



EVACUATION ALERT

**Saturday, August 21, 2010
10:00 a.m.**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Regional District Fraser-Fort George Modifies Evacuation Order

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has been advised that the imminent danger due to the wildfire to life and property of residents and visitors along the Blackwater road just south of Clarkson Road has diminished at this time.

Based on this information, the Evacuation Order issued on August 20, 2010 is being downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for the five residences south of Punchaw Lake. These residences are now part of the evacuation alert area.

The remainder of the original evacuation order is still in place as per the attached map and entry is not permitted.

The Regional District will continue to monitor fire activity in the area.

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 RDIFFG website 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.bcforestfireinfo.gov.bc.ca>

