

District of Wells

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EVACUATION ORDER

DISTRICT OF WELLS

Date: 2024 07 21 & Time: 2:45pm

(this order replaces all evacuation alerts)

Whereas a state of local emergency was declared on 2024 07 21 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 *Antler Creek Wildfire* C11303 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 21; 2:45pm** for the following areas:

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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.EmergencyInfoBC.ca for more information.

Ed Coleman, Mayor and CEO The District of Wells 250-991-9034 or edcoleman@wells.ca

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.
- 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*.

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. If you have already created a profile, login at 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*.

ESS Centres:

- 1. Quesnel & District Arts and Recreation Centre—Emergency Support Services, 500 North Star Road, Quesnel, BC
- 2. Prince George Emergency Support Centre—CN Centre 2187 Ospika Boulevard, Prince George, BC (at the back of the CN Centre, which can be accessed off of 18th Avenue)

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