

## **Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC)**

### **Summer 2006 Fire Season Situation Overview – July 8, 2006; 13:00 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. Emergency Operations Centres in Tumbler Ridge, Williams Lake and Anahim Lake are open. Reception Centres in Williams Lake, Quesnel, Chetwynd, and Bella Coola are on standby status.

#### **Cariboo Regional District**

The State of Local Emergency (declared on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006) is still in effect for 3 areas of the Cariboo Regional District. The general Evacuation Alert for the Nazko (North, West and South) remains in effect and the State of Local Emergency for Tsacha Lake has been cancelled. Emergency Operations Centre in Williams Lake remains activated.

#### **Nazko (Wultus Lake)**

*Nazko (Wultus Lake)* – An Evacuation Alert still exists as of 11:00 am July 8, 2006.

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

#### **Nazko (North of Narcosli)**

*Euchiniko Lake* – An Evacuation Alert still exists as of 11:00 am July 8, 2006.

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

*The Nazko Indian Band* remains voluntarily evacuated from the community of Nazko until Monday July 10, 2006.

#### **Anahim Lake to Tezla Lake**

*Tezla Lake and Tezla Lake South (Upper Dean)* – Rescind of Tezla Lake Evacuation Orders.

*Anahim and Nimpo Lakes area* – Cancellation of Evacuation Alert for Anahim and Nimpo Lake. Highway 20 is open with no travel alerts.

*Tsacha Lake* – Cancellation of State of Local Emergency.

## **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.

**Pilot Vehicle:** A vehicle designated by the Ministry of Forests or RCMP used to guide the public through a portion of roadway deemed dangerous because of fire-related issues, such as heavy smoke.

**Burnoff:** A burnoff, or prescribed fire, is the knowledgeable and controlled application of fire to a specific land area to accomplish planned resource management objectives. These fires are managed in such a way as to minimize the emission of smoke and maximize the benefits to the site. For more information, <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/protect/burning/prescribedfire.htm>.