

WILDFIRE RESPONSE

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BC CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION– LIVESTOCK RELOCATION DURING EVACUATION ORDERS & ALERTS –

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Numerous ranchers and producers have relocated their animals in response to the wildfire evacuation orders and alerts currently in place in the BC Interior. Many may not have had an opportunity to register the movement of their livestock to their local government's Emergency Operation Centre (EOC).

To ensure you can receive ongoing emergency response support regarding the care of your animals, the BC Cattlemen's Association encourage all ranchers and qualifying farm businesses who have relocated their livestock to please contact their local authority's EOC to document the movement and relocation of their livestock. This will support advanced planning and your eligibility for reimbursement of eligible response costs.

Relocation activities that may be eligible for reimbursement include:

- Transportation for livestock from the hazard area
- Provision for feeding livestock at the relocation area
- Veterinary care of livestock
- Corralling and management of livestock
- Restoration of facilities used for livestock relocation during an emergency

The following information will need to be provided to your EOC representative:

- Name of ranch/farm
- Contact information
- Date moved
- Number and type of livestock
- Transporter name and contact information
- Do they have Farm Class Status (Yes or No)? If you don't know, contact the Ministry of Agriculture at 250-561-3514
- Where your livestock have been relocated to
- Your ESS registration number

The contact numbers for the local EOCs are:

Cariboo Regional District: 1-866-759-4977 or alternatively contact the Ministry of Agriculture at 250-561-3514

Thompson-Nicola Regional District: 250-377-7188

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen: 250-490-4225

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako: 1-800-320-3339

**"Qualifying farm businesses" – Livestock operations that have "farm" classification under the BC Assessment Act, Classification of Land as a Farm Regulation.*