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Joint Emergency Operations Centre
Regional District of Kootenay Boundary/City of Grand Forks

EVACUATION ALERT ADVISORY ISSUED IN GRAND FORKS

GRAND FORKS - An evacuation alert advisory has been issued to the residents of Johnson Flats in City of Grand Forks and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary due to increased flooding. An alert is a warning that residents may be asked to leave their homes on short notice. The alert was issued at 1700 hrs. Emergency responders are currently going door to door in Johnson Flats.

The evacuation alert covers approximately 40 residences at the following addresses:
City of Grand Forks:

12th Street: 5028 - 6456 12th Street

17th Street: 5819 and 5869 17th Street

59th Avenue: 1283 - 1445 59th Avenue

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary:

Beatrice Street (12th Street): 5770 and 5775 Beatrice Street

Division Street (17th Street): 5810 and 5869 Division Street

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 have gone door to door, notifying residents that they may be asked to leave their homes on very short notice and travel to the reception centre.

A public information line is open will be staffed 24 hours a day at 442-8266. Should residents be required to leave, detailed evacuation instructions will be provided directly to them by local emergency personnel.

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