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Evacuation order rescinded for single property affected by Copper Canyon wildfire

DUNCAN, BC – At the recommendation of BC Wildfire Service, the CVRD Regional Emergency Operation Centre (REOC) has rescinded the evacuation order issued last week.

However, because of the potential danger to life and health from the current wildfire, an evacuation alert remains in effect for 7990 Mount Prevost Rd. The State of Local Emergency also remains in effect.

The BC Wildfire Service reports smoke is still coming off the fire, but firefighting personnel have made progress and extinguished 100 to 200 feet around the entire perimeter. Resources on scene have not changed since earlier this week.

Smoke from wildfires burning in other regions of British Columbia have entered our airshed and degraded air quality in the Cowichan region. Those residents with pre-existing health conditions, respiratory conditions and other sensitive populations to exercise caution when outdoors. Residents can check the [CVRD Air Quality Map](#) for real time air quality data.

The CVRD Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) continues to monitor the situation in partnership with the Municipality of North Cowichan and the Halalt First Nation. Residents can check the [BC Wildfire Dashboard](#) to monitor the status of the Copper Canyon fire and other fires burning across the province. Further updates will be posted to the [CVRD website](#) and [Facebook page](#) as they become available.

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EVACUATION ALERT

Copper Canyon Wildfire

08/13/2021 at 1415hrs

The Evacuation Order, pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the BC *Emergency Program Act* issued at 1800hrs on August 6, 2021 for the following property has been **rescinded**:

7990 Mount Prevost Rd.

Because of the potential danger to life and health from the current wildfire, an **evacuation alert** remains in effect for the above address.

An Evacuation Alert has been issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN UNDER AN EVACUATION ALERT:

- Locate all family members and designate a meeting area outside the evacuation area, should an Evacuation Order be called while separated.
- Pack essential items such as government-issued ID, medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (e.g. insurance, credit, and mortgage information), immediate care needs for dependents and, if time and space permits, keepsakes for quick departure.
- Prepare to move 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.
- Arrange accommodation for all members of the residence, if possible.
- Wait for an Evacuation Order to be issued before evacuating. Monitor local radio, CVRD website and/or <http://cowichanalert.ca> for information on evacuation orders and location of Reception Centres.

For further information visit www.bcwildfire.ca



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