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Interior Health monitoring Talbot Creek wildfire

SLOCAN VALLEY – Interior Health is closely monitoring the Talbot Creek wildfire near Castlegar in the Slocan Valley.

As the wildfire develops, Interior Health is ensuring any potentially impacted home health clients are prepared in the event of evacuation. We are also proactively reaching out to the private Passmore Lodge senior's residence to ensure they have safe evacuation plans in place if necessary.

Interior Health's wildfire planning includes supporting anyone who may be in isolation due to COVID-19. We will ensure separate arrangements are made for anyone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 to protect the public from exposure.

We have activated an IH-wide emergency operations centre which is monitoring all wildfire threats to health facilities and services and we are working closely with municipalities, regional districts, and the BC WildFire Service to ensure precautions are underway to protect patients, clients, and residents.

For wildfire information, visit:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/Emergency/MajorEvents/Pages/default.aspx>.

For wildfire health impact information, visit:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/Emergency/Wildfires/Pages/default.aspx>

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