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Jade Wildfire – Yalakom Valley Evacuation Alert Remains in Effect

PEMBERTON, BC – An estimated 75 - 85 residents remain on evacuation alert in the Yalakom Valley. The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, Ministry of Forests and Range and the RCMP continue to hold community information meetings with the residents to provide information and answer questions and concerns they may have.

Information being provided to residents includes handouts on evacuation procedures; what to do when an alert is in effect, and what to do when an evacuation order is issued. This information is also available on the SLRD website at www.slrd.bc.ca. Other information provided includes Evacuation Stages, Recommended Homeowner Structure and Site Preparations, “Living with Smokey Skies” - Interior Health @ www.interiorhealth.ca

The Evacuation Alert remains in effect for the specified area affected by the Jade Wildfire K70219 <http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp?ID=370>

In the event of an Evacuation Order being issued, it is very important that individuals report to the designated Reception Centre. This will allow for effective communications with the evacuation team and will facilitate contact by friends or relatives. The Lillooet Emergency Social Services Reception Centre will be located at 930 Main Street; telephone 250-256-7527.

Area residents can call the SLRD information line at 1-866-417-4132 for update information.

Sources for additional information:

- Wildfires – call 1-888-336-7378 or visit the Wildfire Management Branch website at www.bcwildfire.ca
- Forest Fire Health Information - Interior Health, BC Health Guide Nurse Line, available 24 hours toll free at 1-866-215-4700. For deaf and hearing impaired: 1-866-TTY-4700. www.interiorhealth.ca
- Emergency Preparedness - Provincial Emergency Program www.pep.bc.ca
- Roads - Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure 1-800-550-4997 or www.drivebc.ca

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