



**REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
of Fraser-Fort George

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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Norman Lake/Little Bobtail Lake Fire update**

A wildland interface fire near Norman Lake has grown significantly over the last 24 hours and is now burning an area of approximately 8000 hectares. This fire is showing unpredictable and aggressive fire behaviour.

An evacuation order remains in effect for Norman Lake area.

While the area around Bednesti Lake, Berman Lake and Dahl Lake Road remains under evacuation alert, property owners in that area are strongly advised to make arrangements to prepare for an evacuation order.

Once an evacuation order comes into effect, people will not have access to their property so it is imperative to take necessary steps now.

If your primary residence is in the alert area, you should take the following steps:

- Secure alternate accommodations (friends and family)
- Arrange a place to meet family or co-workers
- Fill vehicle with enough fuel to get to the Reception Centre
- Wear and pack season appropriate clothing
- Take purse, cash & credit cards
- Make travel arrangements
- Medications, eye glasses, documents, photos & ID
- Blankets, sleeping bags, books & games
- Make arrangements for pets and take leashes, crates, pet food
- Listen to local news, or the RDFFG website [www.rdffg.bc.ca](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca) or Facebook page for updates
- Collect precious photos and mementos that can't be replaced

For further information about how to prepare your family and your property for an evacuation, visit [www.gov.bc.ca/preparedbc](http://www.gov.bc.ca/preparedbc)

The Regional District has begun making preliminary arrangements in the event that group lodging is required as a result of an increased evacuation order area. People are advised that group lodging accommodation is basic, so encourage those in an alert area to make their own arrangements.

Livestock owners within an alert area should be prepared to move livestock in the event of an evacuation order.

Information about moving livestock during an emergency can be found at <http://www.embc.gov.bc.ca/em/Community/agricultural-businesses-faq.pdf>

Information on fire growth, fire patterns and crews and equipment battling the fire can be found at [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)

Residents in the area are advised that the Berman Lake Transfer Station and Berman Lake Regional Park are closed as a result of the fire.

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