

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Regional District of Central Kootenay
Emergency Operations Centre

UPDATE TO EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS IN PASSMORE, B.C.

NELSON - This bulletin is being issued to advise that the Regional District of Central Kootenay has rescinded the Evacuation Order issued at 2300 hrs on May 20, 2006.

This does not affect the Evacuation Order for the approximately 53 homes on Slokan Valley West Road, which remains in effect.

Residents of the approximately 12 homes affected by the rescinded Order will now go back on Evacuation Alert, and may return to their homes. These residents now back on Evacuation Alert should still be ready to leave on a moment's notice.

This bulletin is also advising that an evacuation alert is being issued for the Filipoff Road area.

The evacuation alert covers three (3) residences situated between 5321 and 5361 Filipoff Road.

In summary, Evacuation Alerts in the Passmore and Slokan Park area of the Slokan Valley are affecting the following amount of homes:

- 12 homes on Indian Point Road
- 98 homes on the west side of Highway 6 from Cunningham Road to Slokan Valley West Road bridge
- 3 homes on Filipoff Road

Evacuation Orders are currently affecting the following homes:

- 53 homes between 2220 to 3153 Slokan Valley West Road

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.

Local authorities are advising residents that they may be asked to leave their homes on very short notice and travel to the reception centre. The reception centre is open at the Passmore Community Hall located at 3656 Passmore Old Road to assist residents who have voluntarily evacuated their homes. The reception centre can be reached at 250-226-6873 or 250-226-6854.

A toll-free public information line is open at 1-800-268-7325 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Information is also available to local callers at 250-352-6665.

Should residents be required to leave, detailed evacuation instructions will be provided directly to them by local emergency personnel.

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