
From: Cox, Monica EMBC:EX
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 15:57
To: Nash, Laurel IRR:EX; Duffy, Chris D EMBC:EX
Cc: Dicken, Emily EMBC:EX; Miller, Jessica EMBC:EX; Filmer, Cam A IRR:EX; Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Subject: RE: Draft email to FNLC

Thanks Laurel – we haven't really done visits yet as we weren't sure about safety for staff. That said Susan Kelly is in Dease Lake today meeting with community. Duncan from ISC is heading to Dease Lake next week Susan is going to join him as well as another representative from our preoc to discuss recovery – other than those visits nothing else planned yet
M

From: Nash, Laurel IRR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 15:50
To: Cox, Monica EMBC:EX; Duffy, Chris D EMBC:EX
Cc: Dicken, Emily EMBC:EX; Miller, Jessica EMBC:EX; Filmer, Cam A IRR:EX; Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Subject: Re: Draft email to FNLC

Great. Thanks. Just saw the note from Catherine.
Also we have not been as engaged this year re discussions with FNs or visits to the communities.
Please let me know if you do need any MIRR representation in discussions or meetings.
Will follow EMBC and Wildfires lead on how involved we are at this point. · would be Me or
Cam.
Thanks

Laurel Nash
Assistant Deputy Minister
Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Division
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
250 953 4004

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2018, at 3:39 PM, Cox, Monica EMBC:EX <Monica.Cox@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks so much Laurel – I'll add those suggestions you noted below. Sorry I forgot to mention that ISC is also going to send out a follow-up email to the call so they may add additional points
I think we're ok for the moment re staffing – we have a staffing plan with MIRR folks included on it that we're currently using – 3 are currently deployed thank you MIRR ☺
We are expecting the situation to continue to worsen so we're going to need to expand our staffing plan – the good news is that I dug up a list of MIRR folks who are willing to help – it has almost 60 people on it. I've been in close contact with Cam and so we'll work down the list but we'll keep you posted if we need to do another call out.
Thank you
M

From: Nash, Laurel IRR:EX
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To: Duffy, Chris D EMBC:EX
Cc: Cox, Monica EMBC:EX; Dicken, Emily EMBC:EX; Miller, Jessica EMBC:EX; Filmer, Cam A IRR:EX; Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Subject: Re: Draft email to FNLC

Thanks for the opportunity to comment Monica.

I would send this out as a summary of the meeting and it should go to all call participants. A formal response to the letter will also be needed.

There was a question about the evacuations related to smoke I suggest you respond to that and also include a copy of the bulletin to the email that I understand was to go out today.

I would also include a link to your website as the best place to get up to date information.

I also understand that you are in need of more volunteers I suggest an email be sent out across government or to those trained on Teams.

We can get the word out in MIRR if that is helpful. Let us know.

Thanks.

Laurel Nash
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On Aug 10, 2018, at 2:22 PM, Duffy, Chris D EMBC:EX <Chris.Duffy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Looks good Monica

C

From: Cox, Monica EMBC:EX
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 13:59
To: Nash, Laurel IRR:EX; Duffy, Chris D EMBC:EX
Cc: Dicken, Emily EMBC:EX; Miller, Jessica EMBC:EX; Filmer, Cam A IRR:EX; Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Subject: RE: Draft email to FNLC

Hi Laurel and Chris

Please review the version below – I just made a couple of changes to # 3 regarding the provincial declaration

Thanks

M

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To: Nash, Laurel IRR:EX; Duffy, Chris D EMBC:EX
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EMBC:EX

Subject: Draft email to FNLC

Hi Chris and Laurel

Could you please review the email below before I send it to the FNLC? Chris FYI the info below is based on questions that were raised on the FNLC call yesterday Also Im wondering if I should be sending it as we've received a formal letter from the FNLC today requesting some of the same info (see attached)?

Thanks

Monica

Hi Everyone

Thanks so much for your participation on our teleconference yesterday. We've followed up on your questions and I've provided some responses below.

1. **Resources/Support for First Nations communities** - *Note Emergency Management BC (EMBC) coordinates emergency management services/supports but other agencies on the call also provide supports during emergencies so others please feel free to add to the list below*
 - EMBC provides the same level of service for both First Nations communities and local governments regardless of jurisdictional boundaries.
 - When emergencies occur EMBC leads the coordination of supports & services for all impacted communities
 - EMBC staff are communicating daily with impacted First Nations communities through our provincial regional operations centres (preocs). Currently, EMBC has 3 preocs open in Kamloops (Central), Nelson (Southeast) and Terrace (Northwest) as well as our Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC).
 - **Specific support EMBC is currently providing to First Nations communities:**
 - Daily coordination calls
 - We have had excellent participation from impacted First Nations communities on our coordination calls facilitated by the EMBC preocs. The coordination calls allow First Nations communities to connect with agencies providing supports such as BC Wildfire Service, First Nations Health Authority, Indigenous Services Canada, BC Hydro, First Nations Emergency Services Society, Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation etc. EMBC facilitates the calls and if there are any unmet needs EMBC follows up directly with the First Nation community to ensure the need is met. An important benefit of the calls is the ability for First Nations communities to connect with each other.

- Direct communication with impacted First Nation communities
 - Indigenous staff members and staff who have worked closely with First Nations communities are currently working in the preocs and PECC as First Nations liaisons. In addition to the coordination calls, the First Nations liaisons are reaching out directly to impacted First Nations communities on a daily basis to ensure their needs are met
- Reimbursements
 - EMBC preocs work with First Nations communities to reimburse all eligible response costs
- **Emergency Social Services**
 - All impacted First Nations communities are eligible to receive Emergency Social Services (ESS) during an evacuation which can be accessed through reception centres
 - Rates and types of supports offered by ESS:
 1. Food.
 - a. Restaurant meals. – Total per day - \$45.00/person
 - * Alcohol and gratuities not included.
 - i. Breakfast - \$10.00
 - ii. Lunch - \$13.00
 - iii. Dinner - \$22.00
 - b. Groceries. Total per day - \$22.50/person
 2. Lodging – Accommodation referral forms will be provided by the ESS teams at the Reception Centre.
 - a. Hotel/Motel/B&B
 - i. The cost of hotel rooms are covered by the Province. Additional expenses such as video rentals, room damage or long distance calls are the responsibility of the evacuee.
 - b. Billeting can be provided in private homes.
 - i. If you stay with friends/family or community members, the Province will reimburse the person hosting you.

- ii. Rate is \$30/night for the first person. \$10/night for each additional adult and \$5/night for each additional child.
 - iii. Billeting amount is paid directly to the person hosting the evacuee.
- 3. Clothing.
 - a. Clothing is provided as needed to preserve health and modesty. Clothing may include footwear or special needs items such as baby diapers.
 - b. Rate is \$150 per person given once, and may be increased to \$200.00/person based on need
- 4. Transportation.
 - a. If transportation has not already been arranged by the local authority. Transportation necessary to meet immediate needs can be covered on a case by case basis (taxi or bus passes).
 - b. If evacuees were required to drive 100km to receive ESS in their own vehicle, a \$30 gas referral can be issued.
- 5. Incidentals.
 - a. At a rate of \$50.00/per person.
 - b. May include items such as personal hygiene products, laundry supplies, pet food and pet lodging, medications for a 3 day period, and other immediate needs as required.
- 6. ***Note - Communities who offer to be a host community for evacuees can be reimbursed for eligible ESS associated expenses with prior EMBC approval. The preocs manage this approve process so please recommend that communities who are receiving evacuees contact the preocs so that they can get a task number and then get reimbursed for their expenses**

2. Current Reception Centres

1. People's Haven, 1 Stikine Street, Dease Lake 250-771-5577
2. College of New Caledonia, 545 Highway 16 West, Burns Lake 250-692-3195
3. Christian Reformed Church, 4035 Walnut Drive, Smithers 250-847-2333
4. Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Office, 4545 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace 250-615-6100 or 1-800-663-3208
5. Civic Centre, 808 Canada Games Way, Prince George
6. Cranberry Fire Hall, 1555 Morden Road, Cranberry
7. Peter Skene Ogden Secondary, 200 7th Street, 100 Mile House
8. Vanier Catholic Secondary School, 16 Duke Street, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory 1-867-332-3179
9. Iskut – reception centre is in the band office

***Note - Kitsumkalum is providing supports but is not an official reception centre. Supports include:**

- Daily meals and Gathering Place - Kitsumkalum Hall - 3514 W Kalum Rd, Terrace, BC V8G 0C8 – Lunch 12:00 Supper 6:00 pm

Contacts:

- Sasha: 250-631-2500
- Sandra 250-922-5043
- Annita Mcphee 604-339-4393

3. Additional financial supports & Provincial Declaration

- Last year during the wildfires additional financial support was provided to evacuees. The additional financial support was provided after the province declared a provincial state of emergency but is not tied to the declaration. At this time we have not received information on any additional supports to evacuees beyond the ESS supports listed above.
- A provincial state of emergency may be issued by the Minister or the Lieutenant Governor in Council and is in effect for 14 days when issued and may be extended or rescinded as necessary
- At this point the province has not declared a provincial state of emergency but we will keep you posted on any changes.

I've include quite a few details in this email so please feel free to connect with me directly if it's easier.

Thank you so much

Monica

From: Anderson, Gordon A EMBC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 16:56
To: Ree, Terrance EMBC:EX
Cc: French, Ron EMBC:EX; Duffy, Chris D EMBC:EX; Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Subject: RE: 4 Fire Zone communication - Ulkatcho

Good to hear, thanks Terry.

Gord

From: Ree, Terrance EMBC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 16:52
To: Anderson, Gordon A EMBC:EX
Cc: French, Ron EMBC:EX
Subject: RE: 4 Fire Zone communication - Ulkatcho

Hi Gord Just a quick update

Cariboo fire center is doing a flight with the first nations this afternoon to ID important cultural properties and sites and hope to prioritize threatened areas

Terry

From: Anderson, Gordon A EMBC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 15:21
To: Ree, Terrance EMBC:EX
Cc: French, Ron EMBC:EX
Subject: RE: 4 Fire Zone communication - Ulkatcho

Hi Terry,

Thanks for sharing the info. It is a difficult situation for the reasons described.

Hope that helps?

Gord

From: Ree, Terrance EMBC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 14:38
To: Anderson, Gordon A EMBC:EX
Subject: FW: 4 Fire Zone communication - Ulkatcho
Importance: High

Thanks Gord , your input is appreciated
Terry

From: EMBC NEA PREOC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 14:24
To: Ree, Terrance EMBC:EX
Subject: FW: 4 Fire Zone communication - Ulkatcho
Importance: High

Please see the email below. Your thoughts?

Deb

From: Fox, Genevieve EMBC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 14:18
To: EMBC NEA PREOC Operations 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC NEA PREOC Operations 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC NEA PREOC Operations 3 EMBC:EX
Cc: EMBC NEA PREOC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Subject: Fw: 4 Fire Zone communication - Ulkatcho
Importance: High

From: McMillan, Reanna FLNR:EX
Sent: August-14-18 2:16 PM
To: Fox, Genevieve EMBC:EX
Subject: 4 Fire Zone communication - Ulkatcho

Hi Genevieve,

I wanted to touch base with you regarding some ongoing issues we are having with the Ulkatcho community. We are having some communication and resource issues at the junction of the 4 fire zones.

Ulkatcho is concerned about their heritage sites, and other value sites. However, due to the fact that there is no risk for human life or property, there are no structural protection heading that way. They have requested projected evacuation maps, and resources to create guards or roads in the area. However coordinating this between the zones is tricky.

We are looking for some support or direction on what we should do to move forward. We have sent Lindsey Wood to the community to work with them specifically and to coordinate the zones. I was advised to get in contact with you and to see what your thoughts were. There are concerns that this will be going political if not managed adequately.

If you would like to give me a call, my number is

Thank you,

Reanna McMillan, MA
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Cariboo Fire Centre

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From: Dicken, Emily EMBC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 17:09
To: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Subject: RE: Nadleh Whut'en follow-up

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hey Stan

Sounds like some great work is going on. I wonder if a FN specific coordination would help – it might be worth a try. I also agree, having FNESS in the community would be extremely helpful for all parties.

I can connect with Brent first thing and see if they have capacity or feel free to run this through the PREOC. I am happy to support however it works best.

Thanks,
Em

From: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 16:37
To: Dicken, Emily EMBC:EX
Subject: FW: Nadleh Whut'en follow-up

Thoughts?

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From: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 4:29 PM
To: EMBC NWE PREOC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Cc: EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Subject: RE: Nadleh Whut'en follow-up

Great thoughts and well understood on our side that it is not through lack of effort on your end to connect. Will engage our FNCU and possibly MIRR to see what they think.

Stan

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Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Cc: EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Subject: RE: Nadleh Whut'en follow-up

Hi Stan,

We are in active contact with the Nadleh Whut'en, Adam Patrick from the community spoke. Our FN Agency Rep was last in contact with Chief Larry Nooski at 13:45, where he indicated they had a band council meeting at 1400. We have maintained daily contact through outreach with them.

The community has not been on our coordination calls, that is unfortunate as that is the best source of the info and it allows the community to ask questions directly of BCWS & other SME's

We will continue to attempt to engage. Also, we have just had a conversation with Curtis from FNESS who is keen to do something, perhaps this is a good opportunity to try to bring them into alignment on this with some direct support/CISM.

I think we need to try to directly support the Nadleh Whut'en in this through FNESS, even to act as a scribe for coord calls for them and provide some CISM or EOC support if they require it...

Thoughts?

Ian Foss

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Cc: EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Subject: FW: Nadleh Whut'en follow-up

Good afternoon,

We had an exchange yesterday regarding outreach/connection with Nadleh and particularly Chief Nooski. This recent input could simply be a matter of not being aware of the outreach.

Can you confirm that we have reached out to Nadleh and have an on-going rapport? Any issues that I should be aware of?

. I am told that they have a community-based FN fire team that would like to be better connected to them. Any insight on that? Is this something that you could reach out to the regional Fire Centre on? I don't want to go straight to the provincial level of BCWS.

I'm wondering if we should look at a specific FN call simply to make sure that they have a forum to address any questions regarding how to get resources and information. This has worked really well in other regions.

Stan

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From: Miller, Jessica EMBC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:12 PM
To: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Cc: Dicken, Emily EMBC:EX
Subject: Nadleh Whut'en follow-up

Hi Stan,

I received a call from Jamie Sanchez (BC AFN) asking that we follow-up with the Nadleh Whut'en Chief Larry Nooski to help answer some questions and to provide contact info for FNESS and BCWS. Nadleh Whut'en is reporting that they haven't had enough support or awareness from agencies in particular. I suggested that the NW PREOC could follow-up and mentioned the coordination calls. Emily and I are also happy to assist with any coordination.

Thanks,
Jessica

Jessica Miller

Senior Advisor, First Nations Coordination Unit

Emergency Management BC

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Acknowledging the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ and Lkwungen People whose land I am grateful to work, live and grow on.

From: EMBC PECC Operations 1 EMBC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 16:51
To: 'Jeff.BYAM@forces.gc.ca'
Cc: EMBC PECC Advanced Planning Unit 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC PDM EMBC:EX
Subject: RE: Southside Public Meeting (Francois Lake) - Evacuation Contingency Planning

Hi Jeff.

We followed up with NWE PREOC (John Hawkes, Ops Chief) regarding numbers. Rough estimate at this time is less than 150 people left in the area. There is no confirmation of how many people remain. We asked for more accurate numbers to be provided if they become available (little confidence this will occur).

Latest information on Verdun Mountain Fire from BCWS Sit Rep provided below.

Verdun Wildfire (R11796)

Location: 10 km southwest of Grassy Plains

Status: 16,987 hectares

Cause: lightning

Resources: 110 firefighters and 41 pieces of heavy equipment.

Status: There was growth overnight on the eastern flank. The west flank also grew overnight out to Keefes Landing Rd. Heavy equipment continues to build guard from Takysie Lake to Bintauwta Road south. This guard is expected to be completed by end of day today. Once complete, and if weather conditions allows, firefighters will be looking for opportunities to burn-off along this guard. Structural Protection Specialists continue to help protect structures around the Takysie Lake, while also continuing to assess properties in the area. Today, structural protection will be occurring along Tatalrose Rd, as resources allow. There continues to be a structural protection crew assigned to a night shift. Today, crews will be mopping up along the west flank of the fire and in areas south of Takysie Lake.

Evacuations: The Evacuation Alert and Order was expanded for this wildfire yesterday by the Bulkley Nechako Regional District. For more information visit: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

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Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 13:49
To: EMBC PECC Operations 1 EMBC:EX
Cc: EMBC PECC Advanced Planning Unit 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX; Travis.Field@forces.gc.ca; Olivier.Maltais@forces.gc.ca; DAVID.BALDWIN@forces.gc.ca
Subject: RE: Southside Public Meeting (Francois Lake) - Evacuation Contingency Planning

PECC Ops;

Today the ATF will have potential evacuation capability with a Griffon helicopter which will be on ground alert today. The helo will be stationed in Smithers and can be airborne in as quick as 30 mins. The alert crew day will end at 2300L (ie 11 PM) but can be extended 3 hrs to 0200 tomorrow morning. The helo hoist is currently not working but is expected to be fixed by tomorrow morning. For planning purposes the helo can normally carry up to 8 people; this can be effected by fuel loads and temperature.

The Sea King Helo is currently flying up north in the area of dease lake and bob quinn lake supporting BCWS, so may not be available for a potential evac tasking.

We would still like to get an idea for our planning purposes of how many community members are there.

JB

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Cc: Byam Maj JA@JTFP@Esquimalt <Jeff.BYAM@forces.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: Southside Public Meeting (Francois Lake) - Evacuation Contingency Planning

Hi Kirsten

Just following up on this. ATF LO advises that their air resources are now aware of this situation. If you could keep ATF LO in the loop with regards to any intel regarding planning and number of people, etc., he would appreciate it.

PECC Director also brought to my attention that Canadian Coast Guard air resources could be available if needed. Feel free to pass this information along to your colleagues in NWE APU. I'll leave it to you folks to determine whether CGC resources may be required.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 09:45
To: EMBC PECC Advanced Planning Unit 1 EMBC:EX; 'CAF Air - Jeff Byam'
Subject: FW: Southside Public Meeting (Francois Lake) - Evacuation Contingency Planning

Hi APU. Just following up to ensure this is on your radar. I've given verbal heads up to ATF LO. I can follow up with NWE.

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To: EMBC PECC Operations 1 EMBC:EX
Cc: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Subject: FW: Southside Public Meeting

Heads up Ops

This is one note that has perked my attention....would be advisable to initiate conversations analysis by air force for air evac support on this location if the ferry and road access is not sufficient.....
You might also check in with NWE and PECC APU if they are looking at this too.

Thank you

David T

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From: EMBC NWE PREOC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 09:20
To: EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Subject: Southside Public Meeting

Good morning David,

Just wanted to bring your attention to the meeting that was held in Grassy Plains last night. Pete Lainge (IC) and Dana Hicks (fire behavior specialist) provided the community with a lot of really direct information regarding the potential danger to life that is being predicted for the Nadina Lakes and Verdun fires today and tomorrow. It has been described "dire".

I watched the recording on facebook and We are going to reach out to the RDBN this morning to find out if they have any 'people' counts from the Ferry to give us an indication of whether or not last night's messaging was successful.

In the meantime, here's the facebook link to the meeting: <https://www.facebook.com/BulkleyNechakoEmergencyInfo/videos/232839440761775/>.

Let us know if you need anything else. We'll keep you apprised as things develop.

-Crissy

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From: Baltej S. DHILLON <Baltej.Dhillon@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 21:09
To: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX; Wayne CONLEY
Subject: Re: Question from PECC on RCMP Legal opinion

No worries Stan

We are more closely aligned re our understanding of the authorities but a quick chat may bring us on to the same page.

Let me know what works for you for a time to connect. I m headed to PG for the day so will be in the air at 1030 for about an hour and then again at around 4pm

Outside of that I can get away to connect

Regards
Baltej

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 7:49 PM
To: Baltej S. DHILLON; Wayne CONLEY
Subject: RE: Fwd: Question from PECC on RCMP Legal opinion

Baltej,

Sorry that I am only seeing this now. Wayne put me back on the same page as you.

Unless I have again missed something, no need to chat unless you want to.

Stan

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Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 5:20 PM

To: CONLEY, Wayne; Bates, Stan EMBC:EX

Subject: RE: Fwd: Question from PECC on RCMP Legal opinion

Sure ,

Stan , this may be easier over a call ..

Are you free for a quick conversation. I can be reached at

Regards

Baltej

Insp. Baltej S. Dhillon

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From:

Wayne CONLEY

To:

DHILLON, Baltej S.

Date:

2018/08/22 5:07 PM

Subject:

RE: Fwd: Question from PECC on RCMP Legal opinion

Baltej,

Stan Bates indicates there is some conflict between the script and your comments? Can you have a read and answer his question?

thanks

Staff Sergeant Wayne Conley

Detachment Commander

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>>> "Bates, Stan EMBC:EX" <Stan.Bates@gov.bc.ca> 2018/08/22 4:38 PM >>>

OK. Now I am confused. The script says:

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From: Wayne CONLEY [mailto:Wayne.CONLEY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 4:34 PM

To: EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX

Cc: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX

Subject: Re: Fwd: Question from PECC on RCMP Legal opinion

David, Stan

In addition to the script document I sent an hour ago, below is more to the point of your questions regarding police authority Detachment Commander

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>>> Baltej S. DHILLON 2018/08/22 2:49 PM >>>

Wayne in addition to what was shared with by Mark ,

Hope that helps clear up any questions.

Regards

Baltej

Insp. Baltej S. Dhillon

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From:

E_DEOC_SILVER

To:

DHILLON, Baltej S.; DROLET, Stephan; E_DEOC_GOLD

Date:

2018/08/22 2:37 PM

Subject:

Fwd: Question from PECC on RCMP Legal opinion

>>> Wayne CONLEY 2018/08/22 12:56 PM >>>

The Director requests clarification on whether the information he received is correct. Please clarify and I will communicate to the Director, thanks

Staff Sergeant Wayne Conley

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-----Original Message-----

From: EMBC PECC Operations 1 EMBC:EX

Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 08:28

To: Tudhope, Dave R MAH:EX

Subject: RE: B.C. wildfires 2018: Residents continue to defy evacuation orders | Vancouver Sun

Crazy! See ya tomorrow!

Sonia

Operations Deputy Chief

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Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 19:00

To: EMBC PECC Operations 1 EMBC:EX

Subject: B.C. wildfires 2018: Residents continue to defy evacuation orders | Vancouver Sun

Thought this might be of interest.

<https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/residents-continue-to-defy-evacuation-orders-in-fire-zone-in-north-central-b-c>

Sent from my iPhone

From: EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 17:55
To: Tomaz, David C EMBC:EX
Subject: FW: Fwd: Question from PECC on RCMP Legal opinion

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To: 'Wayne CONLEY'; EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Subject: RE: Powers Of Arrest and Authority Relating to Evacuation Orders

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Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 3:44 PM
To: EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Cc: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Subject: Fwd: Powers Of Arrest and Authority Relating to Evacuation Orders

David,
Attached is the script used by RCMP members when dealing with persons refusing to comply with an evacuation order. Hopefully this clarifies the question around RCMP authority when dealing with persons in an evacuation zone.

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>>> E_DEOC_SILVER 2018/08/22 2:39 PM >>>
Here you go Staff.

Mark

>>> Baltej S. DHILLON 2018/08/22 2:04 PM >>>
Good afternoon everyone ,

The language contained in our joining instructions though clear overall , is somewhat vague in one instance as found on the Evacuation Order - Failure to Comply form (attached) where it states " *If you are located outside your property you **may be removed** from the evacuation area.*"

Konrad can you please kindly emphasize this portion as part of your deployment briefing. Annette is having the same information shared at the various sites as well. This will hopefully clear up any confusion.

Respectfully,
Baltej

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From: Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX
Sent: Saturday, August 25, 2018 13:42
To: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Subject: Issue Messaging
Attachments: 25 August MDEC Issue Messages.docx

Hi Stan,

As discussed.

Jordan Turner
Communications Manager | EMBC
Government Communications and Public Engagement
Phone: (250) 952-5062 **Cell:**

Date: August 25, 2018

Issue: Self-evacuating due to smoke

- We're asking people, who have self-evacuated to larger communities due to smoke, to consider returning home.
- In many communities hosting evacuees, accommodations are reaching capacity.
- Emergency Social Services are intended to help those on evacuation order, and while some exceptions were made during this wildfire season, accommodations are now needed for those on evacuation order.
- Because smoky conditions shift and move, self-evacuating to another community does not guarantee a person's exposure will be reduced, and unnecessary relocation or travel will only add stress and anxiety that can also have negative health effects.
- Due to weather patterns, in many cases the smoke conditions in major urban centres are worse than the areas residents have left.
- Returning home will help host-community Emergency Social Services create the capacity for people who have been evacuated from their homes due to a direct wildfire threat.

Ignoring Evacuation Orders specific to FNs:

- First Nations are responsible for making evacuation decisions in their communities.
- We recognize First Nations' jurisdiction over their lands, their experience with wildfires, and they are integrated into our response efforts.
- Being placed on an Evacuation Order can be a difficult and emotional experience, and some in First Nations communities, residents may be reluctant to leave their homes behind.
- We share the safety concern with First Nations leaders about those who refuse to leave.
- Ignoring an Evacuation Order puts yourself and your loved ones at risk and puts front-line firefighters at risk.
- If you have been placed under an evacuation order, you have been advised to leave the area for your own safety and to ensure the health and safety of firefighters.
- First Nations communities who have issued evacuation orders will have the address of the closest reception centre on the order.
- We continue to support First Nations communities through regular engagement with the BC Wildfire Service, Emergency Operations Centers, reception centers and by connecting them with the First Nations Health Authority and Friendship Centres.

Issue: Burns Lake

Some people are questioning why certain wildfire resources were not deployed to help fight the Nadina Lake and Verdun fires on the South Side of Francois Lake, about 70 km southeast of Burns Lake. BC Wildfire Service shared information via email and social media that said the fire suppression resources in question are not effective tools in fighting these particular fires.

- The BC Wildfire Service is currently exploring a variety of suppression tools, including a range of water delivery systems. These higher capacity water delivery systems require close proximity to very large bodies of water. They also require relatively flat topography, and are most effective in densely populated areas.
- Recently, a high-capacity water delivery system was brought to the Babine Complex, about 70 km southeast of Burns Lake, to be assessed as a structural protection tool for the fires in this area.
- In areas of the fire where this tool would be most effective, the water sources were insufficient, the terrain was challenging and there was significant distance between structures.
- The BC Wildfire Service deferred to the contractor's knowledge of their system, and it was determined by the contractor that this high-capacity water delivery system was not an appropriate tool for this fire complex.
- As a result, the contractor is being released from the fire complex as the system is not a useful suppression tool for this particular fire.
- The BC Wildfire Service is currently evaluating the use of alternate water delivery systems for utilization on the Babine Complex as well as for future use with wildfire

2018 Wildfires First Nations Supports Messaging:

- Our top priority is the safety of all British Columbians, including First Nations communities.
- We have escalated our response to fighting the wildfires throughout B.C. by declaring a state of emergency and requesting federal assistance.
- These actions will give us access to the additional resources we need to battle the wildfire situation, protect property and ensure the safety of British Columbians, including First Nations.
- We are committed to supporting First Nations communities who have been hard hit by B.C.'s wildfire situation.
- We've provided Emergency Social Services support, including billeting and commercial accommodation, meals, clothing, incidentals, pet care, emergency transportation, and emotional support through community agencies to all affected First Nations communities.
- We've also provided communications systems, disaster psycho social supports, HEPA filters to increase indoor air quality and emergency social services (ESS) for evacuees.
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- We have daily calls scheduled with affected First Nations communities to answer questions, provide assistance and support, including helping with forms, resource requests and notifications and expense eligibility.
- Additionally, we are working to connect First Nations communities with the First Nations Health Authority and the Prince George Native Friendship Centre to provide translators, activities and events for evacuees.

From: EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2018 16:08
To: EMBC NWE PREOC Director 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC NEA PREOC Director 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC CTL PREOC Director 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC SEA PREOC Director 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC SWE PREOC Director 1 EMBC:EX
Cc: Prendergast, Peter L EMBC:EX; Tomaz, David C EMBC:EX; Bates, Stan EMBC:EX; Fiala, Tony EMBC:EX; EMBC PECC ALL
Subject: Danger Tree Assessor / Danger Tree Faller

There have been numerous requests for danger tree assessors and danger tree fallers throughout the province. Requests for these resources can continue, but it should be noted that the BC Wildfire Service and EMBC will prioritize the allocation and deployment of these resources. It may not be possible to fill all resource requests due to the limited supply of personnel with these qualifications. Your assistance and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Ian Cummings

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From: Williams, Susan GCPE:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2018 16:27
To: EMBC PECC Director 1 EMBC:EX; Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Subject: FW: Burns Lake & Southside Update

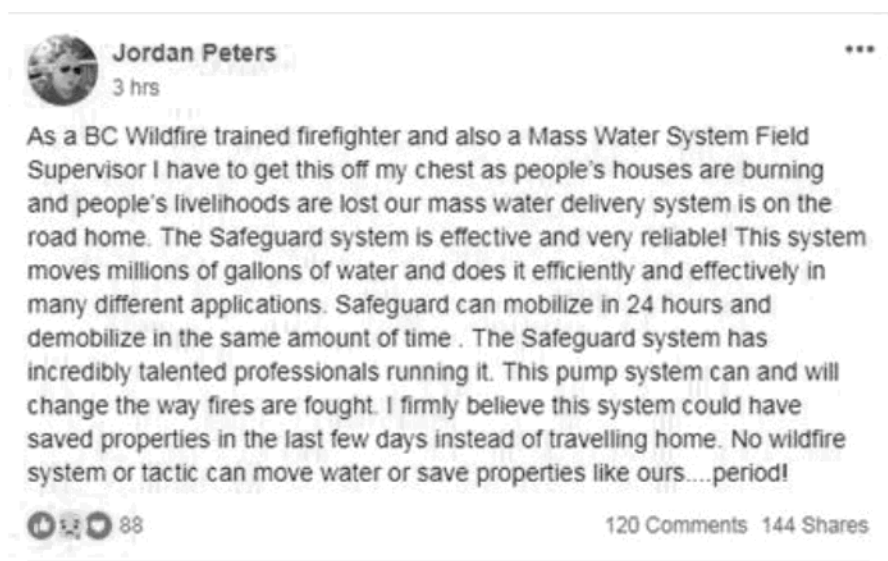
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From: EMBC PECC Online Communications 1 EMBC:EX
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2018 16:25
To: Williams, Susan GCPE:EX; Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX
Cc: EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC PECC Public Information 2 EMBC:EX; EMBC PECC Public Information 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC NEA PREOC Public Information 1 EMBC:EX; Skrepnek, Kevin FLNR:EX; Turcot, Ryan FLNR:EX
Subject: Burns Lake & Southside Update

Hi folks,

A quick update for you on the southside/burns lake issue from Yesterday. Things were relatively quiet on this front today, but have just reignited online.

A person named Jordan Peters claiming to be a BC Wildfire trained firefighter posted his very critical opinion of the situation on a newly created Facebook page called "[BC Wildfires Truthout](#)":



This was posted 3 hours ago but has sparked an extensive conversation (135+ comments). As of 1 hour ago, it was also shared on the more popular [Hell Yeah Burns Lake](#) page. I anticipate far more traffic on this content now that it's being shared.

Jordan Peters seems to be speaking on behalf of the contractor and is pointing a firm finger at BC Wildfire:



Craig Knapp I don't live up there anymore , but my sons and tier families do . I know all the areas that are burning nearby lakes and have driven trucks for 20 years . All i can say is you guys weren't shown the viable options that would have worked . I love that yall came to help sorry you were misled for whatever reason thank you for trying to help my family while i can't.

Like · 1h



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Jordan Peters Glad people realize it wasn't us saying no it was wildfire

Like · 1h



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Jordan Peters Yes it's hard to understand we could have made a huge impact and it seems like they have decided to leave everyone high and dry

Like · 3h



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Jordan Peters Yeah it's hard to trust them when they contradict them self at every turn and try to make our system look unsatisfactory

Like · 2h



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Also, a heads up that some people are asking if the Safeguard system can be hired privately in the area, and Jordan Peters responded in the affirmative:



Melissa Fitzgerald Are people/communities allowed to hire you privately??

Like · 3h



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Melissa Fitzgerald Or do you need permission from bcwf?

Like · 3h



Jordan Peters Yes these systems are definitely available for public use

Like · 3h



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I should note, too, that many people are still claiming the contractors explanation of events was unsatisfactory. The idea that he was by Wildfire continues to circulate:



Dean Lacey I was at the protest yesterday....I had no idea of the half truths that were given to us at the later meeting by John from BCWFS...I'm just sick!!

Like · 1h



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Catherine Van Tine Marcinek replied · 6 Replies · 1 hr



Dean Lacey When I said to Jeff at the end of his talk with us "Are you telling me that you have 30-40 kms of hose and they couldn't find you a water source? He just was silent and stared and stared at me...The poor bugger was gagged. Pure and simple. I thanked him for trying to help us...Thank you all!!

Like · 1h · Edited



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Dean Lacey replied · 2 Replies · 1 hr

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news my friends. ☹️ That's all for now!

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Subject: RE: Sent from Snipping Tool (Burns Lake trucks)

And....Media tags have now amped up:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/632076676863684/>



Becky Flegg John Rustad please help!

Like · 10m



Janice Nooski #globalbc

Like · 9m



Gail Thompson I'd like to know how far up the food chain this decision goes. A name- somebody made the call. Who?

Like · 8m



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Jeffery John Bergen Global BC CBC News CBC Vancouver

Like · 8m



Steven B Flanagan Wow the feds really want to punish us about the Kinder Morgan thing eh, more than likely they want the pipeline to go thru there, and making lots of product for the pellet plants in the area

Like · 8m

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Becky Flegg #ckpg #globalbc #vancouver #princegeorgecitizen #ctv #BCWF #jjhorgan #BCNDP

Like · 7m



Krista Hill Shannon Haizimsque Ruby JO Randi Amendt

Like · 4m

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Ruby JO Shannon is in a meeting with the EOC and Danielle is there helping Ginger!

Like · 2m



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Krista Hill Thanks Ruby - Wish I was there to help 🙄

Like · 1m



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Bernie Charlie Mayor Christopher Beach

Like · 2m

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Subject: RE: Sent from Snipping Tool (Burns Lake trucks)

Hello,

Some additional criticism regarding a bulletin posted near the Babine Complex, indicating that the water delivery equipment brought into the area was not appropriate for the topography/terrain:



Jessica Gessl ▸ Hell Yeah Burns
Lake-the Lakes District

10 hrs · 🌐



This lovely statement was attached to the babine fore complex update this evening. This makes me sick. You can not tell me there is not enough water on the southside! We are the LAKES DISTRICT for crying out loud! And if it's difficult to access certain lakes....there's only HUNDREDS of pieces of equipment over there to bull doze a path! As soon as we get a glimpse of hope seeing all this equipmen...
See more

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Kim Lazaruk Goslin Why is it that you feel you're being lied to?, have you actually researched what is needed to operate this equipment?... maybe look that up first?.... or are you a professional in this field? If you are, then by all means tell them so, so they can put... See more

Like · 5h

👍 10

👤 Bob Morgan replied · 26 Replies · 18 mins



Lee West This is totally BS, with 🤔

Like · 2h



Bob Morgan Kim you say not every place has access to water. They have 20 some kilometers of system. That would go from Francois to grassy at least. How you don't feel lied to I don't understand.

Like · 2h

👍 1

👤 Bob Morgan replied · 2 Replies · 1 hr

And here's the bulletin:

INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release
August 24, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
BC Wildfire Service

Use of water delivery systems in the Babine Complex

BURNS LAKE – BC Wildfire Service is exploring a variety of suppression tools, including a range of water delivery systems. Recently a high-capacity water delivery system was brought to the Babine Complex to be assessed as a structural protection tool for the fires in this area.

These higher capacity water delivery systems require close proximity to very large bodies of water. They also require relatively flat topography and are most effective in densely populated areas.

In areas of the fire where this tool would be most effective, the water sources were insufficient, the terrain was challenging and there was significant distance between structures. BC Wildfire Service deferred to the contractor's knowledge of their system and it was determined that this high-capacity water delivery system was not an appropriate tool for this fire complex.

There are situations where water delivery systems would be effective on the fireline and the BC Wildfire Service will continue to evaluate these and other suppression tools.

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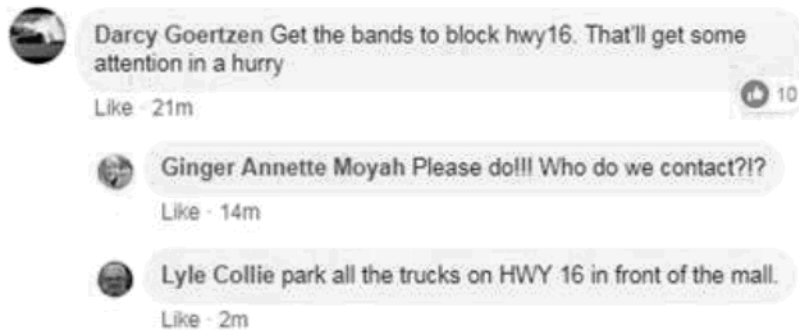
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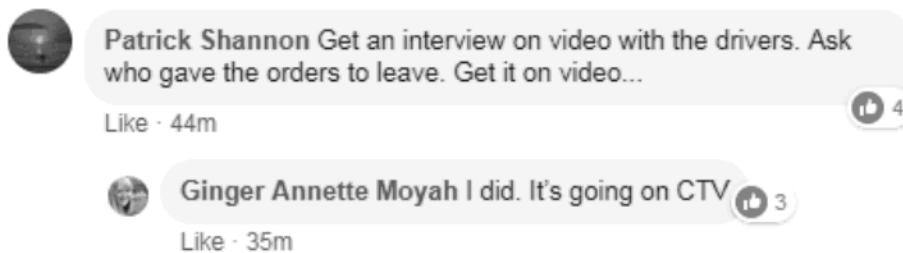
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Subject: RE: Sent from Snipping Tool (Burns Lake trucks)

Hi again,

Looks like their plan is to block HWY 16 in front of the mall.



They've also interviewed the drivers, with the intention of having these videos covered by media:



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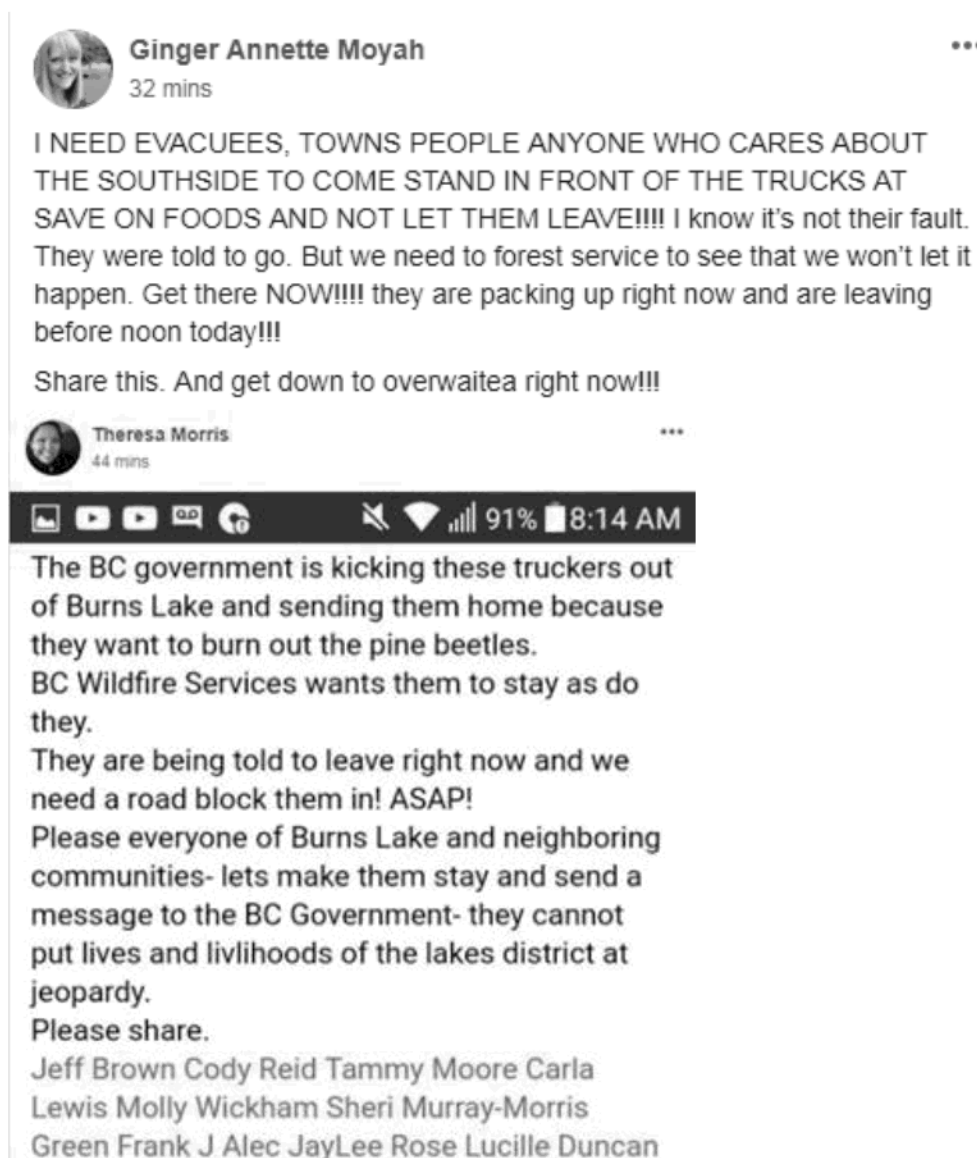
Hi folks,

This article on the subject is circulating this morning (published yesterday): DOZENS OF TRUCKS DENIED ACCESS TO SOUTH SIDE OF FRANCOIS LAKE AS WILDFIRES BURN

Lots of discussion on the Cariboo Wildfires Information & Safety Facebook Page. In these conversations the decision to have these trucks leave has been identified online as a BCWFS decision:



In the last half hour or so, local residents started calling for a road blockade to prevent these trucks from leaving:



There's also a new article out this morning on the locals in this area defying Evacuation Orders : [Fighting Fire with Defiance](#)

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Subject: FW: Sent from Snipping Tool

Morning all,

FYI as below and attached. Is there someone I could ask about the 28 trucks and what they were doing?

Thanks,
Preet

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Subject: RE: Sent from Snipping Tool

Okay, thanks.

We'll keep an eye out for more media/social media on it.

Glen

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Subject: RE: Sent from Snipping Tool

This in in the NW, there were a few posts last night with regard to this. It sounds like it was BCWS prioritizations...

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Subject: Sent from Snipping Tool

Hi,

This is posted on Hell Yeah Burns Lake Facebook.

Is there any information regarding the 28 trucks this post refers to?

Thanks,

Glen

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From: Duncan, Trish EMBC:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 17:24
To: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Cc: Kelly, Alisha EMBC:EX
Subject: FW: ACTION REQ: Wording for FLNRO response RE: Response to incoming on Northern BC Fires - evacuations (Ref: 241531) - Assigned to Stan Bates - due Sept 12
Attachments: 241531 Northern BC Fires

Hi Stan,

Just wanted to follow up on this one.

Thank you,
Trish

From: Duncan, Trish EMBC:EX
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 12:55
To: Bates, Stan EMBC:EX
Cc: Duncan, Trish EMBC:EX; Kelly, Alisha EMBC:EX
Subject: ACTION REQ: Wording for FLNRO response RE: Response to incoming on Northern BC Fires - evacuations (Ref: 241531) - Assigned to Stan Bates - due Sept 12

Hi Stan,

Would you be able to provide some wording to FLNRO to assist with their response to the citizen (attached).

See highlighted sections below from Tom Brown, correspondence section – FLNRO & Radha Dahlie -FLNRO.

Thank you,
Trish

From: Brown, Tom G EMBC:EX
Sent: September 4, 2018 10:27 AM
To: Fraser, Agnes EMBC:EX
Subject: FW: Response to incoming on Northern BC Fires - evacuations (Ref: 241531)

Hi Agnes – please send to Trish/Dawn to ask someone like Stan to provide information on some of the difficulties faced on the accuracy of the information on the ground. I suppose we can point out that under the legislation, local governments have this responsibility and we are committed to assisting them in meeting their responsibilities (or something like that if appropriate).

Thanks Agnes
Tom

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 10:03 AM
To: King, Kim J M AG:EX
Cc: Thompson, Angella N PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: Response to incoming on Northern BC Fires - evacuations (Ref: 241531)

Hello Kim,

Further to the email from our BC Wildfire Services area below, would EMBC be able to provide CSS-FLNRO with some wording that addresses the concerns regarding evacuations (highlighted below)?

I've attached the full incoming email, as well.

Please let us know.

Thank you,
Teresa

Teresa Coburn

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From: Dahlie, Radha FLNR:EX
Sent: Saturday, September 1, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Cc: Oomen, Michael FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: New incoming - 241531 - Draft ED Response by August 31

Hi – this one will be the Francois Lake response but EMBC may want to add some wording that addresses the following:

_____ – EMBC response/comment? Not sure whose site they are looking at.

Thanks,



Radha Dahlie

FOI Analyst

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Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555



From: DM-CSS [mailto:FLNR.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 12:30 PM
To: Moore, Paula FLNR:EX
Cc: Oomen, Michael FLNR:EX; Dahlie, Radha FLNR:EX
Subject: New incoming - 241531 - Draft ED Response by August 31

Hello,

This incoming is on the topic of Northern BC fires, though it does bring up some specific concerns and problems. Not sure if it would be given the same response as others in this category.

BCWS to draft ED response, due to CSS by August 31.

1. Draft bullets or wording
2. Addresses for PCs in draft response, including pc for Minister
3. Approved by (OPR to enter into Log Notes in CLIFF)
4. Drafter's name (OPR to complete drafter field in CLIFF)

Please note a starter template has been provided.

Thanks,
Teresa

DM-CSS Referral Slip for ID:241531

2018/08/15

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Author Type: Private Citizen

Written: 2018/08/14 *Resp Type:*

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Due: 2018/09/05 *Entered By:* tcoburn

Approved: *Approved By:*

Signed: *Signed By:*

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Address To: Premier Horgan

Copy To:

Rsp Office: BCWS

Issue: Resources

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Drafter:

With BN:

Subject

WILDFIRE 2018 Northern BC Fires - Verdun, Nadina Lake and Island Lake

Severe shortage of resources and mismanagement of resources. People in charge are not knowledgeable of the area or industry. Fire sites not being promptly updated and evacuees are being mismanaged.

Log Notes

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From:
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 16:43
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: 241531 Northern BC Fires

Dear Mr. Horgan,

My name is _____ That area is currently being ravaged by three out of control wildfires. The alert areas have met up on the entire south side of the lake and are creeping around the heads of both ends.

There is a severe shortage of resources in the area. For the four fires there is 37 support personnel and 16 choppers. Each fire has to share these limited resources. The Verdun fire has 19 firefighters and 13 heavy equipment. The Nadina Lake fire has 25 firefighters and 54 heavy equipment. The Island Lake fire has 7 firefighters and 15 heavy equipment. Does this seem, by any stretch, to be enough equipment to fight fires that are anywhere from 4500 to 25,000 hectares? The bombers have to be shared between four out of control wildfires. There are several heavy equipment operators, loggers and industry professionals who actually know how to fight fire who aren't allowed to do their jobs because the forestry has people in place who supposedly know better than men and women who have worked in the forest industry their entire lives. These people come in and order experienced people to stand down or send them off the lines completely. These people in charge aren't knowledgeable about the area, the industry, what their equipment and operators are capable of or how to effectively use the resources at their disposal. Many equipment operators have taken their equipment and left due to the mismanagement of their equipment.

The majority of _____ still lives up there. Many do not have insurance due to extremely high premiums and extensive lists of things they will and will not cover.

Many people are not being allowed to return to their homes even in alert areas even with proper documentation and permits. How is that ok? There are several large ranches in the area who are cutting fences and opening gates in the hopes that their livestock make it.

The fire sites were not promptly updated with correct information and many evacuees were not allowed to register at the evacuation centre due to the maps not showing them as on evacuation order. The RCMP members manning the barricades have even less information than the fire centres. Family and friends of people living in the area have no idea what's going on as there is hardly any news coverage on any station about the situation.

The lakes district is one of the highest producing timber districts in the province. They are simply letting it burn because there isn't the population density of the lower mainland. There are fires in the lower mainland that are not out of control and not threatening any structures and they have triple the amount of resources. This just blows me away that the people in charge have such a blatant disregard for anywhere that isn't the lower mainland. Where do they think the gas, the oil, the lumber and many of the resources that they depend on to live their daily lives come from?

I don't know if the mismanagement of resources comes from the ignorance and inflated egos of the forestry officials in charge or a lack of resources in general or a combination of both but either way it's unacceptable. Why hasn't the province of BC declared a state of emergency? Why has the premier just now made a bid for federal help? And why are only 200 soldiers coming and out of that number, how many are actually going to be out fighting fires?

This is our past, our present and our future. This is our livelihood, our legacy, and our economy burning to the ground. This is our story and it needs to be told.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone