

BIG CREEK WILDFIRE #G60666 EVACUATION ORDER RESCINDED EVACUATION ALERT ISSUED IN PLACE September 21, 2023 at 10:00 hours

Upon recommendations from BC Wildfire Service, the **Evacuation Order** issued by Takla Nation, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, BC Parks, and Recreation Sites and Trails BC on September 13, 2023 at 9:00 hours for the Big Creek Wildfire **has been rescinded**, and is replaced by:

The **Evacuation Alert** issued by Takla Nation, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, BC Parks, and Recreation Sites and Trails BC on September 21, 2023 at 10:00 hours for the Big Creek Wildfire, **for all properties**, **lands**, **and dwellings in the Germansen Landing and 12 Mile area**, **accessed off Thutade Forest Service Road (FSR)**, **including the North Takla Lake 12 Reserve. Additionally**, **lands accessed by the Germansen Lake Mainline FSR**, **including areas of the Omineca Provincial Park and private resource operations west of Germansen Lakes**. As well as all properties, **lands**, and dwellings in **the Manson Creek community and to the south that are located between the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako boundary and the Baldy Mountain Trail Recreation Reserve**, **north of the Nation River as well as properties**, **including those accessed by Thudade FSR or Omineca Mining Access Road**, **as shown on the attached map**.

Residents are free to return home. **BC Wildfire** still have crews working on these fires and has an Area Restriction in Place. Please visit the link for the most up to date information: <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status</u> or

https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/area-restriction-expanded-for-big-creek-wildfire/

An 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.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHILE THIS ALERT IS IN EFFECT

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.), and have these items readily available for quick departure.
- > Prepare to move any persons with mobility challenges and/or children.
- Move pets and livestock to a safe area. If you require assistance, please call the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.
- Arrange 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.



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> Arrange accommodation for your family if possible.

In the event of an Evacuation Order, a Reception Centre will be opened if required, and evacuation routes specified.

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

For more information contact: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at 250-692-1553

Please sign up for Bulkley Nechako Emergency & Public Alerts at: <u>https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/protective-services/bulkley-nechako-emergency-public-alerts</u>

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For public inquiry, please contact:

RDBN at <u>www.rdbn.bc.ca</u> or call 250-692-1553 Takla Nation: Jeremiah Louis, Fire Chief: 250-614-6559.

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