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Attention: Chief and Council and Emergency Coordinators

Wildfire Safety Information Package

Wildfires can start easily and spread quickly. Knowing what to do in an emergency is critical to ensuring the health and safety of your community members and protecting your critical infrastructure. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), BC Region, has prepared this information package to help your community plan and prepare for wildfires that may threaten your community.

This package contains valuable information on preparedness, response, and recovery in the event of a wildfire impacting your community. Please read this information carefully and immediately review the emergency procedures identified by your community to deal with wildfires and possible evacuations. You are encouraged to connect with your regional district and regional EMBC office to receive information and updates on evacuation alerts and orders that may be issued for your area.

All wildfire sightings or the presence of smoke should be **reported immediately to BC's Wildfire Management Branch at 1-800-663-5555 or *5555** on most cellular phones. For emergency response support due to a wildfire or other hazardous event, **your first point of contact is Emergency Management British Columbia (EMBC) at 1-800-663-3456**. This connects to EMBC's 24/7 Emergency Coordination Centre.

If you are injured or experiencing a life threatening incident, you should immediately call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.

We encourage you to stay informed of wildfires in your area by visiting the websites below on a regular basis and registering for any notifications or bulletins available to you.

- Latest News from the BC's Wildfire Management Branch: <http://bcwildfire.ca/>
- Review the Wildfires of Note regularly for the latest updates: <http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp>
- Take note of the **daily** Fire Danger Rating Map issued by the Wildfire Management Branch: http://bcwildfire.ca/Weather/Maps/danger_rating.htm



- To find Air Quality Advisories issues by the BC Ministry of Environment:
<http://www.bcairquality.ca/>
- For additional resources on Wildland Fire Preparedness, Prevention, and Current Situations, please visit EMBC's Wildland Fire Information:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery>
- For information regarding Emergency Management Preparedness for individuals and families, visit Public Safety Canada's website: <http://www.getprepared.gc.ca>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Malone".

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