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REGIONAL DISTRICT
OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

“A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR REGION”

URGENT SAFETY NOTICE FOR THE PUBLIC

**Thursday, August 19, 2010
2200 hrs**

In an effort to ensure responder and public the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako is urging the public to respect the evacuation order and alert areas currently in place.

Individuals who have not yet vacated the evacuation order areas are asked to do so immediately. Failure to do so may impede firefighting efforts and put you and your family in danger.

Checkpoints will continue to be manned to ensure responder and public safety. The public is requested to respect these checkpoints and the individuals that are maintaining them. Access to the evacuation order areas will not be permitted under any circumstance.

Due to the extreme fire hazards throughout the Region, the public is kindly requested to refrain from utilizing the backcountry for any purpose.

Please continue to use extreme caution when travelling through areas in the vicinity of wildfires. While there are no road closures outside of the evacuation order areas, the public is advised that there may be reduced visibility and some roads may be subject to closure at a moment's notice. Information regarding road closures due to forest fires can be found by visiting: www.drivebc.ca.

The public is also reminded of the camp fire ban that is still in place across the province. Please report any forest fires to 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 from a cell phone.

For additional information regarding the Evacuation Order and Evacuation Alert for the Chisholm, Poplar Lake, Owen Lake and Binta Lake fires please visit www.rdbn.bc.ca.

Information regarding the Ministry of Forests response fires within the region can be found on the BC Wildfire Website at www.bcwildfire.bc.ca. Up to date information can also be obtained by joining the “BC Forest Fire Info” group on Facebook.

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MUNICIPALITIES:

SMITHERS FT. ST. JAMES
VANDERHOOF FRASER LAKE
HOUSTON TELKWA
BURNS LAKE GRANISLE

ELECTORAL AREAS:

A-SMITHERS RURAL F-VANDERHOOF RURAL
B-BURNS LAKE RURAL E-FRANCOIS & OOSTA LAKES
C-FORT ST. JAMES RURAL G-HOUSTON RURAL
D-FRASER LAKE RURAL

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