

NON-PROFIT NAVIGATOR



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If you have any questions from this edition, or ideas that you would like us to include in an upcoming edition, please reach out!

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As we develop this issue, we can see a haze in the sky and smell smoke in the air. Although the summer started off cool and damp, conditions are now warm and dry, and the reality of fire season is close to home again.

It feels like a good time to dedicate an issue to emergency preparedness. Societies, and community halls in particular, have found themselves at the center of community education and information sharing during an emergency. There are many opportunities and roles to play when events threaten homes and property.

Photo is of 2011 Greer Creek fire.
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TRENDING TOPIC -EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Is your Society prepared for an emergency?

Key Questions:

- Do you have an emergency response plan?
- Are important documents backed up digitally?
- Who has access to critical accounts and information?

Preparedness Checklist:

- Updated emergency contact lists and communication plan.
- Board members have emergency contact information.
- Important records are backed up.
- Call-out procedures are

- How will you contact volunteers and members? established.
- What happens if your facility becomes unusable? - Insurance policies are reviewed annually.



[Learn more about FireSmart here.](#)

Have you heard of the FireSmart® program? This program offers residential properties free, confidential assessments, rebates for work completed, and education on how to make properties more resilient to wildfires.

While Community Halls aren't eligible for rebates for work completed, the RDBN's FireSmart® Coordinator can still come and do an assessment of a Hall property and provide a small presentation to your society and any interested community members.

Call the RDBN FireSmart Coordinator at 250-692-3195 to inquire about an assessment at your property.



The Regional District has an important role to play in issuing Evacuation Alerts and Orders during an emergency event, but the services provided to evacuated residents are provided by **volunteers** through the **Emergency Support**

Services (ESS) program.

ESS volunteers are the cornerstone of evacuation response for families and individuals, often our friends and neighbours, who are required to leave their home during an event. Learn more about how you can support ESS Teams in your community on the [RDBN website here](#).



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Bulkley-Nechako Voyent Alert! is one of the primary ways in which residents will receive trusted and reliable information during an emergency event. Evacuation Alerts will no longer be delivered door-to-door; sign up today to make sure important emergency information is not missed.

Register Today!



Spotlight 📢

This issue, instead of a Hall we are highlighting a unique group - 100 Year Farms. As part of the lead-up to the Vanderhoof Centennial Events this month, the Nechako Valley Historical Society confirmed records for nine farms in Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) that have been in the same family for at least 100 years. Community Halls and other volunteer organizations have played a key role in supporting and recognizing the role of producers and agriculture in the region over the years. Thank you for your hard work!

GRANT IN AID



Do you have a project or event that needs funding support?

Remember to check out the RDBN's Grant in Aid program. Click the logo to link to our online application form.

Give us a call at the office if you have any questions; we're happy to help!