

Evacuation Alert - Stewart Crossing and surrounding areas July 3, 2023

Issued at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 3

An Evacuation Alert has been issued by the Yukon Emergency Measures Organization for a 5-kilometre radius around Stewart Crossing, 12 kilometres south-east to Ethel Lake Road and east to include residences around Ethel Lake.

This alert is due to risk from a fire growing rapidly near the Klondike Highway and a second cluster of fires north of Ethel Lake. Yukon residents and visitors in the affected area have been placed on alert and must be ready to evacuate within two hours of being notified.

When preparing to evacuate, you should:

- Locate all family members and designate a safe meeting place;
- Gather essential items such as medication, eye glasses, valuable papers and 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 will be provided if required; and
- Monitor local news sources and the Yukon government website for updated information on the status of the fire and impact on the area.

Local residents 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 867-332-7367. Registration with ESS allows you to receive urgent assistance when needed.

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

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