

## Emergency Feed

There is a provincial agreement in place to bring in hay for the ranchers impacted by the fires within the Cariboo Regional District and Thompson Nicola Regional District areas. The 2017 emergency hay is provided for up to a 14 day duration for commercial ranchers in a situation where they are left without forage, due to fires. The purchasing and hauling of hay for emergency reprieve in this area is being coordinated through the PREOC in Prince George and the PREOC in Kamloops. Producers must fill out a form 514B available on the BCCA website: [www.cattlemen.bc.ca](http://www.cattlemen.bc.ca). Producers requiring assistance with the form can email AGRI Emergency Management Interior AGRI:EX [Emergency.Management.Interior@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emergency.Management.Interior@gov.bc.ca) or call at 250-561-3514 in Prince George or 250-371-5228 in Kamloops.

Eligible for compensation (emergency hay)

- The current forage (pasture or range) has burned and there are no alternative forage sources available.
- Livestock are relocated on the home place and are consuming winter forage supply, and/or housed on hay fields.
- Livestock are relocated away from the home place and are being fed an alternative hay supply.

Two options: can either bring in hay to replenish the hay stocks if the supplier is depleting their winter hay storage; or if whomever is supplying hay has excess, this hay can be purchased on location (through the PREOC) to feed the livestock being housed. One goal is to ensure that fall and winter hay supplies are not depleted.

- 4 days after an order or alert has been rescinded and livestock cannot safely be transported home.
- Remember that relocation compensation should be used during the evacuation order and alerts.

This is not intended to be stockpiled, it is to be utilized now as a two week supply for the ranchers impacted. This will give the ranchers more time to find alternatives without depleting their fall/winter hay.