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**To:** Emergency Preparedness Committee

**And To:** Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

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## **Short Summary:**

Emergency Operations Centre Activities, May 2024 – September 2024

## **Background:**

This memo seeks to provide an overview of the activities in the Cariboo Regional District Emergency Operations Centre between May 2024 & September 2024

## **Wildfire 2024 (Task #24-1945)**

The CRD Emergency Operations Centre was activated on March 26, 2024, in response to wildfire and stood down on August 22, 2024.

Total days of activation: 149

Active Alerts – 51 days

Active Orders – 18 days

Number of Alerts (breakdown per EA)

- Electoral Area C: 6
- Electoral Area F: 2
- Electoral Area G: 2
- Electoral Area I: 5
- Electoral Area J: 1

Number of Orders (breakdown per EA)

- Electoral Area C: 3
- Electoral Area G: 1
- Electoral Area I: 2

Coordination with Provincial Ministries, First Nations and other Local Governments:  
Emergency Management Climate Readiness, BC Wildfire Services, RCMP, Ministry of Forests,  
Ministry of Transportation, BC Parks, Rec Sites, Ministry of Mines, Ts'escen, Lhoosk'uz Dene,

Ulkatcho, ʔEsdilagh, Xatśūll, Lhtako Dene, Stswecem'c Xget'tem, Esketemc, Williams Lake First Nation, Tsilhqot'in National Government, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, District of Wells, City of Williams Lake, District of 100 Mile House, City of Quesnel

### ***Wildfire Recovery***

Recovery Operations were coordinated through the EOC for structural losses in the Barkerville area

### ***Next steps***

The CRD EOC has secured funding for After-Action Reviews (AARs) and plans to conduct both internal and inter-agency reviews, along with some one-on-one sessions where needed.

## **Chilcotin River Landslide 2024 (Task #24-5170)**

The CRD EOC was already activated in response to fire when the Landslide event occurred. The response to the landslide in the EOC was between July 31, 2024 and August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Total days of activation: 30

Active Alerts – 21 days

Active Orders – 15 days

Number of Alerts (breakdown per EA):

- Electoral Area E: 3
- Electoral Area K: 3

Number of Orders (breakdown per EA):

- Electoral Area E: 4
- Electoral Area K: 6

Coordination with Provincial Ministries, First Nations and other Local Governments: Emergency Management Climate Readiness, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, BC Wildfire Services, RCMP, Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Transportation, BC Parks, Rec Sites, Tsilhqot'in National Government, Williams Lake First Nation, Stswecem'c Xget'tem, Esketemc, Thompson Nicola Regional District, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

### ***Next steps***

The CRD EOC has secured funding for After-Action Reviews (AARs) and plans to conduct a session to review activities associated with the 2024 Chilcotin River landslide event with external partners.

## **Long-term incidents**

### ***Incident Monitoring (DGIR 220747\_No task #), Fuel Spill, EA A, March 2023, Monitoring Ongoing***

CRD EOC is monitoring a reported fuel spill in Electoral Area A, with updates from the responsible party and assisting agencies. Ongoing.

***Spring Flood 2020 (Task # 210182), Landslide SOLE Maintenance, EA A, Monitoring Ongoing***

SOLE remains in place for Electoral Area A and requires weekly renewals.

Evacuation Orders due to landslide for properties in Electoral Area A remain in effect.

**Operational opportunities and challenges**

- Additional requirements involved in reporting on SOLE Declarations and requesting Extensions
- Impacts of delayed regulation and policy frameworks
- EOC staffing - EOC Health, Safety and Wellness
- Legal reviews on EOC processes to mitigate risks and ensure compliance