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"South Cariboo Wildfire Recovery Plan Released"

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100 Mile House, B.C. – Today, the District of 100 Mile House released the South Cariboo Wildfire Recovery Plan. The Recovery Plan was prepared over the past several months, and a total of nearly 500 points of contact were made to gain a thorough understanding of the short and long term impacts of the wildfires in the South Cariboo.

The plan, prepared by South Cariboo Recovery Manager, MJ Cousins, identified several themes during the impact assessment phase of work. These themes include: business continuity challenges, resiliency and preparedness for the future, mental health and wellness issues, communication improvements, and business growth opportunities.

Economic, psychosocial, environmental and infrastructure impacts are detailed in the plan, along with medium and longer term recommendations for moving forward with recovery efforts.

Thinking about what our community went through last summer, I sincerely appreciate our residents and business people taking the time to talk with the Recovery Manager and share your stories to help us more fully understand and meet the challenges of recovery. There is a lot of information in this Recovery Plan, but I look forward to further discussing the recommendations and making an action plan for moving forward with recovery. Working with the community and the region will be key to implementing the plan and achieving positive outcomes and success.

Mitch Campsall, Mayor, District of 100 Mile House

"The South Cariboo Recovery Plan documents the needs and steps forward for the businesses and residents of the South Cariboo. This plan connects well with the CRD's overarching recovery strategy and we look forward to working with the District of 100 Mile House on continued recovery efforts in the South Cariboo."

CRD Chair Margo Wagner

The South Cariboo Wildfire Recovery Plan can be found at: <u>www.100milehouse.com</u> under News & Events.