Evacuation alert issued in Dawson fire district

August 3, 2021

An Evacuation Alert has been issued by Yukon Emergency Measures Organization for the following areas:

- Properties along the North Klondike Highway from kilometre 680 to Hunker Creek Road
- Dawson Airport
- Henderson Corner
- Rock Creek

Yukon residents and visitors in the affected area have been placed on alert and must prepare to be ready to evacuate on short notice.

This alert is due to Dawson fire DA024 (Coal Creek fire) that is approximately 5.5 km northeast of the North Klondike Highway. The fire spread 7 km to the southwest late last night, and similar winds and burning conditions are forecast for today.

An Evacuation Order may be issued if the hazard directly threatens residents and visitors.

When preparing to evacuate, you should:

- Locate all family members and designate a safe meeting place if separated;
- Be prepared to be self-sufficient for 72 hours. Your family <u>emergency</u> <u>kit</u> should include essential items such as medication, eye glasses, valuable papers and the immediate care needs for dependents;
- Move livestock or pets to a safe area;
- Arrange transport for your household members in anticipation of a potential evacuation order;
- Arrange accommodation for your family. In the event of an evacuation order, emergency accommodation may be provided, if required; and
- Monitor local news sources and the Yukon government website for updated information on the status of the wildfire and impact on the area.

Note that this evacuation alert does not include any properties along the Hunker Creek Road. Dawson City is not at risk at this time.

Alert rescinded August 9, 2021

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