



Swift Creek Landslide Public Update

August 4, 2021
4:00 pm

No significant changes have been observed at the slide area or with the water in Swift Creek over the past 24 hours. The area is still considered to be an active landslide area so the public continues to be cautioned to avoid the area.

Monitoring

As part of our ongoing monitoring and assessment, geotechnical engineers have been assessing the area. The information they provide will help inform any changes or updates to the evacuation alert.

Evacuation Alert Status

The evacuation alert issued on Saturday, July 31 remains in effect 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.

To view the alert, visit www.valemount.ca or www.rdffg.bc.ca. An evacuation alert advises those in the alert area to make preparations in the event an evacuation is required.

Preparing for an evacuation

When you receive an evacuation alert, you should

- Prepare to leave your home on short notice.
- Stay tuned to Village of Valemount and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George websites and social media for updates
- Have your emergency kit and important documents ready to go, which should include things like insurance and personal papers, such as birth certificates. Also pack:
 - several days' clothing;
 - medicine/prescriptions;
 - comfort items for children, like a favourite toy or colouring books to help keep them busy; and
 - leashes, carriers and food for pets.
 - Consider collecting precious photos and mementoes that cannot be replaced.
- Also, check in on any family, friends or neighbours who may need a helping hand due to mobility or other issues.

Further information about preparing for evacuation can be found at <https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/>

Water Supply

The Village of Valemount sources its water for the community water system through Swift Creek. It is important to be aware that this water source could be vulnerable to a slide. If you rely on the Village of Valemount water system, it is recommended that you consider alternative water sources in the event the water system is unavailable as a result of landslide activity.

Water Restrictions for Village of Valemount

The Village of Valemount is strengthening its water restrictions for all Village water customers and properties to Level 3 until further notice. This is to help conserve water as a precautionary measure in response to the Swift Mountain Slide event.

More information can be found at www.valemount.ca

Accessing trails and backcountry

The public is strongly cautioned to avoid the area. It is an active landslide area and conditions can change without warning.

Trail #6 and all trails leading to Trail #6, along Swift Creek, to and from the Valemount Bike Park are closed.

More Information

The Village of Valemount and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George will continue to provide regular updates through social media and on their respective websites.

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