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UPDATE TO NUMBER OF HOMES UNDER AN EVACUATION ORDER

IN THE PASSMORE AND SLOCAN PARK AREAS

NELSON - A total of 53 homes remain on evacuation order as a result of widespread flooding in the Passmore and Slocan Park areas of the Slocan Valley.

The Regional District of Central Kootenay has issued the following evacuation orders:

- * Order #1 - 2833 Slocan Valley West Road to 2220 Slocan Valley West Road - affecting 24 homes.
- * Order #2 - 2220 Slocan Valley West Road to 3153 Slocan Valley West Road - affecting 17 homes.
- * Order #3 - All residences on the west side of Slocan Valley from Passmore to Winlaw (originally estimated to affect 150 homes, scaled back to 12) - affecting 12 homes.

The original Evacuation Alert area contains 425 homes. Today, due to evaluation, emergency officials are focusing on 98 homes which are the most susceptible to potential evacuation.

There are three key stages in the evacuation process:

1. Evacuation Alert: A warning is issued about an imminent threat to life and property and people in the defined area should be ready to leave on short notice.
2. Evacuation Order: When an Evacuation Order is issued, people should leave the area immediately.
3. Evacuation Rescind: People under an Evacuation Order may return. An Evacuation Order or Alert may be reinstated if a threat returns.

Residents under an evacuation order should immediately leave the area and proceed to the Reception Centre at Passmore Community Hall at 3656 Passmore Old Road.

The evacuation order is issued to ensure protection of human life while emergency officials work to control the nearby flooding.

Updated information on the flooding will be made available to local radio stations.

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