



## Thompson-Nicola Regional District

# Further Assessment Done on Loon Lake Properties

**For Immediate Release (July 29, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.):** A further Damage Assessment Team has been sent in to the Loon Lake area to assess properties damaged by the Elephant Hill Fire. BC Wildfire continues to actively fight the fire in the area, which saw the loss of over 60 structures when it first struck this area earlier in July.

The Damage Assessment Team that went into the area on July 28, 2017 has building inspection and geotechnical expertise and included representation from the Office of the Fire Commissioner. This team has identified homes that can be immediately occupied (identified by a green placard) or properties that have been severely damaged/destroyed and cannot be occupied (identified by a red placard).

An initial Rapid Damage Assessment team was deployed by the TNRD on July 18, allowing for a quick visual assessment to be done. This provided pictures and drone video footage of damaged properties, which was quickly provided to residents. While the images were hard for residents to view, being able to see the damage reduced the stress that comes with not knowing what has happened to your property.

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