

NEWS RELEASE

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Evacuation alert issued for Maeford Lake area

Williams Lake, B.C. – An evacuation alert has been issued by Cariboo Regional District at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for the Maeford Lake area, which is about 10 kilometres northwest of the north arm of Quesnel Lake.

See a map of the affected areas: http://bit.ly/2wxSe5U

An Evacuation Alert has been issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be required. 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 WHEN AN ALERT IS IN EFFECT

Upon notification of an ALERT, you should be prepared for the evacuation order by:

- Having a plan to transport all family members or co-workers outside of the area, should the area be brought under evacuation order.
- Keeping essential items readily available for a quick departure; including medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), immediate care needs for dependants and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc).
- Ensuring that any dependants are prepared for departure.
- Moving pets and livestock to a safe area.
- Ensuring that you have accommodation options for your family, if possible. A Reception Centre will be made available if required.
- Monitoring reliable news sources for information on evacuation orders and locations of Reception Centres and the CRD's channels on Facebook and <u>cariboord.ca</u>.

Further information will be issued as it becomes available. Please visit the CRD Emergency Operations Facebook page at <u>facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations</u> as well as the CRD website at <u>cariboord.ca</u>.

For more information contact the CRD's public information line at 1-866-759-4977.

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