

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Evacuation alert lifted to all clear for Highway 24 Corridor Area**

Williams Lake, B.C. – Effective immediately, the Cariboo Regional District has lifted the evacuation alert for the Highway 24 Corridor Area. See an overview map at: <a href="http://bit.ly/2xcO9Y9">http://bit.ly/2xcO9Y9</a>

To ensure public safety, stay out of fire affected areas and obey all warning and hazard signs.

For rural properties that have been impacted by wildfire, residents should be aware there may be danger trees in wildfire affected areas. Home owners and private land owners are recommended to work with an insurance agency to have an assessment done by a qualified arborist on their private property.

With this last Evacuation Alert lift, all areas within the CRD are deemed all clear and the CRD Emergency Operations centre will close down its operations and public phone lines effective 12 noon today, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For Cariboo Regional District information, please visit <u>cariboord.ca</u> or <u>facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations</u> or <u>@CaribooRD</u> or call the contact the CRD office at 250-392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636.

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: <a href="https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612292#/signup">https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612292#/signup</a>

## **Information for Livestock Producers and Farmers**

As a reminder, livestock producers and farmers returning to their agri-business operations after the "all clear" has been given, who have been eligible for Relocation Assistance through the EOC, have 96 hours to return their livestock to the farm under the current policy.

Additionally, the Federal and Provincial governments recently made an announcement regarding the Agri-Recovery program. This program is intended to assist agri-business operators recover through the winter of 2017 and into spring of 2018. Program details can be found here: <a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017PREM0079-001535">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017PREM0079-001535</a> or by calling 1-888-332-3352.

Any concerns regarding the removal and transport of livestock, supply of feed and recovery in the agri-business sector can be directed to the Ministry of Agriculture at 250-398-4504.

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