



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY TNRD Electoral Area "O"

PRESS RELEASE

DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION ORDER (BONAPARTE LAKE WILDFIRE)

Due to an uncontained forest fire currently burning in the Bonaparte Lake area in TNRD Electoral Area "O" Thompson-Nicola Regional District Chair Peter Milobar has issued the following:

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

At 18:30 hrs a STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY was ORDERED, authorized and approved in Thompson-Nicola Regional District Electoral Area "O".

EVACUATION ORDER

Because of the potential danger to life and health at 19:00 hrs an EVACUATION ORDER was ordered, authorized and approved for everyone residing in the following areas to evacuate immediately:

All areas within a one (1) mile boundary surrounding Bonaparte Lake

If you are in the evacuation area outlined above, you must leave the area immediately and report to the Emergency Social Services (ESS) Reception Centre at Interior Savings Centre, Sports Action Lounge, 300 Lorne Street, Kamloops, BC. All residents must register in person at the ESS Reception Centre in order to receive assistance. Upon registration with the ESS Reception Centre lodging, food services, etc. will be provided to eligible residents.

For residents who wish to provide information so that family and friends can contact them, please call the TNRD Emergency Operation Centre (250) 377-7188 or toll free 1-866-377-7188.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Follow the travel route provided (see map attached)

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- Close all windows and doors.
- Turn off all unnecessary appliances (such as air conditioning, hot tubs, etc.)
- Unplug sensitive equipment (televisions, computers, etc.)
- Turn off all lights except for one light outside, which will indicate to BC Hydro crews that power is on
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency service.
- Gather your family, take a neighbour or someone who needs help.
- Take critical items (medicine, purse, wallet and keys) only if they are immediately available.
- Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
- Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Do not use more vehicles than you have to.
- Follow the travel route provided (see below).
- Register at the Emergency Social Services (ESS) Reception Centre (see above).

PLEASE REMAIN CALM AND DRIVE SAFELY

Once the Incident Command has deemed the area safe, the Evacuation Order will be rescinded and residents will be allowed to return to their homes.

PLEASE NOTE

The STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY will remain in force for 7 days from 19:00 hrs on July 28, 2010 to 19:00 hrs on August 4, 2010 unless cancelled by order of the TNRD.

For more information contact: Ron Storie, EOC Director
 Liz Cornwell, Information Officer
 Phone: (250) 377-7188 or 1-866-377-7188

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Kamloops, BC – July 28, 2010 @ 19:00 hrs