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## Emergency Evacuation Alert/Order steps

In case of BC Wildfire Services recommending an evacuation **alert** in our area:

1. Chief and Council would sign a BCR (Band Council Resolution) initializing the ALERT.
2. USIB EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) staff would deliver a notice to each house outlining the details of the alert.
3. Community members, at this point, would turn to the Prepared BC information that was circulated earlier this season. Packing go bags, arranging transportation if you don't have a vehicle, making emergency arrangements for pets/livestock. USIB EOC staff can assist with possible livestock moving information. Community members with Health needs would be recommended to leave at this alert stage. The Health Dept and USIB EOC staff could assist with finding an appropriate place to go and help get needed medications, if any. Providing we have power, the sprinkler systems installed this season could be turned on intermittently. Keeping the area around houses damp is a good plan, but we do not want to overload our pump all at once. The EOC staff will be working with the RDOS (Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen) and EMBC (Emergency Management British Columbia) to plan evacuation routes as the situation progresses.

In case of BC Wildfire Services recommending an upgrade to evacuation **order** in our area:

1. Chief and Council would sign a BCR initializing the ORDER.
2. EOC staff, RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police), RDOS, and SAR (Search and Rescue) would go door to door delivering a notice outlining the details and approximate timeline we have before we leave.
3. Community members, at this point, would pack the things they got ready during the ALERT stage, and follow all directions from EOC staff, RCMP, RDOS, SAR. The RDOS/RCMP incident management team will have plotted the best evacuation route, and will provide details of the Reception Centre community members are to travel to and register at. USIB EOC staff will be available to assist during the evacuation, and will also evacuate to the location specified by RCMP/RDOS.

Most places will accept pets, but livestock should have been arranged previously.

Please go to the specified location to register. USIB cannot provide assistance if we do not know where you are.

In case of tactical evacuation (complete emergency, no time)

1. Chief and Council would sign a BCR initializing an ORDER, while the order is being executed.
2. EOC staff, RCMP, RDOS, and SAR will go door to door, explaining the evacuation route and timeline to leave.
3. Community members, at this point, would (given our timeline) pack what was important, pets, family, and evacuate. Follow the route given by RCMP/RDOS to the specified reception centre. They know the best routes. We must register, or USIB will not know where you are to provide assistance.

The Prepared BC packages handed out to each member's house in June are filled with all the information to prepare for an emergency and for evacuations. If you need assistance making preparations for livestock, pets, or transportation, please contact the USIB EOC staff. If you need assistance making preparations for health issues, please contact the USIB Health Centre.

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