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Wildfire Information Update

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, along with Sik-E-Dakh First Nation and Gitanmaax First Nation, have rescinded (cancelled) the evacuation alerts for **Wildfire #R41582**, **Sik-E-Dakh (Glen Vowell)**, **portion of Kispiox Valley Road**, **portion of Kitwanga Back Road**, **issued on July 13**, **2023**. The alerts were recinded at the recommendation of BC Wildfire as the wildfire no longer poses a threat to residents or property in the area.

The Woodcock Wildfire #R41510 status has not changed and continues to have heavy equipment and industry support.

For the latest information including news releases, alerts and evacuation orders, please visit the the RDKS website at www.rdks.bc.ca and for wildfire information vist BC Wildfire Service online at: BC Wildfire Service (gov.bc.ca)

Emergency Management B.C.

- The Province of BC has information for all residents on how to be prepared and stay safe during an event and recovery: Get prepared for a wildfire
- Emergency Management BC also has a Wildfire Preparedness Guide available online.

Emergency Support Services (RDKS)

- If you are displaced from your home due to an emergency event, we are here to help.
- The 24-hour hotline is available by calling: 250-641-2443

Important terms:

Here are some important terms to note in the event of a wildfire:

- Evacuation Alert: Be ready to leave on short notice
- **Evacuation Order**: You are at risk. Leave the area immediately
- Evacuation Rescinded: All is currently safe and you can return home

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JOINT EVACUATION ALERT RESCINDED (CANCELLED)

West of Sik-E- Dakh Wildfire #R41582

July 18, 2023 at 16:00 or 4:00 p.m.

The **Evacuation Alerts,** pursuant to the Emergency Program Act, issued by the <u>Regional District of Kitimat-Stkine, Sik-E-Dakh First Nations and Gitanmaax First Nations</u> on July 13, 2023 at 17:00 has been **rescinded** (cancelled) effective July 18, 2023 based on the recommendation from BC Wildfire as the wildfire in the area no longer poses threat to life and property of residents present in Sik-E-Dakh (Glen Vowell), Portion of Kispiox Valley Road, Portion of Kitwanga Back Road. (as shown on the attached map).

An Evacuation Alert may need to be reissued if conditions degrade; however, if that is deemed necessary, a notification of the Evacuation Alert or Order process will re-commence.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO in the event conditions change:

- It is recommended that everyone register with the RDKS Mass notification system for real time updates. https://voyent-alert.com/ca/community/
- Locate all family members and designate a meeting area outside the evacuation area, should an Evacuation Order be called while separated.
- Pack essential items such as government-issued ID, medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (e.g. insurance, credit, and mortgage information), immediate care needs for dependents and, if time and space permits, keepsakes for quick departure.
- Prepare to move disabled persons, children and/or neighbours, if assistance is needed.
- Prepare to take pets with you and move livestock to a safe area (if possible).
- Arrange transportation for all your household members. Fill the gas tanks of personal vehicles. If transportation assistance is needed, call ESS at 250-641-2443.
- Arrange accommodation for all members of the residence, if possible.
- Wait for an Evacuation Order to be issued before evacuating. Monitor the RDKS website at <u>www.rdks.bc.ca</u> and social media pages/news/radio for information on evacuation orders and location of Reception Centres.

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