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Information regarding the Ainslie Creek Wildfire and Cook's Ferry Band

Today residents of Antko IR 21 may have noticed that the Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has issued an Evacuation Alert that extended to properties adjacent to Antko IR 21. This has raised questions regarding whether Antko is in danger or on Evacuation Alert.

As of this notice, Antko IR 21 is **not** on Evacuation Alert and not in danger. We are monitoring the growth of the fire and are connected with BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) daily.

We are monitoring the South East flank in the Uztlius Creek for potential impacts to IR 21. There was significant fire activity yesterday with lifting smoke and increased winds. BCWS is expecting increased fire activity throughout today and this evening. Increased fire activity yesterday has caused Evacuation Orders for Coldwater Indian Band IR 2, and Evacuation Alert for their IR 1. While this is just up the road from Antko, we are not in immediate need for Evacuation Alerts or Orders at this time.

We are also monitoring the Northeast flank in the Prospect creek area for its potential impacts to IR 7, Spences Bridge and Pimainus Lakes. Yesterday there was increased fire activity in this area as well. As of this notice, there are **no Evacuation Alerts or Orders** for these areas.

Both our Spences Bridge and Merritt communities are experiencing fluctuating smoke impacts, and residents in Merritt are also experiencing fallen ash. We encourage residents to stay indoors or use masks when outdoors. If you are struggling, please reach out to the office.

Please see the attached Community Bulletin from today describing the fire situation from BCWS for a more detailed summary of the Brunswick Wildfire Complex, which includes the Ainslie Creek Wildfire.

We are continuing to monitor the fire situation throughout the weekend. Any urgent updates will be provided door to door.

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Chief and Council