

Subject: Fw: 9 am WL meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 12:56:50 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Denlinger, Becky TRAN:EX

To: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

Just making sure you have seen this.

From: Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:00 AM

To: Sheldon, Tim FLNR:EX; Denlinger, Becky TRAN:EX

Cc: Meier, Ian R FLNR:EX; Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX

Subject: 9 am WL meeting

Importance: High

July 26th Meeting regarding Williams Lake Evacuation order

Attendees: RCMP, CAO Williams Lake, CAO CRD, BCWS staff (BCWS did specifically request Mayor and Chair – response was that staff have direction to separate politics from operational decisions on this matter)

Summary:

- It a generally positive meeting and progress was made.
- Group had a thorough weather briefing and review of boundaries discussed last evening.

Agreement/Next Steps:

- Agreed to fly over fires this afternoon between 4 and 6 pm (peak burning time) with elected officials and staff on flight - Mayor, Chair of CRD CAO's and RCMP inspector and BCWS (Incident Commander and other BCWS staff)- in order to re-evaluate lines and impact of gusty winds today on containment.
- s.13,s.15

Let me if you need anything else.



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Subject: Text Messages between Don Wright and Tim Sheldon re Williams Lake Evacuation Orders

Date: Friday, August 11, 2017 at 1:59:19 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

To: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

Sun Jul 23 10:21 am

TS: Hi Don. Daily update on fires: nothing too significant to report.

-weather will be a challenge as we transition back to the ridge next week. Wind and lightning today.

-discussion occurring regarding lift of evac order for wms lk. We are discussing rescinding campfire ban in some areas. Still holding off on recommending full backcountry closure. Mark and I will discuss re-opening Wells Gray park tomorrow.

-lots of power poles and line burned and down. Burned trees now falling on surviving power lines causing significant work for BCH.

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Mon Jul 24 8:54 am

TS: Hi Don. Morning fire update: good progress yesterday, wind event not as bad as predicted in many areas. There were some gusts of up to 50km/hr but the crews seem to have handled the situation. Some lightning fires across the south but all managed under IA.

Evacs: hope to lift order for Clearwater. Princeton order lifted except for 16 homes. Wms Lake still on order but being assessed.

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Tue July 25, 9:04 am

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Wensink, Alison PREM:EX

From: Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 7:11 PM
To: Wensink, Alison PREM:EX
Subject: FW: CRD/Williams Lake Evacuation Order rescind
Attachments: City of Williams Lake Order July 27 2017.pdf;
Williams_Lake_Surrounding_Area_Downgrade_to_Alert_July_27_1200.pdf; ESS Return Home messaging.pdf

For OOP-2017-72603.

From: TRAN EMBC PECC Operations 1 TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Anderson, Gordon A TRAN:EX; Cox, Monica TRAN:EX; Duffy, Chris D TRAN:EX; Lightbody, Ian TRAN:EX; Lyle, Heather TRAN:EX; McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX; Mohrmann, Ralph TRAN:EX; Skwarok, Lindsey GCPE:EX; Tanaka, Sandra TRAN:EX; TRAN EMBC Social Media; Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX; Turner, Robert TRAN:EX; Anderson, Gordon A TRAN:EX; Bain, Nancy TRAN:EX; Baskerville, Shannon AVED:EX; Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Bond, Allison MCF:EX; Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX; Brown, Tom G TRAN:EX; Carroll, Sandra JTST:EX; Caul, Doug D ABR:EX; Clark, Nathan SDSI:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX; Denlinger, Becky TRAN:EX; Donaldson, Doug PREM:EX; Duffy, Chris D TRAN:EX; Farnworth, Mike PREM:EX; Fyfe, Richard J JAG:EX; Galbraith, David J FIN:EX; Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Halls, Lori D PSA:EX; Hewitt, Jeremy IGRS:EX; Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; Hughes, Doug J HLTH:EX; Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX; Ives, Andrew FLNR:EX; Kot, Jill MTIC:EX; Lightbody, Ian TRAN:EX; Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX; MacDonald, Scott D EDUC:EX; Main, Grant TRAN:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX; McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX; Mihlar, Fazil MIT:EX; Mohrmann, Ralph TRAN:EX; Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX; Olson, Marissa JAG:EX; Parkes, Norm E TRAN:EX; Plecas, Bobbi ENV:EX; Richter, Kevin J TRAN:EX; Rothe, Karen J TRAN:EX; Sheldan, Tim FLNR:EX; Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX; Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX; Skwarok, Lindsey GCPE:EX; 'Sturko, Derek AGRI:EX'; Tanaka, Sandra TRAN:EX; Taylor, Sheila A SDSI:EX; Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX; Turner, Robert TRAN:EX; Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX; Woodcock, Danielle TRAN:EX; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX; Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX; Kristianson, Eric GCPE:EX
Subject: CRD/Williams Lake Evacuation Order rescind

Good afternoon,

So you are aware, the evacuation order for Williams Lake has been rescinded effective 12:00pm today, July 27, 2017. A copy of the rescind orders are attached for information.

A news conference hosted by the City of Williams Lake, Williams Lake Indian Band and the Cariboo Regional District is currently underway. The news release can be found here: <http://www.cariboord.ca/news/394/139/Williams-Lake-and-surrounding-areas-return-to-evacuation-alert>

The attached ESS Return Home messaging for residents has been distributed through the PREOCs to all reception centres.

Kind regards,
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July 27, 2017

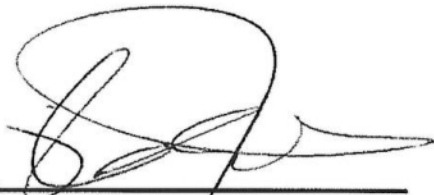
Evacuation Order Rescind For City of Williams Lake

The City of Williams Lake Emergency Operations Center is advised that the imminent risk of danger to life and properties within the City boundaries has diminished at this time.

The City wide Evacuation Order issued on July 15, 2017 at 17:45 hours, pursuant to the *City of Williams Lake Emergency Measures Bylaw No. 1961, 2005* is therefore rescinded for the following location:

- All properties and businesses situated within the City of Williams Lake municipal boundaries (see attached map).

The Evacuation Alerts issued on July 8, July 9 and July 10, 2017 shall remain in effect for all properties and businesses within the City of Williams Lake municipal boundaries until further notice. All persons returning to the City shall remain on alert. We ask you to continue to monitor local radio and *DriveBC* for updates on the fire situation and on highway access.



Mayor Walt Cobb
City of Williams Lake

12:00 hrs
Time

2017/07/27

Date
(yr/mth/day)

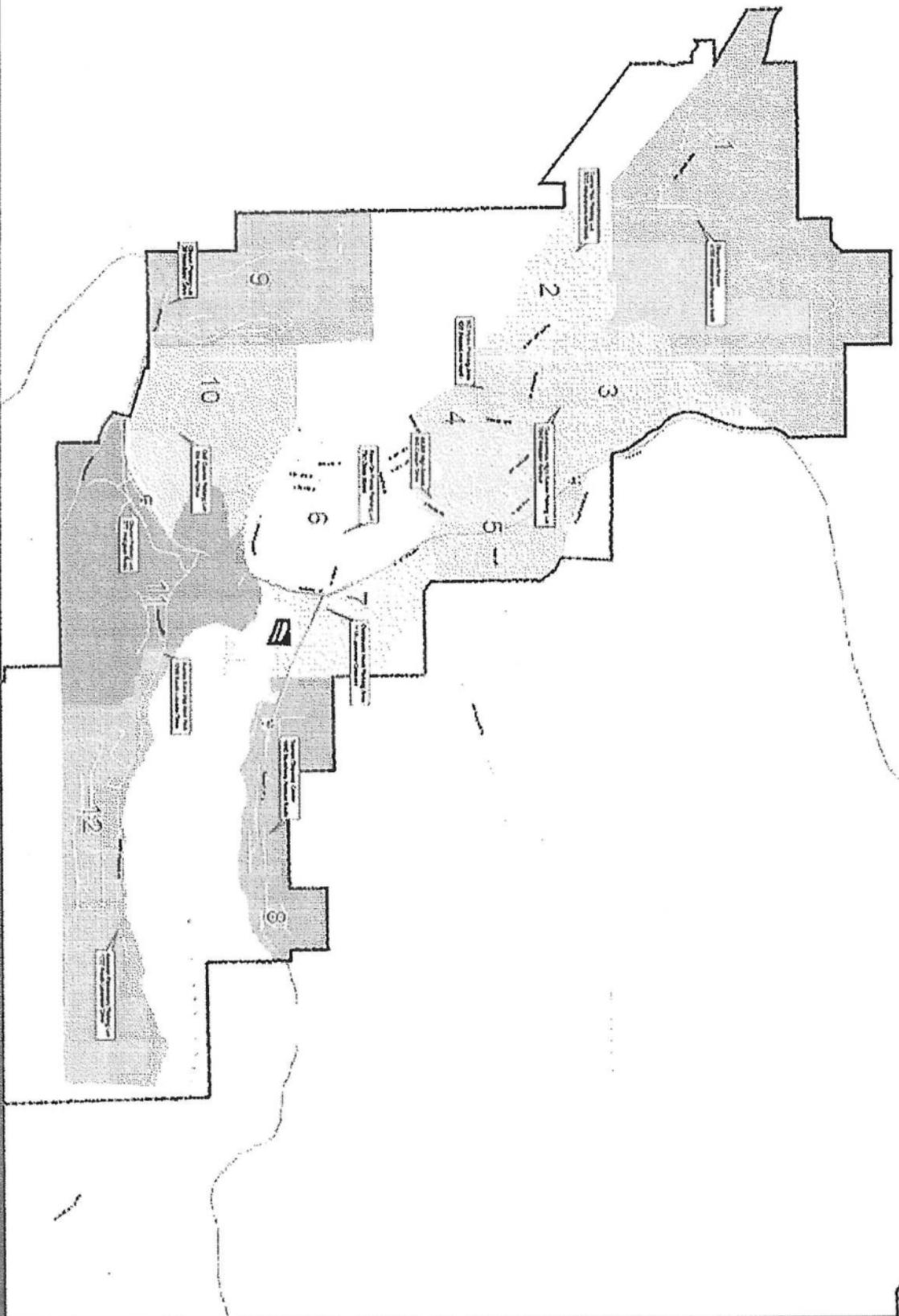
Issued on behalf of the City of Williams Lake as per the *Emergency Measures Bylaw No 1961, 2005*

For more information contact City of Williams Lake Emergency Operations Center 250-392-2364 or 250-392-2365.



City of
Williams Lake

Evacuation Zones





CRD Evacuation Alert

Central Cariboo Area

Thursday, July 27, 2017 12:00 pm

Pursuant to the BC Emergency Program Act, several Evacuation Orders and Alerts in the Williams Lake Surrounding Area are being **downgraded and replaced** by the following Alert Area by the Cariboo Regional District at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

See attached map

This Evacuation Alert replaces portions of previous Evacuation Orders. **Please Note:** Not all the orders have been changed to alerts. In an alert area, you must remain prepared to evacuate your premises or property should it be required. Due to ongoing fire control activities, access to some areas may be limited and is at the discretion of check point personnel.

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 evacuation order has been downgraded to an alert:

Upon notification of an evacuation order downgrade, you should remain prepared for an evacuation by:

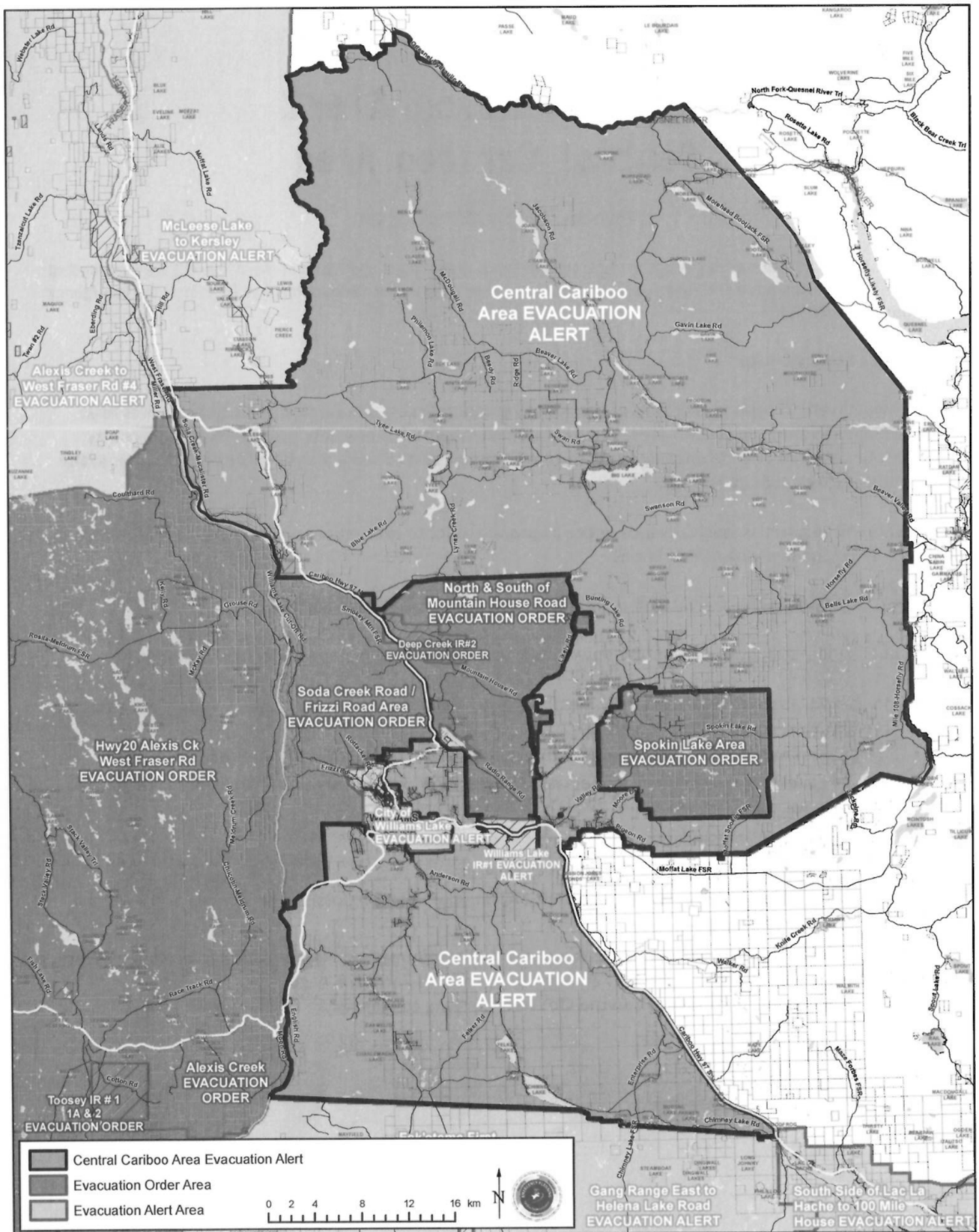
- Having a plan to transport all family members or co-workers outside of the area, should the area be brought back under evacuation order.
- Keeping essential items readily available for a quick departure; including medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), immediate care needs for dependants and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc).
- Ensuring that any dependants are prepared for departure.
- Ensuring that pets and livestock remain in a safe area.
- Ensuring that you have accommodation options for your family, if possible. Reception Centre will be made available again if required.
- Monitoring reliable news sources for evacuation order information. Further information will be issued as it becomes available via the CRD Emergency Operations Facebook page (@CRDEmergencyOperations) and the CRD website www.cariboord.ca

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Al Richmond".

Al Richmond, CRD Chair

Central Cariboo Area Evacuation Alert, July 27, 2017, 12:00 pm



Emergency Social Services – Returning Home After an Evacuation (Re-entry)

- Residents returning home are advised to bring a minimum of three days of food and essential supplies as their local stores may not yet have adequate stock.
- Consider the unique needs of your family such as medications, pets and items you rely on daily.
- Ensure your vehicle is fully fuelled.

I still have a referral form (voucher) for accommodation. What should I do with it?

- A referral form (or voucher) is issued to evacuees who need funding for lodging, food and necessary supplies for the duration of their evacuation.
- As your community is now permitted to return home, these forms are no longer needed. Remember to check out of the facility where you have been staying.
- For more information about the referral forms for evacuees, please call 1-800-585-9559.

The evacuation order has ended and I cannot return home due to health or safety issues. Am I still eligible for Emergency Social Services?

- People unable to return home, are still eligible to receive Emergency Social Services. If you require an extension on services, contact your local Reception Centre.

Clean-up Kit

- The Canadian Red Cross is providing a clean-up kit for residents returning home.
- The Canadian Red Cross can be reached at 1-800-863-6582.

Local Community

Your community may choose to put other supports in place to support your return home. Check your community's website and monitor local media for details.

Take Care of Yourself & Your Family

Fear, stress and anxiety are natural reactions to a traumatic event. Eventually, these feelings will diminish and, for most people, completely subside. To help yourself and your loved ones:

- Accept and offer help and comfort; seek counselling if necessary
- Focus on positive memories and the skills you've used to get through other hard times
- Be aware of your child's reactions: reassure them and encourage them to express themselves
- Give yourself and your family permission to grieve and time to heal
- Get physical activity, but rest as needed, eat well, hydrate and keep a manageable schedule

Re-Entering Your Home

Your home and its surroundings may not look like they did before you left. As you arrive, it's important to obey all signage and understand Damage Assessment Placards.

Damage Assessment Placards are notices that the local government places on buildings within the damaged area. They tell you whether a structure is suitable for re-entry, if access is restricted or if it is unsafe to enter. Visit BC Housing for more information on placards.

If you can only enter your home once, remove your valuables and take steps to secure your property.

If you're safely able to return for longer:

- Bring supplies like a flashlight, tools, drinking water, gloves, garbage bags and a first aid kit.
- Walk around the perimeter of any structure before entering, noting electrical wiring, any gas smell or debris that could fall, and photographing damage.
- Enter with caution and check that the main power breaker is off.
- Only use generators outdoors; do not connect to a household circuit.
- Note sewage and water damage; your septic system or sump pump may not work without power and water may not be potable (that is, may not be safe to consume).
- Do not use your sewage disposal system unless you know it's capable of handling waste.
- If using propane, gas or heating oil, contact suppliers for inspection and service.

Take pictures, keep track of your expenses and the time you spend cleaning up and make sure you keep your receipts.

For more information on returning home after a wildfire go to

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/emergency-response-and-recovery/returning-home>

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From: Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX
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Subject: FW: PECC 1300 Mid-day Interim Report - July 27, 2017

For OOP-2017-72603.

From: TRAN EMBC PECC Operations 1 TRAN:EX **On Behalf Of** TRAN EMBC PECC Director 1 TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:07 PM
To: TRAN EMBC PECC Operations 1 TRAN:EX
Subject: PECC 1300 Mid-day Interim Report - July 27, 2017

Good afternoon,

Key items:

- The City of Williams Lake, Williams Lake Indian Band and Cariboo Regional District announced today that residents are now allowed to return to the City of Williams Lake, Sugarcane and surrounding areas in the Cariboo Regional District.
- Areas that have been changed from an evacuation order to an evacuation alert include:
 - The City of Williams Lake;
 - Sugarcane;
 - 150 Mile House;
 - Fox Mountain;
 - Esler;
 - Pine Valley; and
 - Springhouse
- TNRD partially downgraded a number of homes on order to alert in the Electoral Area I: Cache Creek North – Back Valley Rd area
- Hwy 97 Southbound to the Southeast of Kamloops in the Monte Creek area is now OPEN to single lane alternating traffic
- Likely Road is CLOSED in both directions at Junction with Horsefly Road
- Hwy 20 is CLOSED Westbound, but OPEN Eastbound

Wildfires:

- There are currently 149 wildfires burning.
- To date, there have been 793 fires, burning 379,949 hectares
- Today, there is a risk of thundershowers across the province and gusty winds are expected in the Cariboo and Kamloops Fire Centres.
- On Friday, there is a decreased risk of thundershowers and only localized gusty winds are expected.

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