EVACUATION ASSISTANCE

During an emergency or disaster as defined by the *Emergency Program Act* support to livestock owners for livestock evacuation may be provided by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako under the following conditions:

1. there is an emergency or disaster declared by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that warrants livestock evacuation implementation;
2. the livestock owner is considered to be operating a “farm operation” and have a “qualifying farm business” as defined in Section 2 definitions of this document;
3. the animals being evacuated or sheltered in place are considered “livestock” as defined in Section 2 definitions of this document;
4. livestock owners are not able to provide alternate accommodations;
5. primary and secondary shelter or containment areas are uninhabitable due to an imminent or occurring emergency or disaster;
6. the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has issued a formal “Evacuation Alert”; and,
7. the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director, the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture deem it prudent to proceed with an Emergency Livestock Evacuation in a specified area.

To receive the above noted support livestock owners must:

1. request authorization from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture for assistance in livestock evacuation;
2. request “Expenditure Authorization” from Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture; **ONLY PREAPPROVED EXPENDITURES WILL BE REIMBURSED;**



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3. provide primary contact information to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture;
4. be responsible for management of the evacuation of their livestock;
5. be responsible for management of their livestock;
6. once the “Evacuation Alert” or “Evacuation Order” has been rescinded, within four days, the livestock owner must assume full responsibility of the livestock and immediately make arrangements to move the livestock at their own expense from the temporary livestock holding area; and
7. submit all eligible paid invoices to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC for reimbursement.

ELIGIBILITY FOR DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

B.C.’s Disaster Financial Assistance Program (DFA) helps those impacted by a disaster cope with the cost of repairs and recovery from **uninsurable disaster-related property damage**. Fire insurance for homes and businesses is reasonably and readily available across the province so DFA is not available for wildfire losses.

Following a disaster, the provincial government may declare the event eligible for DFA. Once declared, the DFA program may compensate individuals for essential uninsurable losses and/or reimburse local governments for damaged infrastructure. Individuals should contact the RDBN if they have been impacted by a disaster or emergency event.

Eligibility:

- Disaster Financial Assistance is only available for provincial disasters after the provincial government has declared them eligible.
- The provincial government works closely with the RDBN to determine if and when an event should be eligible.
- Private sector damage must be from an event that is uninsurable, such as overland flooding.
- Insurable damages in the private sector from wildfires, earthquakes, snow load, wind storms, sew or sump pit back-up, water entry from above ground (including roofs, windows, or other areas of the building), are NOT eligible for DFA.
- Damages from certain landslides may be eligible, if it can be shown that the landslide is the direct result of heavy rainfall or other sudden catastrophic event, and not caused by pre-existing slope instability.



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LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS GUIDELINES & POLICY

The following bodies of legislation, regulation, guidelines and policies outline the responsibility of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako during an emergency or disaster within the region. The content of the legislation and policies will govern the execution of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan:

- Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Response Policy
- *Emergency Program Act*
- *Emergency Program Act Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation*
- *Emergency Program Management Regulations*
- *Emergency Program Act Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation*
- *Assessment Act, Classification of Land as a Farm Regulation*
- *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act*
- *Livestock Act*
- Under the *Emergency Management BC Policies*:
 - 2.01 Provincial Support for Livestock Relocation During an Emergency Procedures
 - 2.01 Provincial Support for Livestock Relocation During an Emergency Livestock Relocation Reimbursement Rate Card 2015



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LIVESTOCK OWNER

Livestock owners must make every effort to be self-sufficient in emergencies or disasters. The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako may provide the following support for a period of up to a maximum of 72 hours, if livestock are evacuated:

1. shelter or contained area that will provide for the containment and safety of evacuated livestock;
2. transportation for livestock from the evacuation area to the designated shelter or containment area;
3. provision of food for feeding livestock at the shelter or contained area; and
4. restoration of facilities used for those purposes during an emergency or disaster.

but does not include:

1. feeding of livestock;
2. veterinary care of livestock; and
3. corralling and management of livestock.

The above noted support may be provided under the following conditions:

1. there is an emergency or disaster declared by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that warrants livestock evacuation implementation;
2. the livestock owner is considered to be operating a "farm operation" and have a "qualifying farm business" as defined in Section 2 definitions of this document;
3. the animals being evacuated are considered "livestock" as defined in Section 2 definitions of this document;
4. livestock owners are not able to provide alternate accommodations;



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5. primary and secondary shelter or containment areas are uninhabitable due to an imminent or occurring emergency or disaster;
6. the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has issued a formal “Evacuation Alert”; and,
7. the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director, the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture deem it prudent to proceed with an Emergency Livestock Evacuation in a specified area.

Requests for extension of livestock assistance may be approved by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Operation Centre Director in consultation with the Board Chair.

To receive the above noted support livestock owners must:

1. request authorization from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture for assistance in livestock evacuation;
2. request “Expenditure Authorization” from Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture, **ONLY PREAPPROVED EXPENDITURES WILL BE REIMBURSED;**
3. provide primary contact information to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC through designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture;
4. be responsible for management of the evacuation of their livestock;
5. be responsible for management of their livestock;
6. once the “Evacuation Alert” or “Evacuation Order” has been rescinded, within four days, the livestock owner must assume full responsibility of the livestock and immediately make arrangements to move the livestock at their own expense from the temporary livestock holding area; and,



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7. submit all eligible paid invoices to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC for reimbursement.

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako may:

1. Provide direction and control of the local authority's emergency response.
2. Consult with Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander regarding direction on the potential of a livestock evacuation during a wildfire.
3. Consult with Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and designated Coordinator for the Ministry of Agriculture regarding the safety of livestock evacuation in an evacuated area.
4. Provide ongoing information and updated status reports to the public and livestock owners regarding livestock evacuation.

MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT

The Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management may provide:

1. Information to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director or his/her designate on the potential need of an evacuation status (Alert or Order) during a wildfire.
2. Direction to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director or his/her designate that a livestock evacuation may be prudent in a specified "Evacuation Alert" area.
3. Consultation with Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director or his/her designate and designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture regarding the safety of livestock evacuation in an evacuated area.
4. Logistical support to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director or his/her designate and to the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture designated staff; such as helicopter fly over, location of livestock in relation to the fire, etc.



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5. Advice to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director or his/her designate that a livestock evacuation may cease due to
 - a. the need for an “Evacuation Order”; or
 - b. the rescinding of an “Evacuation Alert” or “Evacuation Order” in a specified area.

MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR AGRICULTURE

The Ministry Responsible for Agriculture may:

1. Assign staff to assume the role of Coordinator to support the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC with the livestock evacuation process.
2. Provide Ministry Responsible for Agriculture contact information to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC.
3. Be available to answer questions and provide direction to livestock owners, and the EOC Director or his/her designate, during a livestock evacuation including, but not limited to:
 - a. Development of livestock management strategies that may include evacuation or shelter in place;
 - b. provision of evacuation routes;
 - c. assistance with securing:
 - i. transportation, if required;
 - ii. alternative shelter or containment areas; and
 - iii. food for the livestock.
 - d. Consult with Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director or his/her designate, Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander regarding the safety of livestock evacuation in an evacuated area.
4. Make contact with livestock owners to discuss livestock management strategies during an emergency event which may include evacuation.



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7. Obtain authorization from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC for a livestock owner to evacuate their livestock under the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Response Plan.
8. Assist livestock owners with sourcing required resources for the purpose of evacuating livestock.
9. Obtain an authorized purchase order from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC for all purchases. **ONLY PREAPPROVED EXPENDITURES WILL BE REIMBURSED;**
10. Provide the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC with a daily update of active livestock evacuations and the estimated expenditures.
11. Once livestock have been removed from temporary shelters or contained areas, by livestock owners, provide a recovery plan to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, and organize suppliers of service, for the necessary repairs to the area to bring it back to pre-emergency condition.

SUPPLIERS OF SERVICE

1. Suppliers of services (e.g. Ranches, farms, feed stores, and stables) will obtain authorized purchase orders from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako prior to provision of the service. Authorization will be organized through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture.
2. Suppliers of services will send invoices to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for all goods and services that have been approved and provided.
3. Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako must certify that the goods and services were received prior to payment.



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ACTIVATION

This plan assumes that the Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan will not be implemented unless a wildfire emergency has already activated the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC and that the EOC is operating under an Emergency Management BC task number.

Under the direction of the EOC Director or his/her designate, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan may be activated as follows:

LEVELS OF ACTIVATION

During an emergency or disaster the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander may provide direction to the EOC Director, or his/her designate, to prepare to implement the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan, based on the potential of the emergency or disaster to escalate and affect livestock. The Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander may provide this direction as follows:

1. Level 1 – Standby:

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC staff and Ministry Responsible for Agriculture staff may begin planning to address livestock issues. The planning will consider strategies to address responder safety, producer safety, and animal welfare, while considering financial, social, environmental impacts of the strategies. The strategies may be shelter in place or potential livestock evacuation.

2. Level 2 – “Evacuation Alert” has been issued:

Due to the enormity of the task of evacuating livestock, once the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander has declared that for the safety of livestock an evacuation may be prudent, the EOC may begin the implementation of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Livestock Evacuation Plan.

3. Level 3 – “Evacuation Order” has been issued:

- a. To provide for the safety of first responders, residents, and livestock owners, once an Evacuation Order has been executed by the Regional District of



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Bulkley-Nechako there will be no re-entry into an Evacuated Area.

- b. Under special circumstances, with approval from Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander, the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director or his/her designate, permission to continue a livestock evacuation within a specified section of an evacuated area may be granted.

4. Level 4 – “Evacuation Alert” or “Evacuation Order” rescind

- a. Once the “Evacuation Alert” or “Evacuation Order” has been rescinded the livestock owner must within four days to assume full responsibility of the livestock and immediately make arrangements to move the livestock at the owner’s expense from the temporary livestock holding area.

EOC PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the responsibilities outlined in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Plan, the EOC Director or his/her designate may consider the following actions if the event requires livestock evacuation:

EOC DIRECTOR

Level 1 – Standby:

1. Convene an EOC Management Meeting.
2. Instruct the EOC Management Team that there is a potential for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Livestock Evacuation Plan to be implemented.
3. Request the Planning Section Chief to distribute the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Livestock Evacuation Plan to all members of the EOC Management Team for advanced planning purposes.



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4. Establish a time for the next EOC Management Meeting.
5. Advise the policy group of potential implementation of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Livestock Evacuation Plan.

Level 2 – “Evacuation Alert” has been issued:

1. Convene an EOC Management Meeting.
2. Instruct the EOC Management Team that the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander has determined that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan may be implemented;
3. Request the EOC Management Team implement the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan.
4. Establish a time for the next EOC Management Meeting.
5. Advise Policy Group if the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Livestock Evacuation Plan has been implemented.

Level 3 – “Evacuation Order” has been issued:

1. Convene an EOC Management Meeting.
2. Consult with Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture regarding the safety and need, for continuing livestock evacuation in a specified area of an evacuation area.
3. Instruct EOC Management Team that all livestock evacuation actions cease and all livestock owners and other response agencies must evacuate the area immediately, subject to provisions made in item 2 above.
4. Establish a time for the next EOC Management Meeting.
5. Advise the Policy Group that the EOC has ceased evacuation of livestock in the affected area.



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6. If the initial 72 hours has passed, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director and the Chair of the Board may consult with the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture to consider extending the time for providing shelter and food for livestock.

Level 4 – “Evacuation Order” or “Evacuation Alert” rescind

1. Instruct all Section Chiefs that livestock owners have four days to assume full responsibility of the livestock within four days, and are to immediately make arrangements to move the livestock from the temporary livestock holding area, at the expense of the livestock owner.

LIAISON OFFICER

Level 1 – Standby:

1. With direction from the EOC Director, or his/her designate, establish communications with the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture to:
 - a. Advise that there is a potential for a livestock evacuation, and request they to begin advanced planning.
 - b. Ensure that the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture staff has a copy of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan which outlines the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture responsibilities.
 - c. Provide the name and contact information for the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture, and other staff involved together with and outline their responsibilities.
2. Take all livestock owner inquiries and advise that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako is in Level 1 – Standby status of the livestock evacuation.

Level 2 – “Evacuation Alert” has been issued:

1. Forward any and all inquiries from livestock owners to the designated Ministry Responsible for Agriculture staff.



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2. Forward all inquiries from Ministry Responsible for Agriculture staff to the Operations Section Chief.

Level 3 – “Evacuation Order” has been issued:

1. No actions required.

INFORMATION OFFICER

Level 1 – Standby:

1. With direction from the EOC Director, or his/her designate, draft a public announcement that can be used in the event a livestock evacuation is implemented (see Appendix “D”)
2. Update the Call Centre Binders and direct Call Centre staff to forward all livestock owner inquiries to the Liaison Officer.

Level 2 – “Evacuation Alert” has been issued:

1. Once a livestock evacuation has been approved to proceed by the EOC Director, or his/her designate, prepare and issue a public announcement via all media resources available together with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako website advising the public of the implementation of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Livestock Evacuation Plan.
2. Provide contact information for designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture to livestock owners for assistance authorization.
3. Update Call Centre Binders and direct Call Centre staff to forward all livestock owner inquiries to established Ministry Responsible for Agriculture contacts.
4. Prepare and provide an up to date report for public announcement and website information placement at all EOC Management Meetings.

Level 3 – “Evacuation Order” has been issued:

1. With direction from the EOC Director, or his/her designate, include information regarding livestock evacuation in all public announcement via all media



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resources available to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako advising the public.

2. Update Call Centre Binders and direct Call Centre staff to continue to forward all livestock owner inquiries to designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture.
3. Prepare and provide an up to date report on the public announcement and website information placement at all EOC Management Meetings.

Level 4 – “Evacuation Alert” or “Evacuation Order” rescind

1. With direction from the EOC Director, or his/her designate, include information regarding the responsibility of all livestock owners to make arrangement for the removal of all livestock from the temporary shelter of containment area within four days.

OPERATIONS SECTION CHIEF

Level 1 – Standby:

1. With direction from the EOC Director, or his/her designate, contact designated Ministry Responsible for Agriculture staff to implement the evacuation of livestock from the affected area.

Level 2 – “Evacuation Alert” has been issued:

1. Once the EOC Director or his/her designate confirms a livestock evacuation may commence contact the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture to review protocols of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Livestock Plan regarding authorization for evacuation and expenditures.
2. Set up regular reporting protocols for the Operation Section staff.
3. Maintain a list of the active livestock evacuations including:
 - a. the type of livestock evacuated;
 - b. the number of livestock evacuated by type;



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- a. the number of livestock deaths by type; and
 - b. livestock disposal by type.
 - c. Form 514 – Request for Resources sent to Logistics and copied to Planning, Finance/Administration and the EOC Director.
2. Prepare and provide an up to date report on the progress of the livestock evacuation for EOC Management Meetings.

Level 3 – “Evacuation Order” has been issued:

1. Once confirmed by the EOC Director, or his/her designate, ensure that Operations Section staff are aware of the cease livestock evacuation order, and/or any special arrangements made for continued livestock evacuations within an evacuated area.
2. Advise Ministry Responsible for Agriculture to cease livestock evacuation and ensure that all personnel are evacuated or evacuating the affected area immediately, subject to special arrangements made for continued livestock evacuations within a specified evacuated area.
3. Where special arrangements have been made for continued livestock evacuations within a specified evacuated area, continue to monitor and maintain a list of active livestock evacuations and provide reports for EOC Management meetings.
4. If the initial 72 hours has passed request information from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director regarding extending the time for providing shelter and food for livestock.

Level 4 – “Evacuation Alert” or “Evacuation Order” rescind

1. Once an Evacuation Alert or Evacuation Order rescind has been confirmed by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director, contact the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture to advise all livestock owners they must assume full responsibility of the livestock within four days and that they are to immediately make arrangements to move the livestock from the temporary livestock holding area, at the expense of the livestock owner.



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1. Confirm with the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture that they will ensure that the facilities used to shelter or contain livestock repaired to pre-emergency condition.

PLANNING SECTION CHIEF

Level 1 – Standby:

1. Meet with Operations Section Chief, Finance/Administration Section Chief and Logistics Section Chief to establish authorization protocols and identify potential resources required to support the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture and livestock owners in the evacuation process.

Level 2 – “Evacuation Alert” has been issued:

1. Once livestock evacuation commencement is confirmed by the EOC Director, or his/her designate, provide the EOC Director and all Function Section Chiefs with an advanced plan and authorization protocols.
2. Ensure all future Situation Reports include up to date information regarding the livestock evacuation process, including but not limited to:
 - a. the types of animals being evacuated (see Operations Section Chief) ;
 - b. the number of animals evacuated, dead, or disposed of (see Operations Section Chief);
 - c. attach any outstanding Form 514 – Resource Requests (see Finance/Administration Section Chief).
3. Work on demobilization and recovery plans.

Level 3 – “Evacuation Order” has been issued:

1. Once confirmed by the EOC Director, or his/her designate, ensure that Planning Section staff are aware of the cease livestock evacuation order, and/or any



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special arrangements for continued livestock evacuations within a specified evacuated area.

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1. Review demobilization and recovery plans with the EOC Director;
2. At the direction of the EOC Director implement demobilization and recovery plans.

LOGISTICS SECTION CHIEF

Level 1 – Standby:

1. Meet with Planning Section Chief, Operations Section Chief and Finance/Administration Section Chief to establish authorization protocols and identify potential resources required to support the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture and livestock owners in the evacuation process.

Level 2 – “Evacuation Alert” has been issued:

1. Set up regular reporting protocols
2. Maintain a list of all:
 - a. EOC Form 514 – Resource Request received from Operations Section.
 - b. EOC Form 530 – EOC Expenditure Authorization Form received from Finance/Administration Section.
 - c. Resources ordered and received.
3. Provide an up to date report on all activities for EOC Management Meetings.

Level 3 – “Evacuation Order” has been issued:

1. Once an “Evacuation Order” has been confirmed by the EOC Director, or his/her



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designate, ensure that Logistics Section staff are aware of the cease livestock evacuation order, and/or any special arrangements made for continued livestock evacuations within a specified evacuated area.

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1. Once an “Evacuation Alert Rescind” or “Evacuation Order Rescind” has been confirmed by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director or his/her designate, provision of food and shelter for livestock cease four days after the rescind order has been issued.
1. Request services are provided to areas used for shelter or containment after the four day period for repairs and maintenance back to pre-emergency condition...

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION CHIEF

Level 1 – Standby:

1. Review the Provincial Support for Livestock Relocation During an Emergency Livestock Relocation Reimbursement Rate Card 2015 to confirm eligible and ineligible expenses. Ensure the copy you are working from has not been changed or updated, (see https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/policies/201_provincial_support_for_livestock_relocation_annex_-_rate_card_aug_2016.pdf for the most recent edition of the guide).
2. Meet with Planning Section Chief, Operations Section Chief and Logistics Section Chief to establish authorization protocols and identify potential resources required to support the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture and livestock owners in the evacuation process.

Level 2 – “Evacuation Alert” has been issued:

1. Review and submit all EOC Form 514 – Resource Request received from Logistic to EMBC.
2. Maintain a list of all:
 - a. Requests for Assistance received from livestock owners received and approved;



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- b. EOC Form 530 – EOC Expenditure Authorization Forms received and forwarded to EMBC for approval, once approved by EMBC forward to Logistics.
3. Set up regular reporting protocols.
4. Prepare and provide an up to date report on Daily Expenditures for EOC Management Meetings.
5. Provide the Planning Section with copies of any outstanding EOC Form 530 –EOC Expenditure Authorization forms for the daily situation report.

Level 3 – “Evacuation Order” has been issued:

1. Once confirmed by the EOC Director, or his/her designate, ensure that Finance/Administration Section staff are aware of the cease livestock evacuation order, and/or any special arrangements made for continued livestock evacuations within a specified evacuated area.

Level 4 – “Evacuation Alert” or “Evacuation Order” rescind

1. Once an “Evacuation Alert Rescind” or “Evacuation Order Rescind” has been confirmed by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director or his/her designate, ensure all staff are aware that all invoices for livestock feeding and shelter services will only be eligible for four days past the date of the rescind order.
2. Invoices for services provided for areas used for shelter or containment dated after the four day period regarding repairs and maintenance to pre-emergency condition will be permitted.



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FORMS

The following forms are available at
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/local-emergency-programs/eoc-forms>

- Situation Report
- EOC Form 512 – Task Registration Form
- Resource Request
- EOC Form 530 – EOC Expenditure Authorization Form
- Daily Overtime Spreadsheet



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LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATIONS AND COUNCILS

PROVINCIAL & REGIONAL LIVESTOCK OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS AND COUNCILS

AgSafe (formerly FARSHA)
Suite 311, 9440 - 202 Street
Langley, BC V1M 4A6
1-877-533-1789
www.agsafebc.ca/

BC Cattlemen’s Association
4-10145 Dallas Drive
Kamloops, BC V2C 6T4
250-573-3611
www.cattlemen.bc.ca/

Horse Council of BC
27336 Fraser Highway
Aldergrove, BC V4W 3N5
604-856-4304
<http://www.hcbbc.ca/>

BC Sheep Federation
250-676-9234
info@bcsheepfed.com
<http://www.bcsheepfed.com/>

BC Goat Association
26215 84 Ave
Langley, BC V1M 3M6
604-856-6849
<http://www.bcgoat.ca/>

BC Association of Cattle Feeders
800-15355 24th Ave., Suite 495
White Rock, BC V4A 2H9
604-608-3454
www.bc.acf.ca

BC Milk Marketing Board
200-32160 South Fraser Way
Abbotsford, BC V2T 1W5
Gary Broerken, Transportation Coordinator
604-854-4478 gbroeken@bcmilk.com

BC Milk Producers’ Association
3236 Beta Avenue
Burnaby, BC V5G 4K4
604-294-3775
<http://bcdairy.ca>

BC Pork Producers’ Association
PO Box 8000 - 280
Abbotsford, BC V2S 6H1
604-287-4647
<http://www.bcpork.ca/>

BC Llama and Alpaca Association
Tocino Alpacas
Salmon Arm, BC
250-804-2611
<http://www.bclaa.com/>

First Nations Agricultural Association
PO Box 1186 Station Main
Kamloops, BC V2C 6H3
778-469-5040

Livestock Producers Cooperation Assn BC
Livestock operates four stockyards, located in Kamloops, Williams Lake, Okanagan Falls and Vanderhoof, BC
250-961-1970
www.bclivestock.bc.ca



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Bulkley Valley Dairymen's Association
Janik Heer, BVDA President
Smithers, BC
home: 250-846-5082 cell: 250-847-1273

Northern Interior Dairymen's Association
Alan Martens
7868 Northside Rd PO Box 219
Vanderhoof, BC V0J 3A0
Office: 250-567-2155 Alan: 250-567-8791

Nechako Regional Cattlemen's Association
Contact: Janice Tapp
250-699-6466
ttapp@bcgroup.net

Skeena Regional Cattlemen's Association
Secretary: Linda Dykens
250-845-3013
lindadykens@explornet.com

LOCAL

LIVESTOCK OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

Cluculz Lake Livestock Association
Mike Pritchard
250-567-4187
rbranch@hwy16.com

Bulkley Valley Cattlemen's Association
Wayne Tofsrud
250-846-5550
springhill@bulkley.net

Fort Fraser Livestock Association
Alex Kulchar
250-567-9497
akulchar@hwy16.com

Lakes District Cattlemen's Association
Jon Solecki 250-694-3342
Sheri Peebles (Sec) 250-695-6314
cspeebles@lakescom.net

Punchaw Cattlemen's Association
Charles Poole
250-569-5672
punchawpooles@hughes.net

Skeena Stockmen's Association
Linda Dykens
250-845-3013
lindadykens@explornet.com

Sinkut Mountain Cattlemen's Association
Ken Fawcett
Aubree Corbier (Secretary)
decodyc@hotmail.com

Pleasant Valley Cattlemen's Association
Sandy Anaka (Secretary) 250-696-3624
sanaka@explornet.ca



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EQUIPMENT HIRE AND TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

<p>BC Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association Suite 307 – 8678 Greenall Avenue Burnaby, BC V5J 3M6 604-436-0220 www.roadbuilders.bc.ca</p>	<p>The association includes construction, service and supply and maintenance sectors and provides a unified voice for the industry. It represents privatized highway maintenance contractors, construction contractors, underground/utility contractors, paving contractors and various service & supply companies.</p>
<p>BC Trucking Association #100-20111 93A Avenue Langley, BC V1M 4A9 604-888-5319 www.bctrucking.com</p>	<p>Provides information for shippers and assistance with locating trucking resources and transportation services.</p>
<p>Prince George Construction Association 3851-18 Avenue Prince George, BC V2N 1B1 250-563-1744</p>	<p>Promotes standard practices and high standards in the construction industry. Can provide assistance with locating heavy equipment.</p>
<p>BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Northern Region Office 213 - 1011 4th Avenue Prince George BC V2L 3H9 250-565-6185 https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/transportation-and-infrastructure/ministry-contacts</p>	<p>MOT District Offices maintain extensive current listings of local and regional equipment-hire contractors, trucking services and other critical resources.</p> <p>Bulkley-Stikine Area Bag 5000, 3726 Alfred Avenue Smithers, BC V0J 2N0 250-847-7403</p> <p>Lakes Area 161 – Hwy 16 Box 3500 Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0 250-692-7161</p> <p>Dease Lake Area Box 148 Dease Lake, BC V0C 1L0 250-771- 4511</p>



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FEED AND FACILITY RESOURCES

<p>P & B Feeds 250 692 3276 feedneed@telus.net www.pandbfeed.ca 910 Torrika Dr Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portable Fencing - All livestock feed - Shavings, no hay/straw
<p>Lakes District Fair Association 250 695 6381 Eagle Creek Grounds Burns Lake, BC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portable Fencing/panels - Feeders
<p>Bulkley Valley Home Centre 250 845 7606 www.bvhome.ca infohouston@bvhome.ca 2920 Hamblin Frtg Rd Houston, BC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BV Home Center carries livestock feed and Hi-Hog potable fencing and panels. - No hay/straw.
<p>Nechako Valley Feeds Ltd 250 567 4400 www.nvfeeds.com 346 1st Street West (Hwy 16) Vanderhoof, BC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portable Fencing/panels
<p>Smithers Feed Store 250 847 9810 info@smithersfeedstore.com 3242 Highway 16 Smithers, BC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All livestock feed - Straw - Salt licks, water troughs - Has access to good portable fencing supplies.



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<p>BV Exhibition Association Leave Message 250 847 3816 www.bvfair.ca Smithers, BC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portable panels - Tent canopies
<p>Skeena-Stikine Forest District c/o FLNR DSS office (Range Dept) 250 847 6329 Smithers, BC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hi-hog chute and panels enough for a small corral, about 25 head.
<p>Bulkley Valley Home Centre 250 846 5856 infotelkwa@bvhome.ca www.bvhome.ca 1300 Highway 16 Telkwa, BC</p>	<p>Telkwa BC Home Center carries all livestock feed and portable fencing.</p>
<p>Nechako Valley Exhibition 250 567 4225 nechakoexsociety@outlook.com 4051 Northside Road Vanderhoof, BC V0J 3A0</p>	
<p>New Holland Farm Equipment Grassland Equipment (Vanderhoof) Harry Dykstra 250 567 4446 vhfgrass@hotmail.com 951 Hwy 16 W Vanderhoof, BC V0J 3A0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to hay and all other livestock feed - They custom feed cows - Barns, shelters , large cold storage facility <p>New Holland Farm Equipment is located on a large farm. They have excellent contacts with other farmers and can provide equipment, shelters, feed, barns etc.</p>
<p>Vanderhoof Coop Debbie@ 250 567-4464 Ext 2110 Renee@ 250 567 4464 Ext 226 250 E Stewart Vanderhoof, BC V0J 3A1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portable panel fencing - Feeding supplies



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OTHER RESOURCES

Equipment Rental Rate Guide – B.C. Builders & Heavy Construction Association – The Blue Book – Authorized by the Government of British Columbia, B.C. Hydro and Power Authority and B.C. Rail Ltd. – Copies of these books are located in the Operations Section Supplies Box.

**A more complete list of Local Resources
will be update and attached
every year.**



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NOTICE OF RDBN EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK EVACUATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

<NAME OF DISASTER> INFORMATION BULLETIN <DATE AND TIME>

As a result of increased risk to safety in the <NAME AND LOCATION OF EMERGENCY>.in the <AREAS AFFECTED>, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has implemented the "RDBN Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan".

Livestock owners who have livestock in the above noted area(s) please contact <DESIGNATED COORDINATOR FOR THE MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR AGRICULTURE> to request authorization.

ELIGIBILITY FOR EVACUATION ASSISTANCE

Livestock owners must make every effort to be self-sufficient in emergencies or disasters. The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako may provide the following support for a period of up to a maximum of 72 hours, if livestock are evacuated:

1. shelter or contained area that will provide for the containment and safety of evacuated livestock;
2. transportation for livestock from the evacuation area to the designated shelter or containment area;
3. provision of food for feeding livestock at the shelter or contained area; and
4. restoration of facilities used for those purposes during an emergency or disaster.

but does not include:

1. feeding of livestock;
2. veterinary care of livestock; and
3. corralling and management of livestock.



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The above noted support may be provided under the following conditions:

1. there is an emergency or disaster declared by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that warrants livestock evacuation implementation;
2. the livestock owner is considered to be operating a "farm operation" and have a "Qualifying Farm Business" as defined in Section 2 definitions of this document;
3. the animals being evacuated are considered "livestock" as defined in Section 2 definitions of this document;
4. livestock owners are not able to provide alternate accommodations;
5. primary and secondary shelter or containment areas are uninhabitable due to an imminent or occurring emergency or disaster;
6. the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has issued a formal "Evacuation Alert"; and,
7. the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC Director, the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture Coordinator deem it prudent to proceed with an Emergency Livestock Evacuation in a specified area.

Requests for extension of livestock assistance may be approved by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Operation Centre Director in consultation with the Board Chair.

To receive the above noted support livestock owners must:

1. request authorization from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako through the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture Coordinator for assistance in livestock evacuation;
2. request "Expenditure Authorization" from Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako through the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture Coordinator, **ONLY PREAPPROVED EXPENDITURES WILL BE REIMBURSED;**



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3. provide primary contact information to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC through the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture Coordinator;
4. be responsible for management of the evacuation of their livestock;
5. be responsible for management of their livestock;
6. once the "Evacuation Alert" or "Evacuation Order" has been rescinded, within four days, the livestock owner must assume full responsibility of the livestock and immediately make arrangements to move the livestock at their own expense from the temporary livestock holding area; and,
7. submit all eligible paid invoices to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako EOC for reimbursement.



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SUMMARY OF DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Summary of DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

From time to time disasters happen in BC. When a disaster has a significant impact on a community, the province may declare the disaster eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA).

Those impacted by such a disaster may apply to the province for DFA where the losses could not be insured or where other programs are not available. The Disaster Financial Assistance helps to replace or restore essential items and property that have been destroyed or damaged to pre-disaster condition.

Assistance is available to qualifying home owners, residential tenants, small business owners, farm owners, and charitable organizations. Applicants should be aware of the following:

- Financial assistance is provided for each accepted claim at 80 percent of the amount of total eligible damage that exceeds \$1,000, to a maximum claim of \$300,000.
- Claims may be made in more than one category (e.g., home owner and farm owner).
- A home owner or residential tenant must show that the home is their principal residence. Seasonal or recreational properties, hot tubs, patios, pools, garden tools, landscaping, luxury items (like jewelry, fur coats and collectibles), and recreational items (like bicycles) are not eligible for assistance.
- Small business owners and farm owners must demonstrate it is their primary source of income. Owners of damaged rental property must apply and qualify as a small business.
- Charitable Organizations must provide a benefit of service to the community at large.
- Applications for DFA must be submitted to Emergency Management BC (EMBC) within 90 days of the date that DFA was authorized.

Assistance is also available to local governments for:

- Recovery measures to replace essential materials and rebuild or replace essential public infrastructures to the condition it was in before the disaster. Assistance is provided for each accepted recovery claim at 80 percent of the amount of total eligible damage that exceeds \$1,000.

Further information regarding DFA may be obtained from:

Emergency Management BC
PO Box 9201 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9J1
Phone: 1-888-257-4777 Toll Free
Fax: 250-952-5542
Email: dfa@gov.bc.ca
Website: www.gov.bc.ca/disasterfinancialassistance