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Ministry of Forests and Range
Northwest Fire Centre

RESTRICTED AREA LIFTED IN NORTHWEST FIRE CENTRE

SMITHERS – The Northwest Fire Centre has lifted the restricted area order in the Nadina area.

This means that those wishing to use the area south of Highway 16 to Ootsa Lake recreationally may do so without limitations.

Specifically this area includes all areas south along Highway 16 East from Walcott including Houston, Burns Lake to Fraser Lake. All areas west of Holy Cross Forest Service Road to Knewtubb Lake. All areas North of Nathlkuz Lake, Ootsa Lake and west to Tatsa Lake. All areas East of Kemano River, Atna Peak, Dogs Ear Peak and Eagle Peak. All areas south from Eagle Peak East to Walcott.

In addition to the restricted area being lifted, the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako has rescinded the evacuation alert areas. This is because of the decreased fire behaviour and high containment levels on the fires within the area. For example, the 40,000-hectare Binta Lake fire is now estimated at 90 per cent contained.

During dry and windy conditions over the coming week it is likely that the fire will find unburned fuels from within the containment lines to consume. Smoke from this consumption of fuels will likely be visible to surrounding areas and residences; however the burning is likely to be from inside established containment lines and is to be expected.

For more information on wildfires or burning restrictions, visit www.bcwildfire.ca or call toll-free to 1 888 3-FOREST. Evacuation alerts remain in place in the area. Please see the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako's website at www.rdbn.bc.ca or call 250-692-3195.

The Northwest Fire Centre is responsible for fire suppression and forest protection from Burns Lake to Haida Gwaii and from Tweedsmuir Park to the Yukon border.

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