

LITTLE RED RIVER CREE NATION

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Fox Lake Update July 10, 2023

<u>Little Red River Cree Nation remains under a State of Local Emergency</u>

Although a projected date of July 15, 2023, was communicated for a safe return to live in Fox Lake, based on new information and damage reports, the projection is now October 1, 2023. Homeowners and families may still go to Fox Lake on July 15, 2023, for a maximum of three nights or four days without losing their evacuee support.

Based on the Emergency Management Team's discussion with Council, Fox Lake members are encouraged to not stay overnight and live in Fox Lake. It is not safe to live permanently in Fox Lake until October 1, 2023.

It is not safe to live permanently in Fox Lake because there is:

- 1. No potable water
- 2. No medical support
- 3. No store (food and fuel)
- 4. A damaged airstrip
- 5. Limited RCMP patrols and security
- 6. An unsafe environment: hot ash pits, debris and sharp metals, heavy equipment operating in the community

A detailed update on critical infrastructure is listed on the next page.

Between July 15, 2023, to October 1, 2023, homeowners and families may go to Fox Lake for a maximum of 3 nights or four days without losing their evacuee support. You can return home to:

- Clean your home
- Meet with professional cleaners for cleaning support and advice
- Meet with damage assessors to inspect their home and personal items



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Members who return to live in Fox Lake

Members who decide to live permanently in Fox Lake before October 1, 2023, may no longer be eligible for evacuee support. If you are thinking about permanently living in Fox Lake before October 1, 2023, email foxlakerecovery@lrrcn.ab.ca for more information or contact the Emergency Management Team through the call centre at 587-743-1806.

Members who want to travel to Little Red River

Planning is underway for Little Red River Cree Nation members who want to travel to Little Red River for the pilgrimage. Members who decide to travel to Little Red River for a temporary visit will not lose their evacuee support. Members may start travelling to Little Red River on August 1, 2023, and can stay until their pilgrimage is over.