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Interior Health monitoring Mckay Creek wildfire

LILLOOET – Interior Health is closely monitoring the Mckay Creek wildfire near Lillooet.

As the wildfire develops, we are supporting individuals who receive Interior Health services in the community, so that they are prepared and able to evacuate safely should the wildfire situation change.

As a precautionary measure, yesterday we relocated eight residents with complex care needs from the Mountainview Lodge care home in Lillooet, to a care facility in Kamloops. Families of these residents were contacted directly by Interior Health.

Other residents at Mountainview Lodge are not relocating at this time because they can be moved quickly if necessary. Our top priority is the safety of all individuals in care.

Interior Health's wildfire planning includes supporting anyone who is isolating 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 are continuing to work closely and proactively with municipalities, regional districts, and the BC Wildfire Service to ensure precautions are underway to protect patients, clients, and residents.

Everyone is reminded to make preparations for wildfires, and smoky skies as air quality deteriorates by visiting: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/Emergency/Wildfires/Pages/default.aspx>

Install the BC Wildfire Service mobile app (Android or iOS) or visit the BC Wildfire Service Dashboard to find information on current wildfire activity:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

The FireWork Forecast shows maps of predicted smoke impacts over the next 48 hours:
<https://weather.gc.ca/firework/>

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