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Evacuation Order

IR #1 Fontas Reserve

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An **Evacuation Order** has been issued by the Fort Nelson First Nation at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

Based on this information, an order *pursuant to the Authority of the Council under Sections 81 and 88 of the Indian Act* to evacuate these areas has been authorized in the interest of life and safety.

Due to the risk of wildfire the Fort Nelson First Nation is urging residents and visitors within the **Fontas area** to evacuate. The area is described as:

- Fontas 1 (06591) the geographical location of Peace River District, Lot 2318, approximately 10.10 hectares in the Klua Lakes area
- 76 kilometers south east of the community of Fort Nelson First Nation
- 61 kilometers northeast of the community of Prophet River
- On the right bank of the Fontas River, 1 mile east of the mouth of the Sikanni River
- Latitude and longitude 58°17'9.24"N and 121°43'36.73W
- This area includes one inhabited home and many cultural sites
- See attached map on page 3

EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY

- Take an emergency survival kit with you.
- Make sure you take prescription medicine and identification for the entire family.
- Listen to the radio and follow instructions from local emergency officials.
- If you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas and electricity.
- Make arrangements for your pets. Local emergency officials will advise you.
- Wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the conditions.
- Lock your home.
- Follow the routes specified by emergency officials. Don't take shortcuts. A shortcut could take you to a blocked or dangerous area.

- If you have time, leave a note telling others when you left and where you went. If you have a mailbox, you can leave the note there.
- If you have time turn off all outside water sprinklers so water is conserved for firefighting efforts.

This Evacuation Order will remain in force for seven days unless canceled by order of the Fort Nelson First Nation. For more information contact: Fort Nelson First Nation 250-500-2656 or should the situation change or for up to date information please visit our webpage at <http://www.fortnelsonfirstnation.org/wildfire-update> or our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/FortNelsonFirstNation/>



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