



PUBLIC NOTICE

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Tsilhqot'in Nation offering Emergency Support Services (ESS) Group Lodging for Tsilhqot'in members and other First Nations in British Columbia

Due to the continued threat of wildfires in Tsilhqot'in territory as a result of hot weather and dry conditions, the Tsilhqot'in Nation is setting up Emergency Support Services (ESS) Group Lodging for Tsilhqot'in members. The ESS Group Lodging will be located in Riske Creek adjacent to Tl'esqox (Toosey), one of the six Tsilhqot'in communities. The ESS Group Lodging will also be made available to other First Nations in British Columbia if needed.

The ESS Group Lodging is in cooperation with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) and will offer temporary support and relief services during an emergency or disaster. The ESS Group will be a culturally safe environment for Tsilhqot'in members and other Indigenous peoples. The ESS Group Lodging will be rustic in nature; the lodging offered will be ranger tents and family sized tents. Evacuees are welcome to bring their RVs to dry camp. There will be more details shared about the facilities and supports at the ESS Group Lodging in the near future, once the space is fully operational.

Emergency Support Services (ESS): services that are offered to people who are displaced from their home and require assistance as a result of emergency or disaster. Supports can include: accommodation, food, transportation and incidentals.

Group Lodging: facilities that have been adapted to provide accommodation to a large number of people who have been displaced from their homes as a result of emergency or disaster.

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Learn more:

How to prepare grab-and-go bags, visit: <http://www.preparedbc.ca/emergencykit>

For information on evacuation alerts and orders, visit: <http://www.emergencyinfobc.ca/>

How to prepare for wildfires, visit: <https://firesmartbc.ca/>

To pre-register with ESS, visit: <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/>

Real-time wildfire information can be found on the BC Wildfire Service mobile app, or website: <https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/map>