

EVACUATION ALERT

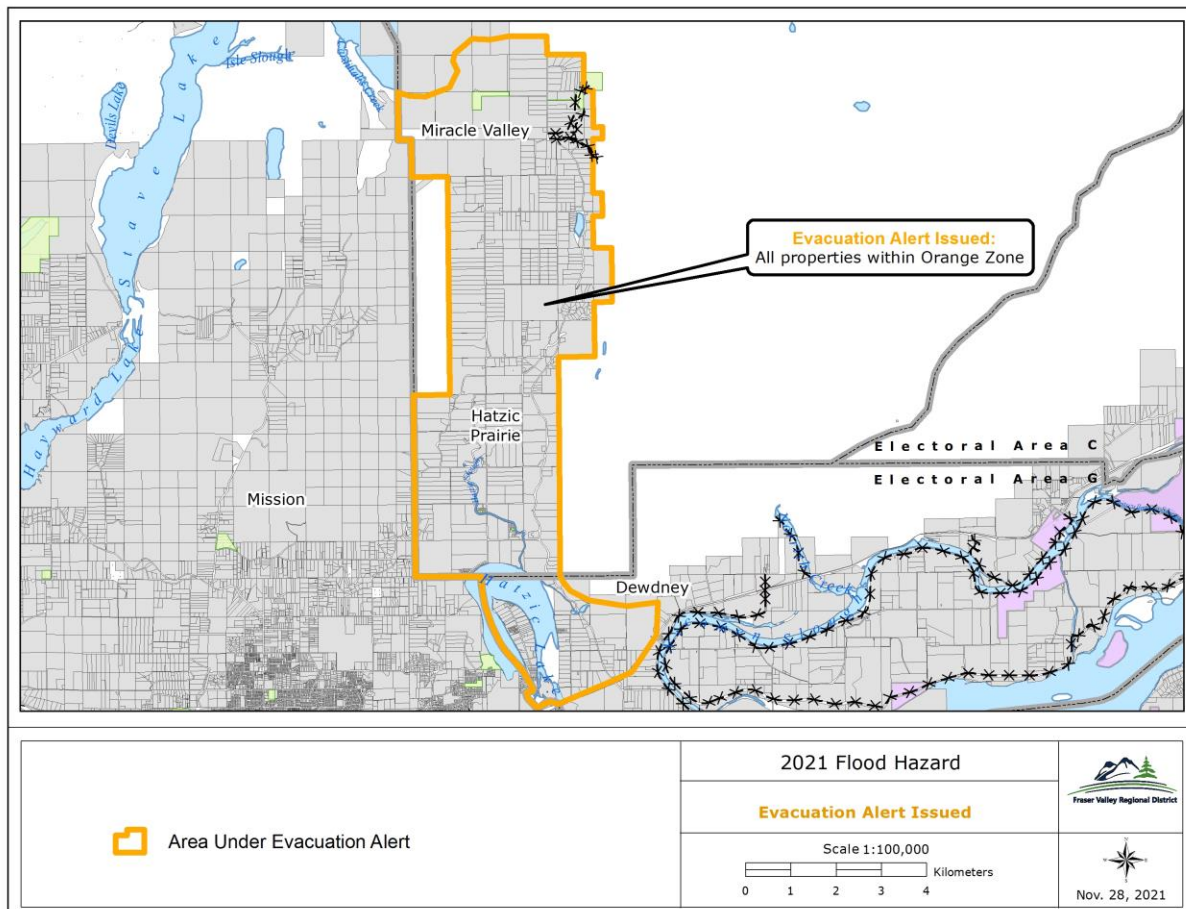
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Hatzic Valley, FVRD Electoral Areas G & F

An Evacuation Alert has been issued by Fraser Valley Regional District, pursuant to the BC *Emergency Program Act*, due to flooding in the Hatzic area caused by heavy rainfall associated with an atmospheric river event. There is risk of flooding, stream overflow and slope movements at various locations in Hatzic Valley. Streams are at bank-full or overflowing and slopes are saturated. Road access could get cut off by floods or minor slope failures.

Any evacuations that may become necessary are expected to be limited to smaller areas based on events in specific streams or slopes. The alert is issued for all of Hatzic Valley because all slopes and streams are at risk and there is no way to predict where events will occur.

Because of the potential danger to life and property, the FVRD has issued this Evacuation Alert for approximately 1600 properties in FVRD Electoral Areas **G & F** as shown in **orange** on the map below:



This Evacuation Alert has been issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however, you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Upon receiving a notification of an Evacuation Alert, you must preparing for an evacuation order:

- » Locate all family members and designate a meeting area outside the evacuation area, should an Evacuation Order be called while separated.
- » Pack essential items such as: government issued ID, medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance, identification licenses, credit and mortgage info, and emergency contact numbers), and immediate care needs for dependents and pets, and if space and time permits, keepsakes for quick departure.
- » Prepare to move disabled persons (with mobility aids & supports required to maintain independence), children, elderly and immobile neighbours.
- » Prepare supplies, vet records, and containment needs ready for pets.
- » Implement a plan to move livestock to safety.
- » Arranging for transport of your household members. Fill gas tanks or personal vehicles.
- » Arranging accommodation for your household members and pets.
- » Wait for an Evacuation Order to be issued before evacuating, unless you have extenuating mobility limitations that require pre-planning.
- » In the event of an evacuation order Emergency Support Services (ESS) sites may be activated for the purposes of family reunification, referrals to essential service providers, and Group Lodging.
- » In the event of an evacuation order, register with the Canadian Red Cross to be notified when services become available
- » Monitoring credible news sources for information on evacuation orders and locations of ESS Sites

Further information will be issued as it becomes available. Please visit the FVRD's EOC web page at www.fvrd.ca/EOC or Facebook and Twitter (@FraserValleyRD) for updates.

For more information please contact the Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Operations Centre at 778-704-0400.



Signature of Board Chair