



REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George

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RESIDENT INFORMATION

Update for Mountain View Road Area Residents, McBride BC

The debris flood incident on Mountain View Road at Willox Creek near McBride BC continues to be monitored and assessed by the Regional District in conjunction with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Emergency Management BC and other Ministries.

Residents are reminded that hazards are still present in the evacuation order. More debris events are probable, and they can be fast moving, volatile and unpredictable.

Residents in the Mountain View Road area west of the hazard site are advised to continue to shelter in place. Sheltering in place requires:

- Avoiding the hazard area
- Remaining in a secure location
- Checking in on neighbors
- Keeping calm and alert
- Monitoring the Regional District website at www.rdffg.bc.ca for further information

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has announced extended openings for Mountainview Road from 6:30 am – 8:30 pm. Further details on that is attached to this bulletin.

It is important for residents to be aware that the road opening is for essential local travel only for residents of the area. There is no stopping in the evacuation order area. The general public should continue to avoid the area.

The emergency water and ground transportation will continue to operate as scheduled. Further details, including scheduling are available on the Regional District website at www.rdffg.bc.ca

Security is in place at the evacuation order area and will be on site 24 hours a day.

An update from Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is attached to this bulletin.

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MOUNTAINVIEW ROAD UPDATE

July 11, 2020

Ministry of Transportation and
Infrastructure

Update: Mountain View Road

Background:

- Shortly before 2am on July 4, a debris flow carrying approximately 25,000 cubic meters of material slid along Willox Creek and across Mountain View Road, closing the road.
- Power and telecommunications services are still available, and the Ministry is working with the Regional District, EMBC and other Ministries to ensure the safety of affected residents.
- Willox Creek may see more debris flooding, which can be fast moving, volatile and unpredictable. People are reminded to keep a safe distance from Willox Creek and avoid debris flooded areas as directed by the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

Update:

- The Ministry continues to fly the Willox Creek drainage channel daily with geotechnical engineers to assess the stability. Engineering has observed a 200m section of the upper channel with fresh stress cracking indicating imminent collapse. Further, woody debris falling into the drainage channel has high risk for blockages that can result in further flows. It's vitally important for the safety of residents that they remain outside of the evacuation zone. Debris flows are dangerous, rapid moving events that occur with little to no warning.
- Today the Ministry and Lakes District Maintenance were successful in fully clearing a single lane path through the debris on Mountain View Road.
- Starting Sunday July 12, Mountain View Road will be open to residents between 6:30a-8:30p. Please note, opening and closing times may vary or be cancelled without advance notice due to site safety and stream conditions. Changes will be communicated on DriveBC.ca and digital message boards on either end of the work site.
- Traffic control will escort vehicles through the road to ensure safe movement. Residents can expect delays up to 30 minutes. At this time, the road is not suitable for motorcycles, small vehicles or vehicles with low clearance.
- Construction equipment, maintenance contractor staff and geotechnical staff remain on site, and assessments and work are ongoing. Construction will continue through the weekend to provide a more all-weather road surface.

Photos:



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