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MEDIA RELEASE

EVACUATION ALERT ISSUED FOR MCBRIDE TIMBER ROAD SOUTH

This an update on the fire west of Prince George.

Crews from the Beverly and Pineview volunteer departments along with a crew from the BC Wildfire Service continue to work on a fire west of Prince George.

As a safety precaution, an evacuation alert has been issued for the McBride Timber Road South area. There are approximately 50 properties within the alert area. (evacuation order and map of alert area attached)

An evacuation alert means individuals within that area should take necessary steps to prepare themselves, their family and in their property in the event an evacuation becomes necessary.

Information on how to prepare for an evacuation can be found on the Regional District website at <http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/services/public-safety/emergency-management-program/EM-faqs-links>

Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

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RESIDENT NOTICE ELECTORAL AREA 'C' – MCBRIDE TIMBER ROAD SOUTH AREA

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is advising of the imminent threat of *wildland interface fire*.

An active wildland interface fire is located in the McBride Timber Road South area, putting at risk life and property to residents of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (see *attached map*).

The next 24 hour period is critical in the on-going assessment and planning for *wildland interface fire response*. For more information on the *wildland interface fire in the area* go to the BC Wildfire Management Branch website at <http://bcwildfire.ca/default.htm>.

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

You are asked to prepare yourself in the event that an evacuation is required and immediately take the following actions to help prevent damage to your home, property and to prepare for your personal safety:

- *gather important papers and move valuables to alternate locations;*
- *make arrangements for pets to be moved to a safe location;*
- *if you have livestock or hobby farm animals begin making arrangements for them to go to a safe alternative location in case an evacuation order is issued; and*
- *prepare a 72-hour personal emergency kit for you and your family; remember to include any necessary medications in your kit.*

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George's Emergency Operations Centre is open and will provide resources and/or assistance to residents regarding *wildland interface fire* awareness and preparedness.

The public is asked to visit the RDIFFG website www.rdiffg.bc.ca for updated *wildland interface fire* information or to call our Emergency Operations Centre directly at the following numbers for assistance.

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

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