



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

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ACRD opens Emergency Operations Centre for Cameron Bluffs wildfire

PORT ALBERNI – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) has opened a Level 1 Emergency Operations Centre in response to the closure of Highway 4.

Highway 4, between Cathedral Grove/MacMillan Provincial Park and Koen Road (approximately seven kilometres), was closed in both directions at approximately 3:30 p.m. today due to the growth of the Cameron Bluffs wildfire. The wildfire has grown to 80 hectares. This fire is highly visible and poses a potential risk to public safety, therefore the decision was made to close the highway.

BC Wildfire Service continues to apply full response to the fire, which is continuing to spread and is not responding to suppression.

To support those impacted by the wildfire at Cameron Lake Bluffs and the Highway 4 Road Closure, a reception centre is being set up at Echo Centre in Port Alberni (4255 Wallace Street). The reception centre will open at 6:30 p.m. and remain open for as long as it is needed.

The reception centre will aid people who are stranded and need somewhere to go until the highway has re-opened. This is for urgent cases only. People stranded in Port Alberni for the night are encouraged to reach out to friends and family for a place to stay support as hotel availability is low. If you need further assistance or group lodging, please go the reception centre at Echo.

For up-to-date information go to www.acrd.bc.ca or www.facebook.com/AVEmergencyprogram or www.drivebc.ca , <https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/> or www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo

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