

## Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC)

### Summer 2006 Fire Season Situation Overview – July 6, 2006; 1930 hrs

#### General Overview

For more on Wildland Fire News, refer to Ministry of Forests  
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/pScripts/Protect/WildfireNews/News.asp>

For more on road closures, refer to Drive BC  
<http://www.drivebc.ca/>

#### Northeast Region

The Northeast Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre continues to be activated to support local authorities and coordinate provincial ministries and agencies. There are three open Emergency Operations Centres (Dawson Creek, Tumbler Ridge, Williams Lake), and two Reception Centres (Williams Lake, Quesnel). A total of four Evacuation Orders and five Evacuation Alerts have been issued (see below).

##### Peace River Regional District (PRRD)

A declaration of a State of Local Emergency remains in effect, and the PRRD Emergency Operations Centre located in Dawson Creek remains activated.

##### District of Tumbler Ridge

A declaration of a State of Local Emergency and Evacuation Alert has been rescinded. The Emergency Operations Centre in Tumbler Ridge remains activated. Fires burning near Tumbler Ridge have stabilized and residents have returned to their homes, though individuals with health issues may have chosen to remain outside the area. Highway 29 is open, with Highway 52 access open to the public only with the accompaniment of a pilot car until visibility improves.

##### Wonowon

An Evacuation Alert has been issued to some fifty households affecting approximately 200 people.

##### Cariboo Regional District

The Cariboo Regional District declared a State of Local Emergency on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, and the Emergency Operations Centre in Williams Lake remains activated.

##### Nazko (Wultus Lake)

*Nazko (Wultus Lake)* – Residents remain on an Evacuation Order.  
*S.E. Nazko (Wultus Lake)* – Residents are on an Evacuation Alert.

##### Nazko (North of Narcosli)

*Euchiniko Lake* – Residents are on an Evacuation Order.

##### Nazko and Kluskus Village (west of Quesnel) - First Nations

The Nazko Indian Band has voluntarily evacuated the community of Nazko due to smoke issues. The City of Quesnel has opened a Reception Centre to receive approximately 180 evacuees. Kluskus Village is on an evacuation alert. Highway 59 east of the Nazko community access is available to the public only with the escort of a pilot vehicle.

Anahim Lake to Tezla Lake

*Tezla Lake and Tezla Lake South (Upper Dean)* – Residents remain on an Evacuation Order, affecting just under 200 residents.

*Tsacha, Anahim, and Nimpo Lakes area* – Residents are under an Evacuation Alert. Highway 20 remains open, but a travel advisory is in effect. Dean River Road is closed.

**Central Region**

The Central Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre remains activated to support local authorities and coordinate provincial ministries and agencies.

Thompson-Nicola Regional District

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District Emergency Operations Centre remains activated as of July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006. An Emergency Operations Centre has been opened in Kamloops as of July 5, 2006.

**Definitions**

**Evacuations**

**Evacuation Alert:** Local authorities issue a warning in the form of an Evacuation Alert about an imminent threat to life and property, and people are asked to be ready to leave on short notice. When people choose to leave an area before or during the issuing of an alert, this is referred to as a voluntary evacuation.

**Evacuation Order:** Local authorities issue an Evacuation Order when the population is determined to be at imminent risk, and people must leave the area immediately. Local police or RCMP enforce Evacuation Orders.

**Evacuation Rescind:** An Evacuation Order or Alert is rescinded or lifted by local authorities when it is determined to be safe for residents to return home. An Evacuation Order may be reinstated if a threat returns.