



MEDIA RELEASE

Swift Creek landslide evacuation alert rescinded

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The Village of Valemount and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George are rescinding the Swift Creek landslide evacuation alert.

The area of the landslide has been assessed by professional engineers who have advised there is no imminent risk to public safety and have recommended lifting the evacuation alert.

The alert was issued on July 31 for approximately 40 properties on the Northeast side of Main Street beginning at William Road, and extending beyond the Swift Creek bridge to the end of Main Street in Electoral Area H of the Regional District.

The landslide posed a risk to Swift Creek, which is the water source for the Village of Valemount. Monitoring of water levels in the creek is ongoing.

Though trail closures are no longer in effect, the public is reminded that landslides are a natural hazard in mountain valleys and caution should be exercised when accessing the back country.

To be notified of local emergencies including landslides, residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts.

Residents living within the Village of Valemount can sign up for alerts at <https://valemount.ca/services/emergency-preparedness>

Residents living outside the Village of Valemount can sign up for alerts from the Regional District at http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/uploads/PublicSafety/Emergency-Management/PAS_FAQ.pdf

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