



FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## EVACUATION ALERT

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has issued a Declaration of State of Local Emergency for Electoral Area C pursuant to the *Emergency Program Act*. An Evacuation Order has been issued for 5 residences along the Blackwater Road south of Punchaw Lake (south of Clarkson Rd).

**This alert applies to addresses in the Punchaw Lake area, including Clarkson Road, Punchaw Road and Telegraph Trail just past the crossing of the Chilako (Mud) River in Electoral Area C (see attached map).**

**Wildfire conditions may unexpectedly change and make it necessary for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to require the immediate evacuation of these addresses to ensure the personal safety of our residents and front line responders.**

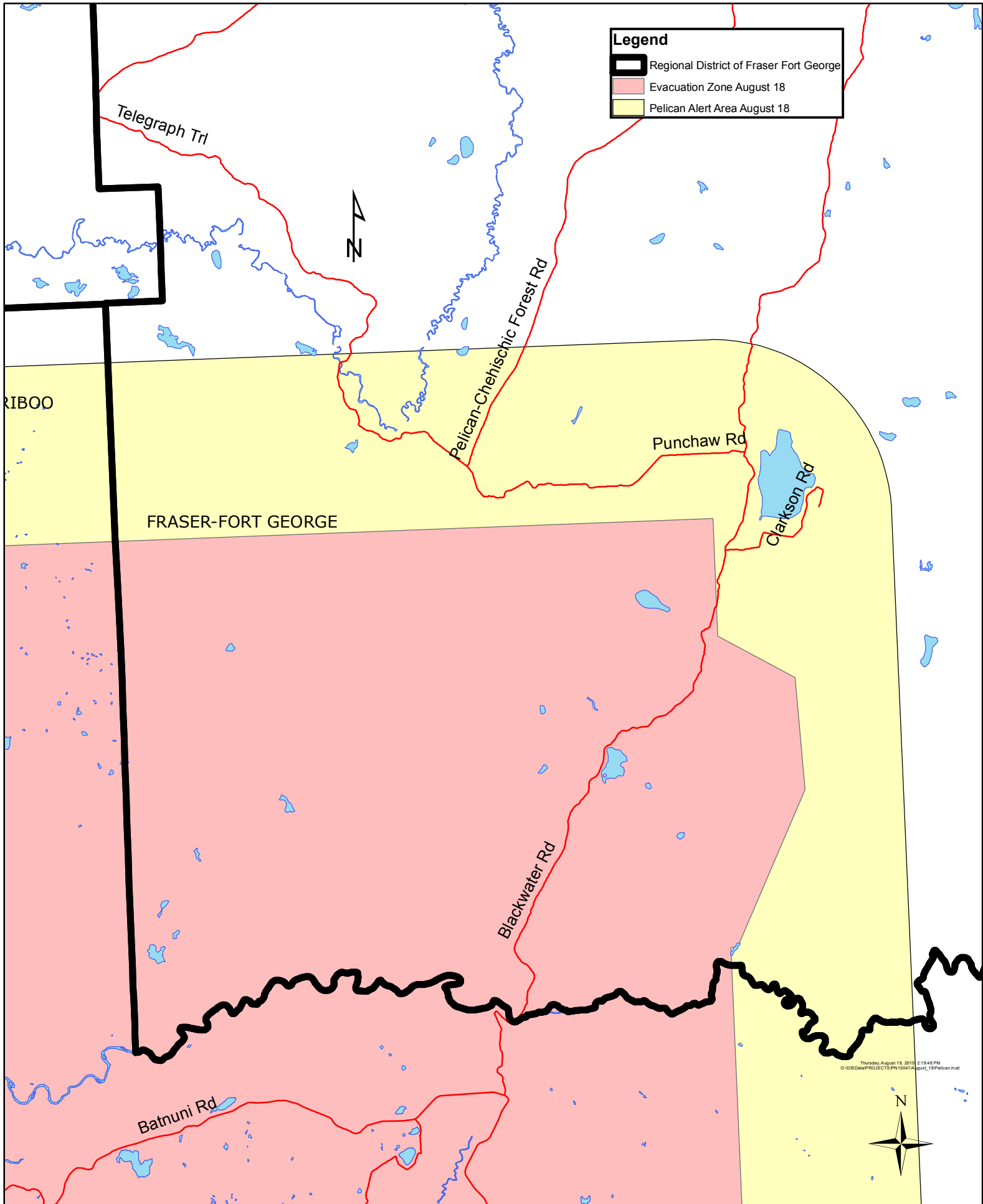
Residents in the alert area identified above are asked to prepare themselves in the event that an evacuation is required and immediately take the following actions to help prevent damage to their homes, properties and to prepare for their personal safety:

- Locating all family members and designate a safe meeting place in the event that an evacuation order is called.
- Arranging to transport household members in the event of an evacuation order.
- Consider moving any disabled persons and/or children to a safe area.
- Moving pets and livestock to a safe area as they will not be permitted to do so once an Evacuation Order has been issued
- Gather essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (ie insurance) and immediate care needs for dependants. Have these items readily available for a quick departure.
- Arranging accommodation for your family if possible. In the event of an evacuation, emergency accommodation will be provided if needed.
- Monitoring media for information on location of Reception Centres and status of evacuation orders.




The public is asked to visit the RDFFG website [www.rdffg.bc.ca](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca) for updated information or to call our Emergency Operations Centre directly at the following numbers for assistance.

Daytime Hours (8:30am-5:00pm): 1-250-960-4475 (Toll Free 1-800-667-1959)  
After Hours: 1-250-960-4475

Additional fire information is available from the Province of BC Forest Fire Information website at <http://www.bcfireinfo.gov.bc.ca>



**Legend**

-  Regional District of Fraser Fort George
-  Evacuation Zone August 18
-  Pelican Alert Area August 18

