



## District of Wells

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### **P101— District of Wells & Area Wildfires Project Update**

#### **Overview**

*(Additions from previous revision, highlighted in yellow)*

The “**P101— District of Wells & Area Wildfires Project**” is designed to monitor Wildfire Impacts in the areas of District of Wells, Cariboo Regional District Area C, Barkerville Historic Town & Park, and Bowron Lakes Community & Bowron Lakes Provincial Park to be prepared to take action to protect citizens, tourists & visitors, animals, and infrastructure. Timeline for the Project is: 2024 February 01 to 2024 October 31. For more information on this Project, **Contact Mayor Ed Coleman, 250-991-9034 or [edcoleman@wells.ca](mailto:edcoleman@wells.ca) or CAO Jerry Dombowsky, 250-991-1155 or [jerrydombowsky@wells.ca](mailto:jerrydombowsky@wells.ca) See Appendix L for District of Wells overall risk management framework.**

#### **Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Task Numbers:**

- 24-4383—P101—District of Wells Wildfires Project
  - Contact, Mayor Ed Coleman, 250-991-9034 or [edcoleman@wells.ca](mailto:edcoleman@wells.ca)
- 24-3133—Emergency Operation Centres
  - Wells EOC--Contact, CAO Jerry Dombowsky, 250-991-1155 or [jerrydombowsky@wells.ca](mailto:jerrydombowsky@wells.ca)
  - Quesnel EOC-- Contact, Mayor Ed Coleman, 250-991-9034 or [edcoleman@wells.ca](mailto:edcoleman@wells.ca)

#### **Immediate Works**

District of Wells, Cariboo Regional District Area C, Barkerville Historic Town & Park, and Bowron Lakes Community & Bowron Lakes Provincial Park:

- Understanding the location of all existing fires in the Areas and their status, and monitoring for any additional fires
- Resource the fires with Ground Unit Crews, Contract Partners, Heavy Equipment, Air Support—Helicopters and Air Tankers, Structure Protection Specialists & Crews
- Monitor weather forecast closely for impacts to current and future impacts
- Alert and Orders Strategies
- Setup/Access Command Centre(s), Camps, and Accommodation
- Community and Visitors/Tourists Education
- Providing Public and Media with information and interviews are required and requested
- Continuous multiple agencies & all levels of government coordination



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### Local State of Emergency

If required, the Mayor can call a Local State of Emergency that would be in-place for 14 days from time of issue. If an extensions for 14 days at a time are required, they would only occur with the Minister of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness's approval.

For an example Local State of Emergency, see **Appendix B for any Orders or Alerts from the District of Wells**

Evacuation Alerts and Orders would result in potential an ESS Centre(s) (Emergency Support Services Centre) being setup in Wells and/or Quesnel to ensure each Citizen and their pets and animals have the supports they need.

### Partners

- Lhtako Dene Nation, Cariboo Regional District, City of Quesnel, and City of Prince George
- [Emergency Management and Climate Readiness](#); Ministry of [Health](#); Ministry of [Municipal Affairs](#), Ministry of Environment; Ministry of [Forests](#) (including Contaminated Sites Division); Ministry of [Transportation and Infrastructure](#), Ministry of [Water, Land and Resource Stewardship](#), and other.
- R. Radloff & Associates Engineering Firm, BGC Engineering, JDS Mining Consulting Engineer
- Osisko Developments (Cariboo Gold Project)
- West Fraser Timber Company
- Local Contractors
- Other as required.

### Partners Meetings

Multiple: from 2024 July 11 to 2024 July 13

Next Scheduled: 2024 July 15—Monday Morning

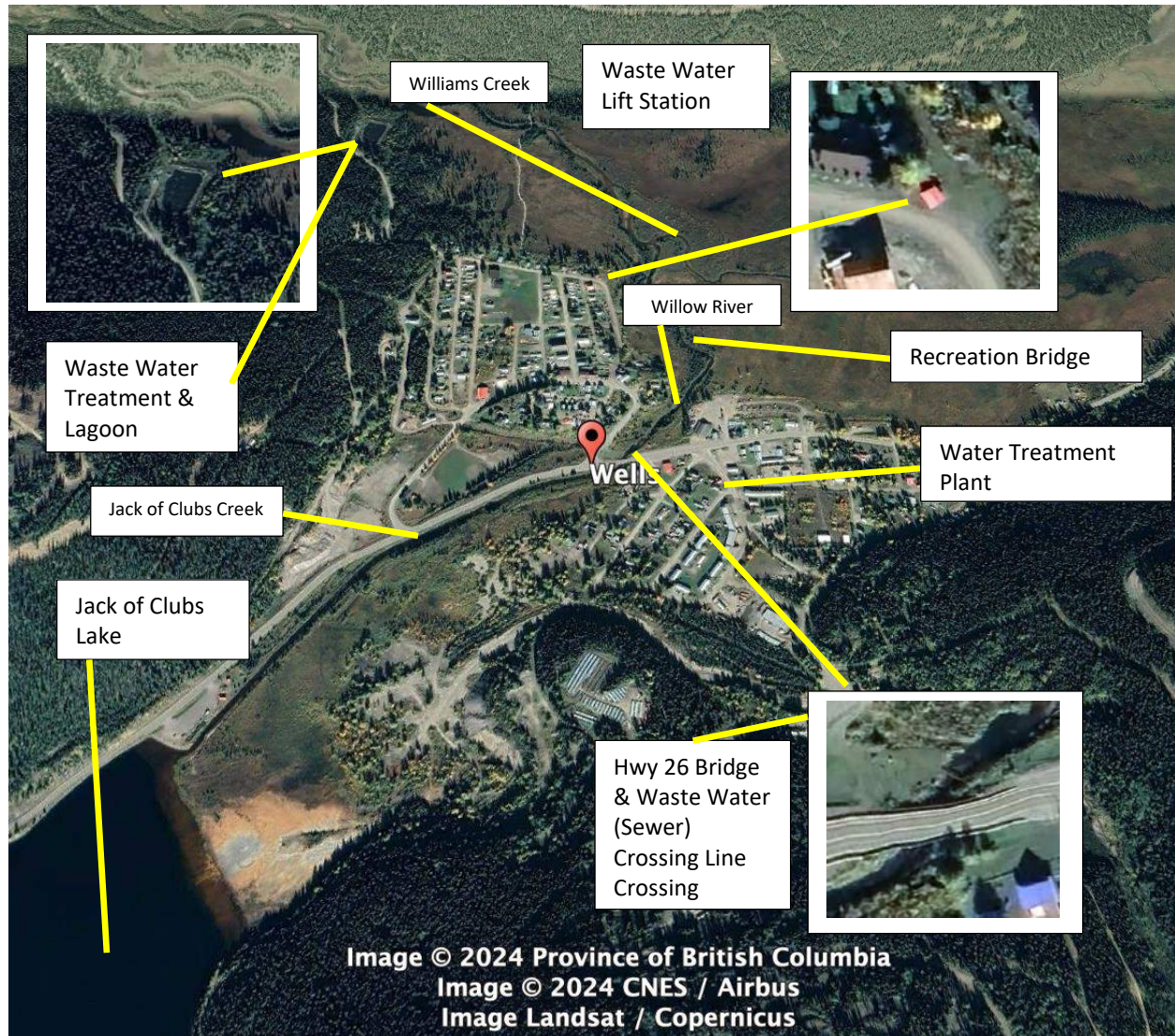


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### Appendix A-1—District of Wells Infrastructure







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### Appendix A-2—Pictures Tracking







Wells—July 12	Barkerville—July 12—(rain on window of helicopter)
	
Matt & John from BC Wildfire Service	Bowser Fuel Station at Barkerville Airport
	
Air Support Example	Air Support Example
	



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Cornish Mountain Wells Interface Fire-- C010795—July 12	Cornish Mountain Wells Interface Fire— C10795—July 12
	
C10840—July 12—CRD Area C	C10791—July 12—5 to 10 km from Barkerville
	
Bowron Lakes Area--July 12	Bowron Lakes Area--July 12
	









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Bowron Lakes Remote Area Example Fire July 12	Bowron Lakes Remote Area Example Fire July 12
	



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### Appendix B—Local States of Emergency, Orders or Alerts from the District of Wells

## Declaration of State of Local Emergency ORDER

Date: 2024 07 10

Instrument Number: SOLE-001

WHEREAS there is *Wildfire* within the jurisdiction of *the District of Wells*;

AND WHEREAS the *Wildfire* poses an existing or imminent threat to people and property within the area known as *the District of Wells*;

AND WHEREAS prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property is required to protect the health, safety or well-being of persons or the safety of property or objects or sites of heritage value;

NOW THEREFORE:

I DECLARE, pursuant to Section 95 (1) of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* that a state of local emergency exists in *the District of Wells* due to *Wildfire* and *threatening, people, animals, and properties*.

Per Section 97 (1) of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*, the state of local emergency will remain in force for fourteen days, until the end of 2024 07 23 unless cancelled by *the District of Wells* or the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness or extended by *the District of Wells* with the approval of the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

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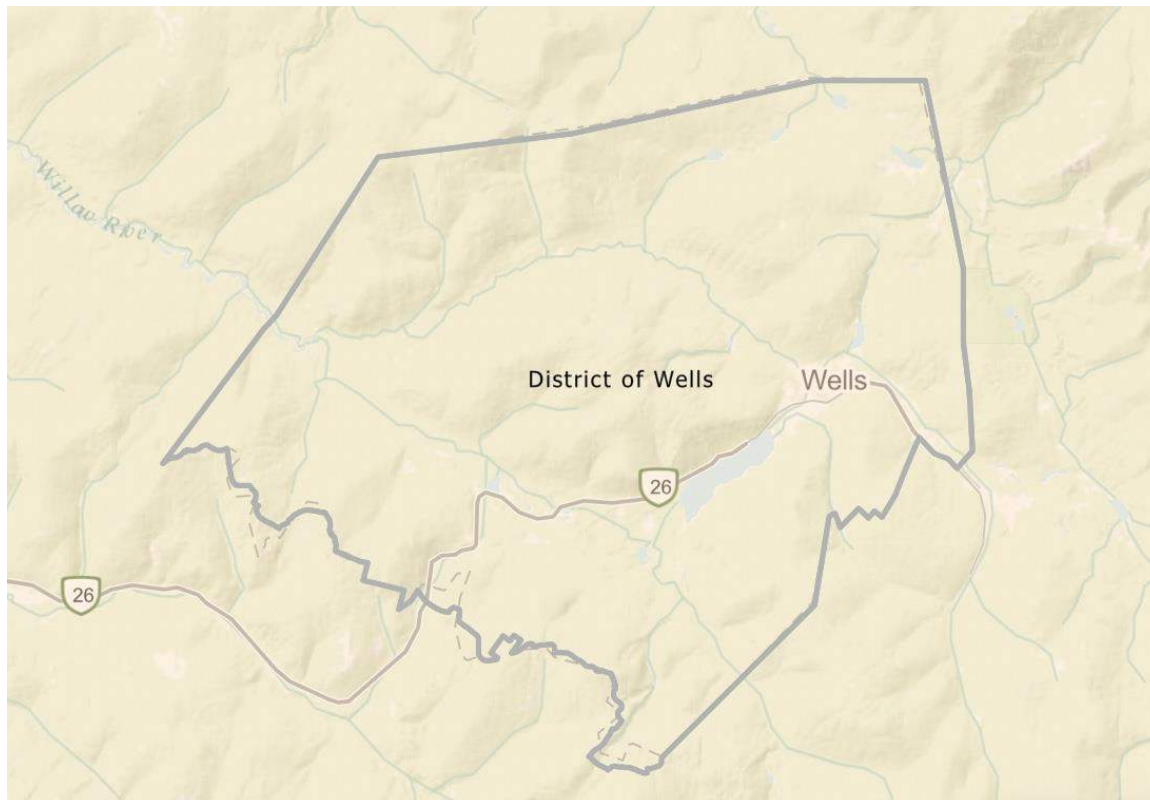
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## EVACUATION ALERT

### *DISTRICT OF WELLS*

Date: *2024 07 10* & Time: *22:00pm*

This Evacuation Alert is by *the District of Wells* due to *Wildfire*.

Because of the potential threats to health, safety, and the welfare of persons, this **Evacuation Alert** is issued for the following areas:

### *The District of Wells*

This evacuation alert is issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should an evacuation order be made. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible before evacuation is ordered; however, you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

Further information will be issued at *the District of Wells Emergency Operations Centre*. You can also visit [www.wells.ca](http://www.wells.ca) or [www.EmergencyInfoBC.ca](http://www.EmergencyInfoBC.ca) for more information.

*Ed Coleman, Mayor and CEO  
The District of Wells*

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Locate all family members and designate a meeting area outside the evacuation alert area, should an evacuation order be made while family members are separated.
- Pack essential items such as government-issued ID, medications, important documents (e.g., insurance, and mortgage / tenancy information), and immediate care needs for dependents.
- Prepare to evacuate disabled persons, children, and/or neighbours if assistance is needed.
- Prepare to take pets with you and move livestock to a safe area (if possible).
- Arrange transportation for all your household members. Fill the gas tanks of personal vehicles that will be used in the evacuation. If transportation assistance will be needed to evacuate, call [250-991-1155](tel:250-991-1155).
- Review your home or tenant insurance policy to understand what coverage you may have for



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- Arrange accommodation for all members of the residence. If possible, plan to stay with family or friends as accommodations may be in short supply.
- If you will require government assistance to meet your basic needs if evacuated, like lodging and food, Emergency Support Services will be available. Create a profile at [ess.gov.bc.ca](https://ess.gov.bc.ca).
- Follow the guidance of *public officers, officials, or agencies*.
- Wait for an evacuation order to be issued before evacuating. If you evacuate before being directed or authorized, you may not yet qualify for Emergency Support Services should you need it, as resources will be focused on those who have been ordered to evacuate.
- Monitor *news, radio, www.wells.ca* for information on evacuation orders and the location of reception centre(s). If you can meet your own basic needs if evacuated, you do not need to go to a reception centre.





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## EVACUATION ORDER

### *DISTRICT OF WELLS*

Date: *2024 07 10* & Time: *22:00pm*

Whereas a state of local emergency was declared on *2024 07 10* by *the District of Wells* pursuant to Section 95 of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* due to *Wildfire* within the area of *the District of Wells* District Municipality of *the District of Wells*;

And whereas Section 107 (1)(c) and (d) of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* authorizes requiring evacuations in relation to a declared state of local emergency, making arrangements for the adequate care and protection of evacuated persons and animals, and controlling travel to or from an area;

And whereas the *C10705 Cornish Mountain* is a significant threat to the health, safety, and welfare of persons, such that an evacuation and controlling travel is necessary to minimize threats;

This **Evacuation Order** has been issued by *the District of Wells* and is **effective as of *2024 07 10; 22:00pm*** for the following areas:

*Eight Mile Lake Area, Nine Mile Lake Area, Cornish Lake, and Mine Sites in those areas.  
See The District of Wells Ordered Area Map on Page 3*

**YOU MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY**

Members of the *local police department and other applicable agencies* will be expediting this action.

A person must not enter any of the area(s) identified above and in the attached map for purposes of residing, occupying, or visiting the area(s).

*The CAO with the District of Wells may, in writing, authorize a person or class of persons to enter and temporarily occupy the area described in this order for the purposes of response to the emergency, preparation or other as specified.*

Further information will be issued at *The District of Wells Emergency Operations Centre* You can also visit [www.wells.ca](http://www.wells.ca) or [www.EmergencyInfoBC.ca](http://www.EmergencyInfoBC.ca) for more information.

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### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Follow the evacuation route provided.
- If you need transportation assistance from the area, advise the person providing this notice or call [250-991-1155](tel:250-991-1155).
- If you have homeowners' or tenants' insurance, contact your insurance provider to arrange for living expenses such as accommodation and food.
- Do not turn off your natural gas. FortisBC will turn off natural gas service as needed.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Gather your family and, if you have room, take a neighbor or someone needing transportation. Do not use more vehicles than you must to help reduce traffic congestion.
- Take critical items (e.g., medicine, wallet, insurance policy number/contact) only if they are immediately available. Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
- If possible, do not make calls on your phone unless you need emergency service to help reduce network congestion.
- Follow the guidance of [public officers, officials, or agencies](#).
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### EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

**If you are self-sufficient and don't need assistance to meet your basic needs**, you are NOT required to attend an evacuee reception centre.

**If you need assistance from government to meet your basic needs:**

- Create a profile at [ess.gov.bc.ca](http://ess.gov.bc.ca). If you have already created a profile, login at [ess.gov.bc.ca](http://ess.gov.bc.ca). You will receive instructions on how to receive supports.
- If you do not have access to the internet, go directly to an evacuee reception centre located at: [The District of Wells](#).

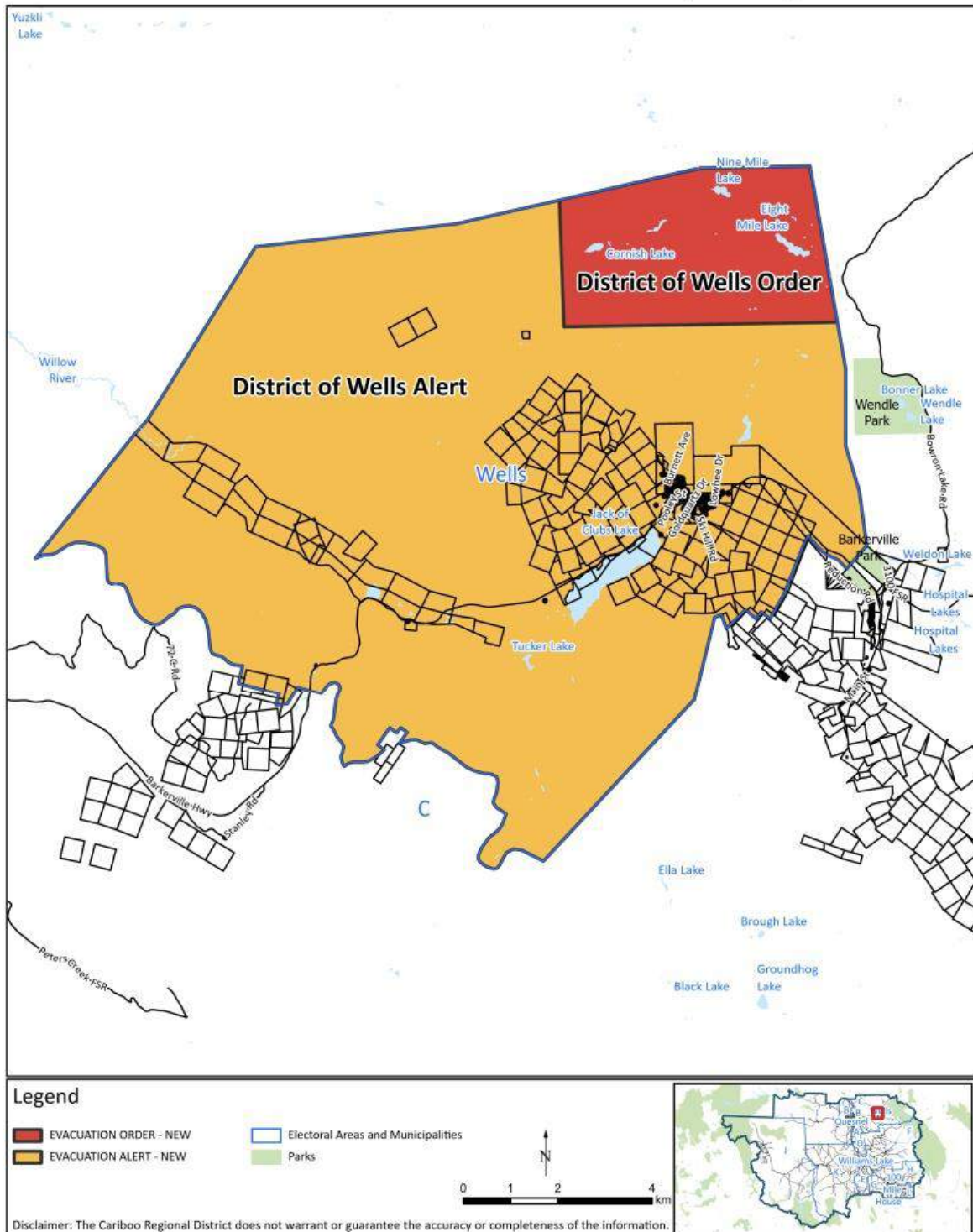


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### DISTRICT OF WELLS ORDER AND ALERT, JULY 10, 2024



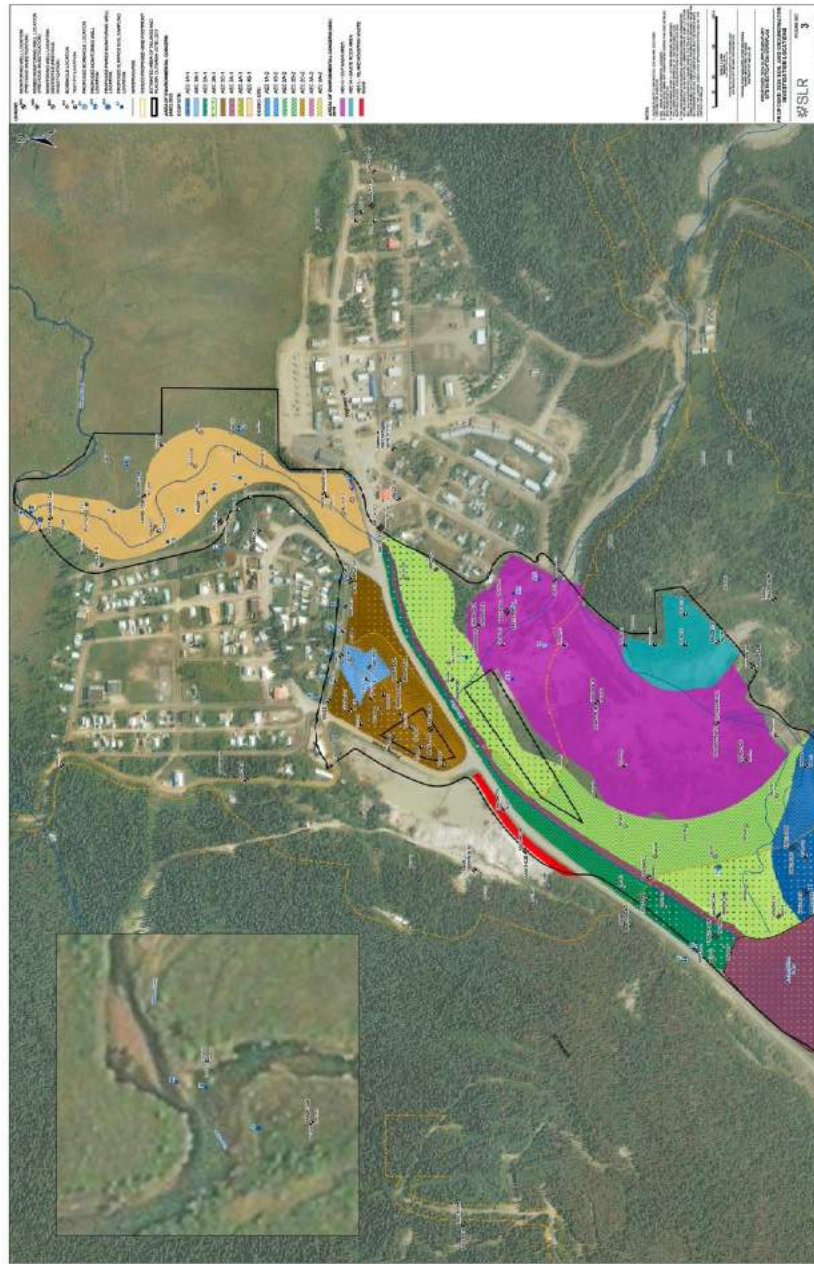


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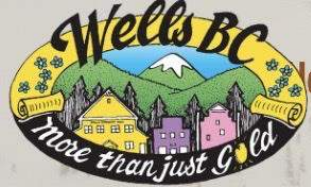
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### Appendix C— Immediate Works--Contaminated Sites Reference Map





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### Appendix L—District of Wells Risk Management Chart (Version 8.0)

Risk Assessment Levels								
Low		Moderate			High		Extreme	
Ref	Item					Immediate Cost	Planned & Deferred Cost	Needs and Risk(s)
1	Sewer					500,000	11,500,000	Collection and Treatment
2	Water					630,000	7,000,000	Treatment, Collection, Storage, Distribution
3	Facilities					2,500,000	5,000,000	Hazards, Maintenance, Extend Lifecycle, Potential New Facilities
4	Structural Fire Protection					1,000,000	4,000,000	Equipment, New Fire Truck, Buildings Maintenance, Buildings Expansion for Trucks
5	Wildfire Protection					200,000	6,000,000+	Equipment Building to Store Equipment Fuel Treatment
6	Affordable Housing						7,500,000	Various Formats
7	Power					3,000,000	20,000,000	Reliable Power Three Phase Power
8	Snow Removal					185,000	185,000	Improved Plan, Equipment
9	Emergency Evacuation Routes					200,000	6,000,000	Forest Service Roads Purden Connector
10	Highway 26					2,000,000	20,000,000	Short and Long-term Plan
11	Flooding					8,000,000	10,000,000	Community Flooding Assessment Flood Mitigation
12	Roads					250,000	6,000,000	Drainage, Ditching, Culverts Grading, Top Dressing, Pavement, Curbing
13	Cemetery					100,000	500,000	Land and Facilities
14	Contaminated Sites					1,000,000	75,000,000	Research, Planning, and Remediation
15	Totals					19,565,000	172,865,000	