



## Thompson-Nicola Regional District

# Loon Lake Properties Being Assessed for Fire Damage

**For Immediate Release (July 17, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.):** A Rapid Damage Assessment (RDA) Team has been deployed by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District to assess the damage to properties due to the Ashcroft Fire. Although the Ashcroft Fire is still active in the area, BC Wildfire Services has determined that the RDA Team can begin preparations to safely enter the area and begin their assessment.

The number of properties impacted by the fire and the extent of damage is unknown at this time. The RDA team will assess all damaged properties in the Loon Lake area and will provide this information to the TNRD. A representative from the TNRD will be in contact directly with any property owner who has sustained damage to their property. Residents who have sustained damage to their property can expect to receive a call from the TNRD over the next few days as the information comes in from the RDA team.

Once the RDA team has assessed the area and contact has been made with impacted residents, a meeting will be held for all Loon Lake residents to provide an update on the impact of the fire to this area. It is anticipated that this meeting will be arranged in the next couple of days, dependent on how quickly the RDA team can complete their assessment.

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