

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Evacuation Alert for Anahim Lake Area and Nimpo Lake Area**

Williams Lake, B.C. – Effective immediately, the Cariboo Regional District has issued an evacuation alert for the Anahim Lake Area and Nimpo Lake Area, approximately 320 km west of Williams Lake.

View a map of the affected areas in the Anahim Lake area and Nimpo Lakes area here: http://bit.ly/2v78hY6

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.

In case of an evacuation, register at the ESS Reception Centre in ESS table in the Resiliency Centre in Williams Lake at Boitanio Mall (850 Oliver Street). Those requiring group lodging will be required to continue on to the ESS Reception Centre in Prince George at the College of New Caledonia (3330 22 Ave).

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN ALERT IS IN EFFECT

Upon notification of an ALERT, you should be prepared for an evacuation order 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. Please visit the CRD Emergency Operations Facebook page at <a href="mailto:facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations">facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations</a> as well as the CRD website at <a href="mailto:cariboord.ca">cariboord.ca</a>. For more information contact the CRD's public information line at 1-866-759-4977.

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