

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE
READINESS

Emergency Program Act

Ministerial Order No. **XXX**

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on August 18, 2023;

AND WHEREAS section 10(1) of the *Emergency Program Act* provides that I may do all acts and implement all procedures that I consider necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of any emergency, including causing the evacuation of persons from any area of British Columbia that is or may be affected by an emergency or a disaster, making arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons and controlling travel to any area of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the Little Blue River Fire, southwest of Lower Post, poses a significant threat to the health, safety and welfare of persons;

AND WHEREAS evacuation of and limiting entry to areas affected by the Little Blue River Fire reduces the risk of injury or death;

I, Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, order that the attached Little Blue River Fire Evacuation Order No.2 is made.

August 26, 2023

Date



Minister of Emergency Management and Climate
Readiness

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Emergency Program Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 10

Other: M0242/2023

LITTLE BLUE RIVER FIRE EVACUATION ORDER No.2

Evacuation

- 1** All persons residing in, occupying or visiting any of the area described in section 3 and identified in the attached Schedule must evacuate the area immediately.

Entry

- 2** A person must not enter any of the area described in section 3 and identified in the attached Schedule for the purpose of residing in, occupying or visiting the area.

Areas

- 3** For purposes of sections 1 and 2 the area is the area extending North from Wheeler Lake to Blue River Bridge, South of Wheeler Lake to the Beaver Dam Rest Area, West of Hwy 37, and to the East of Hwy 37 (to 2km east of the confluence of the Blue and Dease Rivers).

Authorized entry and occupation

- 4** Despite sections 1 and 2, the Executive Director, Regional Operations with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness may, in writing, authorize a person or class of persons to enter and occupy the area described in section 3 for any purposes and on any conditions identified by the Executive Director, Regional Operations.

SCHEDULE – LITTLE BLUE RIVER FIRE EVACUATION AREA

