

News Release #9

For Immediate Release

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The ACRD has issued a **new local state of emergency and evacuation order** in consideration of the potential threat of slope instability as a result of the Dog Mountain wildfire. The properties subject to the evacuation order include:

Lot A, Plan 38604, District Lot 373, Alberni District and Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20 and 21 all of strata plan 1236, District Lot 373, Alberni District. The subject evacuation area is outlined on the attached map.

The basis for this new evacuation order is a preliminary post wildfire assessment completed the West Coast Region of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Properties within the evacuation area are those subject to moderate to high rockfall hazard as identified by this assessment.

The Ministry will be conducting a more detailed assessment of the subject area, updates will be provided on the ACRD website as they become available.

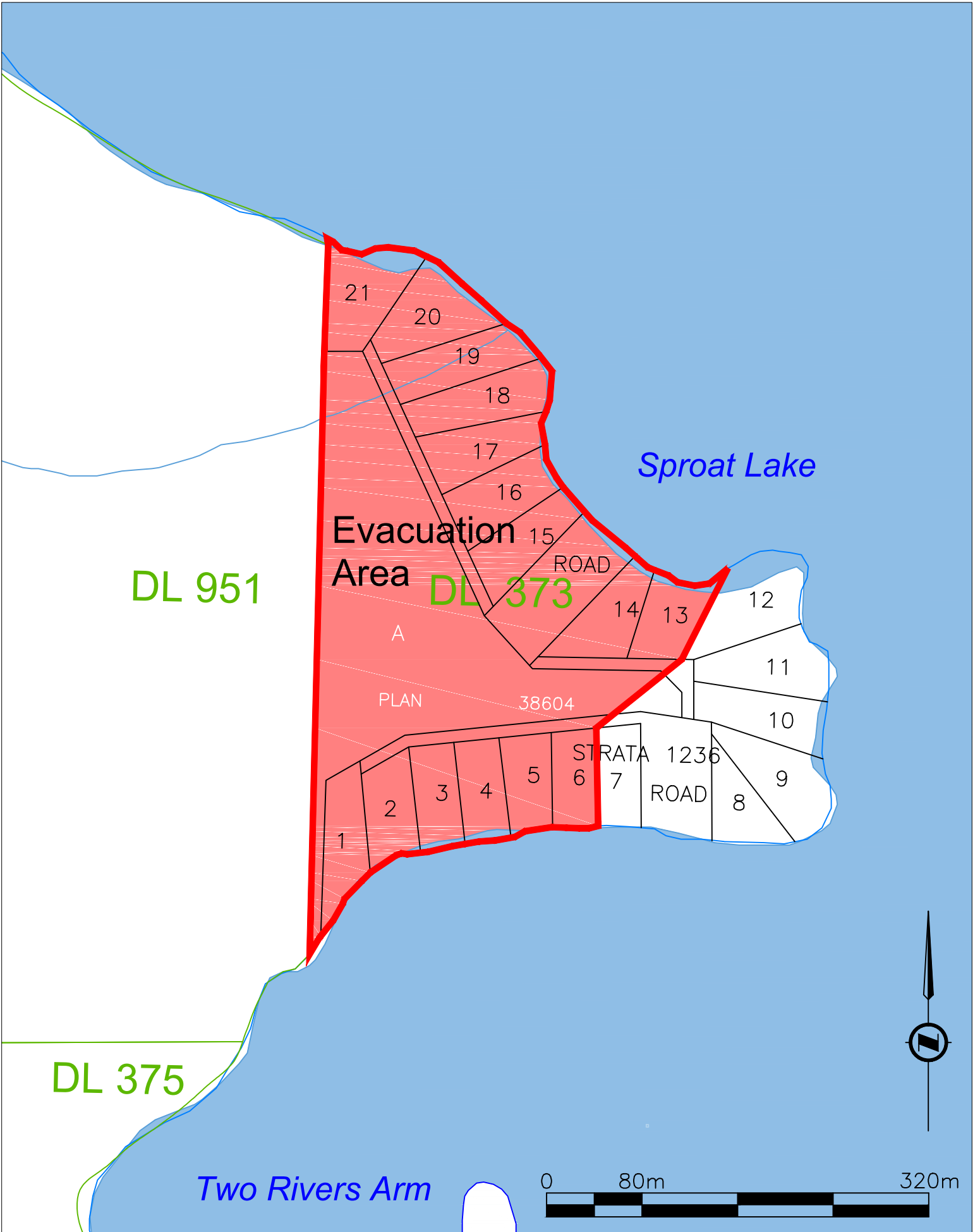
The Dog Mountain fire continues to burn within the containment lines. This is expected, and desirable, as the low intensity ground fire continues to reduce the overall fuel loading within the fire perimeter and will reduce future fire intensity during hot, dry and windy conditions.

The shoreline is not safe under this fire. Signs have been posted in the area warning of slope instability. Please remain away from the area.

Several phone reports have come into the Fire Centre over the last few days reporting smoke and open flame on Dog Mountain. This is an active fire and it is expected that there will be open flame and smoke within the perimeter of this fire as it continues to consume forest fuels.

Please call 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on your cell phone if you see a forest fire or column of smoke outside of the fire perimeter.

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DL 951

Evacuation Area

DL 373

Sproat Lake

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PLAN

38604

STRATA 1236

ROAD

DL 375

Two Rivers Arm

