

NEWS RELEASE

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Evacuation Order for Tatla Lake Area

Williams Lake, B.C. – Effective immediately, the Cariboo Regional District has expanded an evacuation order for Tatla Lake area. This order is replacing the Tatla Lake area alert issued on July 14, 2017, at 8:45 p.m.

Due to immediate danger, members of the RCMP or other groups will be expediting this action. **The evacuation route is Highway 20 to Prince George.**

View a map of the affected areas here: http://bit.ly/2v06V0i

If you have accommodations arranged, register at ESS in Williams Lake at Boitanio Mall between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you require commercial lodging, register at the ESS Reception Centre in Prince George at the Civic Centre at 808 Canada Games Way.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- You must leave the area immediately.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Shut off all gas and electrical appliances, other than refrigerators and freezers.
- Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Gather your family: take a neighbour or someone who needs help.
- Take critical items (medicine, purse, wallet, and Keys) only if they are immediately available. Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
- Do not use more vehicles then you have to.
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency service.

YOU MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY.

Further information will be issued as it becomes available. Please visit the CRD Emergency Operations Facebook page at facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations as well as the CRD website at cariboord.ca. For more information contact the CRD's public information line at 1-866-759-4977 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. August 18, 2017.

Residents are strongly encouraged to register for the Cariboo Chilcotin Emergency Notification System to receive a text, call or email regarding Evacuation Alerts and Orders:

https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612292#/signup

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