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Yukon makes contribution to fire relief efforts in Alberta

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is donating \$25,000 to aid the Canadian Red Cross in their fire relief efforts for residents of Alberta.

"Massive wildfires continue to burn out of control in parts of central and northern Alberta, causing significant damage and forcing the evacuation of dozens of communities," said Premier Fentie. "Our deepest sympathies go out to the thousands of people affected by this catastrophe."

Approximately 7,000 residents in and around the Town of Slave Lake were forced to evacuate on May 15. It is estimated that half of the town has been destroyed by fire, including homes, businesses and the police station.

"Yukon recognizes the enormous and immediate need to support families in Alberta and is pleased to be able to make a financial contribution to support the relief efforts of the Canadian Red Cross," Fentie added. "On behalf of all Yukoners, I wish to express gratitude to the Canadian Red Cross and others who are assisting those in need in Alberta."

Yukon made donations to the Canadian Red Cross for relief efforts following the massive earthquake that struck northeastern Japan in March and in Chile following the earthquake in 2010.

Yukoners wishing to make a personal donation may contact the Canadian Red Cross Donation Inquires office toll-free at 1-800-418-1111 or visit www.redcross.ca for more information.

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