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What to expect from the CRD's notification system test

Williams Lake, BC – The Cariboo Regional District is gearing up to test its new platform for the Cariboo Chilcotin Emergency Notification System. This test, which is a crucial component of pre-wildfire season preparedness, will help ensure that residents are able to receive notifications during an emergency.

On Tuesday, March 12, anyone who is signed up to receive notifications for unincorporated (rural) areas in the CRD will begin receiving notifications starting at 10:00 a.m. The exact time of delivery will change depending on how the region's telecommunications network manages an estimated 29,520 notifications for the rural areas. Notifications for locations inside municipal boundaries will then start at 11:30 a.m. with Quesnel, then Williams Lake (1:00 p.m.), Wells (2:30 p.m.) and 100 Mile House (3:00 p.m.).

Some subscribers may receive multiple notifications throughout the day, which will confirm that they are registered to receive alerts for both municipal and rural locations. Notifications will also be sent to all contact methods registered with the system, which ensures that the Cariboo Chilcotin Emergency Notification System can notify you during a real emergency.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for the system or log in and manage their personal information before the test. You can do so through the Voyent Alert app, available through the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or online through our website at www.cariboord.ca/EmergencyNotification.

Anyone requiring assistance with registration or with questions about how the system works can contact Emergency Programs staff at 1-800-665-1636.

The Cariboo Chilcotin Emergency Notification System, in operation since 2015, is funded in partnership with the City of Quesnel, District of Wells, City of Williams Lake, and District of 100 Mile House.

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