

2017 Wildfire Reports – Recommendations Prioritization and Follow UP

Priority	Recommendations	Source Document			Resources Required	Estimated Start/Completion Date
	The CRD needs to develop and document clear processes to establish and rescind alerts and orders in conjunction with the electoral areas and key agency stakeholders (BCWFS, First Nations, EMBC, RCMP).	EOC After Action Report (Carby)				
	Work collaboratively with agencies such as the RCMP and regional SAR to develop clear and agreed upon roles, processes and approach to evacuations. This plan should be practiced at least annually prior to the fire season to familiarize evacuation teams with their expected responsibilities and actions.	EOC After Action Report (Carby)				
	Enhance public education with respect to necessary preparations and processes to improve response to evacuations alerts and orders and to enhance community preparedness and resiliency.	EOC After Action Report (Carby)				
	Pre-planning should be undertaken to address the support and re-supply needs of those residents that are in communities on alert or non-alert status that have been cut off from access to supplies by areas under evacuation order. This can be planned based on scenarios using the predesignated evacuation zones model recommended in #19. (this is number 24)	EOC After Action Report (Carby)				
	Work closely with other adjacent regional districts to enhance collaboration during emergencies. This should include collaborative training and cross jurisdictional exercises. Consider establishing a process whereby staff resources can be shared during single region activations to allow cross pollination of information and processes which would improve coordination during larger events.	EOC After Action Report (Carby)				
	Relationships with First Nations should be developed and enhanced to incorporate First Nations in regional planning and preparedness efforts. This should include joint training and exercises and can be facilitated in conjunction with EMBC efforts to support First Nations preparedness and response under the new agreement with the federal government.	EOC After Action Report (Carby)				

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	The Regional Community Emergency Support program should enhance ESS capability in rural areas to support their communities in the event of emergencies. This type of program is often developed through community volunteer initiatives and operates as extensions of the CRD Regional Emergency Program and would be supported by the CRD EOC. These local resources can provide excellent depth for the region as a whole as ESS team members in unaffected areas can be drawn on to provide support depth to any regional response to impacted areas.	EOC After Action Report (Carby)				
Dealt with by Butterfly Effects Recommendation (Community Liaisons)	Enhance and promote Fire Smart activities in areas that are at the greatest risk of interface fire. This activity should include encouraging the public to adhere to Fire Smart guidelines for personal property.	EOC After Action Report (Carby)				
	EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES (ESS): Two ESS guides - One for ESS staff/volunteers which will provide information on their role and simple flow charts to help them assist residents. The second guide will be for residents and provide them general information which can be updated with specific information related to the emergency.	2017 Wildfire Consultation Report (Butterfly Effects)				
	ESS kits to provide basic supplies to set up an initial reception centre, with guides on what they may need to add to their kit for their emergency, and where to obtain those items. Kits will also include signage and copies of documents to support the first 24 hours of an emergency.					

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	<i>Implementing the recovery work plan</i> – consider the actions identified in the incident specific recovery work plan submitted by the CRD Recovery Manager, adjusting activities as required based on emerging trends and resources.	CRD Wildfire Recovery Management Report				
	<i>Emergency preparedness planning</i> - regular CRD Emergency Preparedness Committee meetings could include recovery as a standing agenda item to ensure recovery remains top of mind and informs emergency preparedness planning going forward.	CRD Wildfire Recovery Management Report				
	<i>Hazard, risk, and vulnerability assessment (HRVA) reviews</i> - the next phase of emergency preparedness activities can include post fire HVRA to inform how fire related vulnerabilities and recovery needs may require base emergency preparedness plan adaptations or resource allocations.	CRD Wildfire Recovery Management Report				
	<i>Continuing to support sustainable social and rural development</i> – recovery gap assessments have brought forward the need to repair and build recreational trails to encourage wellness opportunities, and to secure funding for upgrades and repairs to community and fire halls which were used for shelter in place hubs and volunteer coordination. Funding levered through recovery channels may support these works.	CRD Wildfire Recovery Management Report				
	<i>Establishing a Cariboo Regional District business registry</i> - economic stability is a cornerstone of recovery. Outreach to businesses impacted by the 2017 fire season is complicated by the lack of business registry information in the outlying rural areas. Collecting and organizing this data would assist in future emergency and communications planning, recovery operations, and close potential gaps earlier.	CRD Wildfire Recovery Management Report				

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	<i>Communication coordination</i> - consider stream lined and simplified early recovery communication to ensure accessibility. Consistent symbols could be used to indicate reception/resiliency centre locations.	CRD Wildfire Recovery Management Report				