

## **News Release**

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## **Emergency Operations Centre Activated**

The Alberni Clayoquot Regional District activated a **Level One Emergency Operations Centre** as of 3 pm, Saturday July 4, 2015. The purpose is to provide support for the Forest Service in their response to the Dog Mountain Forest Fire at Sproat Lake.

A declaration has been activated by Josie Osborne, Chairperson of the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District to enable the evacuation of Dog Mountain including the cabins, cottages and the fire scene. Citizens are asked to stay clear of the fire. Slopes and vegetation in the area of the fire are extremely unstable. Boat traffic on the lake is asked to keep clear of fire fighting apparatus especially helicopters using Sproat Lake as a source of water.

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