

## Heading Creek Wildfire FSR#R21250 (Old Man Lake) EVACUATION ALERT EXPANSION July 21, 2023 at 0130 hours

An Evacuation Alert Expansion, effective **July 21, 2023 at 0130 hours**, has been issued due to potential **danger to life and health** by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. This expansion broadens the Evacuation Alert area issued on **July 13, 2023 at 1200 hours** and is for the following area:

All lands and properties west of Sunset Lake Road and Strimbold Road extending south to the BC Hydro right of way and extending west on the right of way to where it turns south to Bulk Lake. The northern alert boundary includes 28028 Highway 16 and extending west along the Hydro right of way as it veers south and southwest to Forsyth Road where it joins Highway 16. The alert then follows Highway 16 to the District of Houston boundary and south along the boundary to Henry Creek where it extends due east meeting the existing alert boundary along Heading Forest Service Road. This alert excludes the evacuation order for 9840, 11304 and 13532 along Heading Creek FSR as indicated on the included map.

The existing alert includes all lands and properties in the vicinity of Old Man Lake Provincial Park. This includes properties accessed by the Heading Creek, Sunset, Swan Lake, and Maxan-China Nose Forest Service Roads, as well as Day Lake and Crow Creek Road as shown on the attached map. Please refer to the attached map.

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 by:

- 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 dependants 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 at 250-692-1553.
- 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 250-692-1553.



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Arrange accommodation for your family if possible. In the event of an evacuation, a Reception Centre will be opened if required. 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>

Mark Parker Chair, RDBN

**For public inquiry, please visit or contact:** RDBN at <u>www.rdbn.bc.ca</u> or call 250-692-1553

## For media inquiry, please contact:

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