

Nc'á'tetk^{wu} - Coldwater Indian Band

**Band Council
Resolution**

**BCR#
02-006-2026/27**

RE: Brunswick Creek Wildfire Complex - Evacuation Alert Gwen Lake IR No.3

WHEREAS:

- A. The Brunswick Creek Wildfire Complex, consisting of the Brunswick Creek and Ainslie wildfires, continues to burn out of control in the Fraser Canyon and Thompson-Nicola Regional District of British Columbia, and has resulted in multiple evacuation orders and alerts, destruction of structures, threats to critical infrastructure, and ongoing risks to public safety due to potential rapid-fire growth, shifting winds, and erratic fire behaviour;
- B. BC Wildfire Service has identified the Brunswick Creek Wildfire Complex as a Wildfire of Note and has advised that current and forecasted conditions, including wind, terrain, and fuel conditions, may result in increased fire activity and the potential for further wildfire spread toward surrounding areas;
- C. On August 10, 2026, at 5:45 p.m., representatives of the Coldwater Indian Band attended an Emergency Management Climate Readiness Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre (PREOC) meeting, during which information and recommendations were received from BC Wildfire Service regarding current wildfire conditions and risks associated with the Brunswick Creek Wildfire Complex;
- D. At that meeting, BC Wildfire Service recommended that the Coldwater Indian Band place Gwen Lake Indian Reserve No. 3 on Evacuation Alert as a precautionary measure due to the potential threat posed by the Brunswick Creek Wildfire Complex and the possibility of changing wildfire conditions impacting the area;
- E. Chief and Council consider it necessary and prudent to provide advance notice to users of Gwen Lake Indian Reserve No. 3 to prepare for the possibility of evacuation should conditions deteriorate and an Evacuation Order become necessary.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Chief and Council hereby issue an Evacuation Alert for Gwen Lake Indian Reserve No. 3 due to the potential threat posed by the Brunswick Creek Wildfire Complex and the risks associated with changing wildfire conditions.
- 2. All land users and visitors within Gwen Lake Indian Reserve No. 3 are advised to prepare to evacuate on short notice should an Evacuation Order be issued.

3. Land users and visitors will be provided as much advance notice as possible should an Evacuation Order be required; however, they are advised that rapidly changing wildfire conditions may require immediate action with limited warning.
4. The attached map identifying the Evacuation Alert area and potential evacuation routes forms part of this Resolution.
5. This Evacuation Alert shall remain in effect until the primary response agency advises the Coldwater Indian Band that:
 - a. The threat to the health, safety, and welfare of community members and property has diminished and the Evacuation Alert may be rescinded; or
 - b. The threat has increased and an Evacuation Order is required.
6. The Band Administrator, Emergency Operations Centre personnel, and designated staff are authorized to take all necessary actions to communicate and implement this Evacuation Alert and to provide further updates to the community as information becomes available.

This resolution was passed at a duly convened meeting of Ncá̓tētkʷu - Coldwater Indian Band Council held on the 11 day of August, 2026, at Ncá̓tētkʷu – Coldwater Indian Band IR #1.

Chief T. Lee Spahan



Councillor Jackie Aljam

Councillor Leah Collins

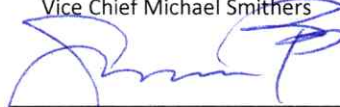


Councillor Jordan Collins

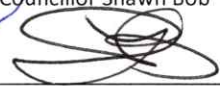
Councillor Jessie Aljam



Vice Chief Michael Smithers

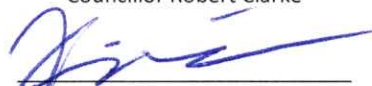


Councillor Shawn Bob



Councillor Lorna Sterling

Councillor Robert Clarke



Councillor Nkikaxni (Xni) Grismer-Voght

Quorum consists of 6 members of Chief and Council.