Evacuation Alert - Ibex Valley area east of Takhini Bridge

July 8, 2023 - 10 pm

Note: this evacuation alert was rescinded on July 17, 2023.

The Yukon Emergency Measures Organization has issued an Evacuation Alert for the Ibex Valley east of the Takhini River, as outlined on the map. The alert extends from Kilometre 1472 to Kilometre 1440 of the Alaska Highway, starting at the Takhini River Bridge and extending east up to and including Echo Valley Road. The alert area covers all properties north and south of the highway and ends at Whitehorse city limits. This alert is due to risk from a wildfire near the Takhini River Bridge.

You are not being asked to evacuate your property at this time. An Evacuation Alert is intended to provide you time to be ready to leave safely if an Evacuation Order is issued.

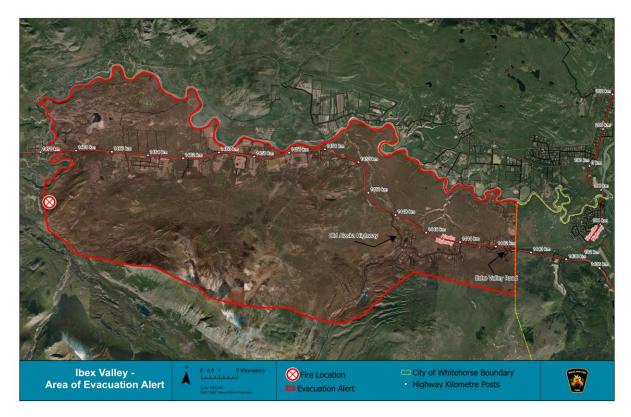
After receiving this evacuation alert, you should consider:

- Connecting with all family members to determine a plan and designate a safe meeting place;
- Moving grab-and-go bags for you and your family to a readily accessible location;
- Gathering essential items such as medication, eye glasses, valuable papers and immediate care needs for dependents;
- Arranging transport for your household members in anticipation of a potential evacuation order; be sure to fill your gas tank should you need to evacuate suddenly;
- Arranging care or transport for your livestock;
- Arranging accommodation for your family. In the event of an evacuation order, emergency accommodation will be provided if required;
- Monitoring local news sources and Yukon.ca/emergencies for updated information on the status of the fire and impact on the area.

Locals and visitors are encouraged to avoid visiting properties in the affected area and to proactively relocate, prior to the fire affecting the area directly.

Community members impacted by wildfire evacuation alerts are encouraged to register with Emergency Support Services (ESS) by phoning 867-332-4597. Registration with ESS allows you to receive urgent assistance when needed.

An Evacuation Order may be issued if the fire directly threatens people and property. If an Evacuation Order is issued, you should be prepared to leave within two hours of being notified.



Takhini Bridge evacuation alert area map.

Contact:

Fire Information Officer, Wildland Fire Management 867-393-7415 or YukonFireInfo@yukon.ca
www.yukon.ca/emergencies