

EVACUATION ALERT ?aq'am Reserve and Fort Steele Area 07/18/2023 00:30



Evacuation Alerts has been issued by <u>?aq'am</u> and the <u>Regional District of East Kootenay</u> at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

Due to wildfire in proximity

Because of the potential danger to life and health, <u>?aq'am</u> and the <u>Regional District of East</u> <u>Kootenay</u> have issued **Evacuation Alerts** for the following areas in Kootenay Indian Reserve No 1 and in Electoral Area C & E:

35 properties between St. Mary's River, Kootenay River and Hwy 93/95 and on the Kootenay Indian

Reserve No 1 including:

- 15 through 154 Campsall Rd
- 315, 317, and 9851 Hwy 93/95
- 5461, 5467, 5479 Mission -Fort Steele Rd
- 9471, 9595, 9636, 9637 Buckman Rd
- 4829, 4901, 8425, 8450 LD Ranch Rd
- 8285, 8287, 8291 Olsen Rd
- See attached map

An Evacuation Alert has been issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary. 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:

- Locate all family members and designate a meeting area outside the evacuation area, should an Evacuation Order be called while separated.
- Pack essential items such as government-issued ID, medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (e.g. insurance, credit, and mortgage information), immediate care needs for dependents and, if time and space permits, keepsakes for quick departure.
- Prepare to move disabled persons, children and/or neighbours, if assistance is needed.
- Prepare to take pets with you and move livestock to a safe area (if possible).
- Arrange transportation for all your household members. Fill the gas tanks of personal vehicles. If transportation assistance is needed, call <u>250-489-9677.</u>
- Arrange accommodation for all members of the residence, if possible.
- Monitor <u>news sources</u> for information on evacuation orders and location of

Reception Centers

• Register for the Evacuation Notification System at www.rdek.bc.ca – this will ensure that we can reach you rapidly if the evacuation status changes.

Further information will be issued should the situation change; updates will be provided on the ?aq'am (www.aqam.net) and RDEK (www.rdek.bc.ca) websites and Facebook pages. For more information call the RDEK Information line at 250-426-2188 or toll free at 1-855-346-2188.

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