

Notes Taken at the Re-Entry Meeting for Loon Lake Property Owners

Meeting held August 20, 11:00 a.m. at the Cache Creek Community Hall

***These notes are not verbatim, but a summary of topics discussed.**

Glen – Incident Commander, BC Wildfire Service

- The weather has been cooperating.
- Even with the weather over the last couple days, fire held within guards/secure lines.
- Corridor and residences are safe enough to now lift Evacuation Order to an Alert.
- Areas all around Loon Lake area still active. Because of this, the Evacuation Order remains in place for these surrounding areas.
- Actively working to suppress fire on three sides of fire, including Hihium Lake and Young Lake.
- Will still see fire in the hills of Loon Lake, but we feel it is safe to be back in residences.
- There has been fire on properties, for example fire pits and stumps being consumed. Beware of ash pits on property. The ground very dry. Beware of fire burned roots creating pockets of ash that you can step on, hurting yourself. Also, the ash and areas on your property could still be hot.
- Thermal imaging of hot spots in area indicates that there are still hot spots in the area. We're still working to suppress these hot spots.
- Take care on roadways.
- There are area restrictions in place. Residents cannot wander around in the areas around the Evacuation Order zones.
- Use caution around trees. Even green trees are falling and the ground is unstable.

Staff Sargent Fogarty – RCMP

- RCMP will remain in the area to stop access to backcountry.

TNRD

- There is a re-entry package for Loon Lake residents. View it on the TNRD webpage [here](#). Find more information about returning after an evacuation order on the TNRD [Information When Returning Home](#) webpage.
- There is a Boil Water Advisory for subdivision (water system use). This boil water advisory will remain in place until otherwise notified.

- There is information about the disposal process for spoiled foods and fridges/freezers in the re-entry package.
- Transfer Station Hours are 9am-5pm for the next 7 days, Monday to Sunday (August 21-27, 2017).
- Fridges and freezers disposal - schedule for pick-up of fridges and freezers is Tuesday and Sunday.
- Residents can drop off fridges and freezers at any time during the week and leave them at the Transfer Station.
- Preparation for building or repairing following fire clean up:
 - A meeting specific for that purpose will be organized in the near future, timing dependant on when residents would like this to occur.
 - We have met with Mike Battistel of the WACOS to discuss some concerns specific to some of the water-access only residents.
 - Specialists from the TNRD in the areas of planning and building will be available at an open house to work with property owners to identify challenges and potential solutions for those wanting to rebuild. Date and specific location to be communicated shortly.
 - Watch for more information on the regular channels, including the media, TNRD social media, Loon Lake social media, tnr.ca, community bulletin boards by the water system in the Subdivision, and the community bulletin board at the Community Hall.
 - The TNRD Recovery Manager will be the main point of contact for all questions or concerns. He will also take initial role of coordinating the supports available through non-government organizations available to help.

Loon Lake Volunteer Fire Department

- Use discretion on calls for fire. You will see some tress/stumps active.
- In the event of a fire you feel is critical, call 911 not individual fire fighters.
- Fire protection from junction to ranch. Note: this is to clarify that the Loon Lake Volunteer Fire Department's area covers the deeded properties along the road up to the ranch.
- Will provide some handouts and information at the Loon Lake Community Hall. The number for the Loon Lake Community Hall is 250-459-7921.
- Have numbers for professional tree fallers if need assistance with dangerous trees
- Use caution regarding wild animals, especially bears, cougars, and badgers.
- Reminder about taking care with fridges and freezers.

There was a request that future meetings for Loon Lake residents be on a weekend.

Samaritan's Purse is offering "BC Wildfires Recovery Assistance" for homeowners in need of assistance. Contact them at 1-800-663-6500 or find more information [here](#).

Canadian Red Cross

- Reminder of the Red Cross funds available. Refer to the re-entry package for information such as cleaning kits available.
- Small business support available. Contact the Red Cross at one of the drop-in centres at Cache Creek, 100 Mile, and Clinton.

United Way

- Supports may be available through partner organizations.

End of meeting.