

Cariboo Regional District Tsetzi Lake Fire Area

EVACUATION ORDER

Sunday, August 31, 2025 at 4:15 p.m.

Whereas a declaration of a state of local emergency was declared on August 31, 2025 by The Cariboo Regional District pursuant to Section 95 of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* due to wildfire within the jurisdiction of the Cariboo Regional District;

And whereas Section 107 (1)(c) and (d) of the *Emergency and Disaster Management sAct* authorizes requiring evacuations in relation to a declared state of local emergency, making arrangements for the adequate care and protection of evacuated persons and animals, and controlling travel to or from an area;

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And whereas the *Tsetzi Lake Wildfire* (*G41658*) is a significant threat to the health, safety, and welfare of persons, such that an evacuation and controlling travel is necessary to minimize threats:

This **Evacuation Order** has been issued by the Cariboo Regional District and is effective as of August 31, 2025, and is in effect for the following areas:

See attached map

The evacuation route is:

Head north to Highway 16 then to Prince George

YOU MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY

Members of the RCMP and other agencies may be expediting this action.

A person must not enter the area identified above and in the attached map for purposes of residing, occupying or visiting the area.



WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- You must leave the area **immediately.** Follow the evacuation route provided.
- Gather your family; take a neighbour or someone who needs help.
- Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
- Take critical items (medicine, purse, wallet, and keys) only if they are immediately available.
- Close all windows and doors; Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Do not shut off your natural gas. FortisBC will turn off natural gas service as needed.
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency service.
- Do not use more vehicles than you have to.
- To receive Emergency Support Services (ESS), please self-register using the Evacuee Registration & Assistance (ERA) tool at https://ess.gov.bc.ca/ (if not already done), or report to the ESS Reception Centre at 4249 18th Avenue, Prince George, BC
- If you have homeowners' or tenants' insurance, contact your insurance provider to arrange for living expenses such as accommodation and food.
- ESS will be provided only if your primary residence is on an evacuation order.
- Residents who choose not to evacuate should understand they stay at their own risk. Responders may not be able to come to your rescue if it is unsafe to do so.

For more information, visit <u>cariboord.ca/emergency</u>, or contact: 1-866-759-4977

Margo Wagner, CRD Chair

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