WILDFIRES UPDATE

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EVACUATION ALERT - FONTAS

Fort Nelson First Nation's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is closely monitoring wildfire events in the region. We are involved in daily meetings with the Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Center (PREOC), and our Emergency Plan is ready to implement as needed.

WILDFIRE OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN

Status update on the Klua Lakes wildfire (G90273): it is now estimated at 26,307 hectares in size and is classified as <u>Out of Control</u>. The increased size of this fire is not due to perimeter growth rather to the consumption of unburnt fuels within the fire's perimeter. Aerial resources and high-level scans are being used to monitor this fire.

This fire poses a threat to individuals living at Fontas, and our EOC advises residents to plan for evacuation. We are asking people to avoid visiting this area as it may pose risk to health and life.

This and other wildfires are currently burning to the east and west of the community of Prophet River First Nation (PRFN).

Wildfire Resources:

FNFN Website: <u>http://www.fortnelsonfirstnation.org/wildfire-update</u> FNFN EOC: 250-500-2656 NRRM Order: <u>northernrockies.ca/en/news/evacalertorderklualakes.aspx?</u> <u>fbclid=IwAR1Ab5hKfGghSrX3-obftE10Epos2SFnaoP2QDofGIjExg9CcXQbAhzRLaQ</u> BC Wildfires Map: <u>https: wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/map</u> FireSmoke Canada <u>firesmoke.ca/</u> Wildfire Smoke 101 <u>rb.gy/irn1p</u> Register for Voyent Alerts: <u>https://voyent-alert.com/</u> Download BC Wildfires App: <u>https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/bc-wildfire-service/id1477675008</u>

