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For immediate release:

Mountain View County Assists in Wildfire Emergency Response

July 23, 2024: Mountain View County – Mountain View County is actively monitoring an out-of-control wildfire located approximately 25km west of Water Valley, Alberta, within the Municipal District of Bighorn. The Municipal District of Bighorn has issued an Area of Closure, as outlined in the map below, mandating immediate evacuation for all residents within the affected area.

Reception Centre Established:

From request by the Municipal District of Bighorn, Mountain View County has established a reception centre at the Water Valley Community Hall. The centre is fully operational and staffed to assist evacuated community members. It is expected to remain open for the following hours:

- Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024: until 11:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 24th, 2024: 8:00 am to 11:00 pm

Mutual Aid Agreement:

Mountain View County maintains a mutual aid agreement with the Municipal District of Bighorn to ensure coordinated response efforts during emergencies. While **there is no current threat to or evacuation order for Mountain View County, its residents or businesses**, we stand ready to support our neighbours and provide assistance as needed.

Camp Kindle Evacuation:

In response to the wildfire threat, Camp Kindle has proactively initiated evacuation procedures. They are arranging transportation to ensure the safety of all individuals at the camp. This decision is precautionary, and there is currently no immediate threat to the camp or surrounding areas in Mountain View County.

Stay Informed:

Residents are encouraged to stay tuned to Mountain View County's official communication channels for updates and further instructions. These channels include the County's website, social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and X – formerly known as Twitter), and the Mountain View County Mobile App, available for download on app stores under "Mountain View County."

Contact Information:

For inquiries related to the wildfire emergency, residents can email emergency@mvcountry.com or contact:

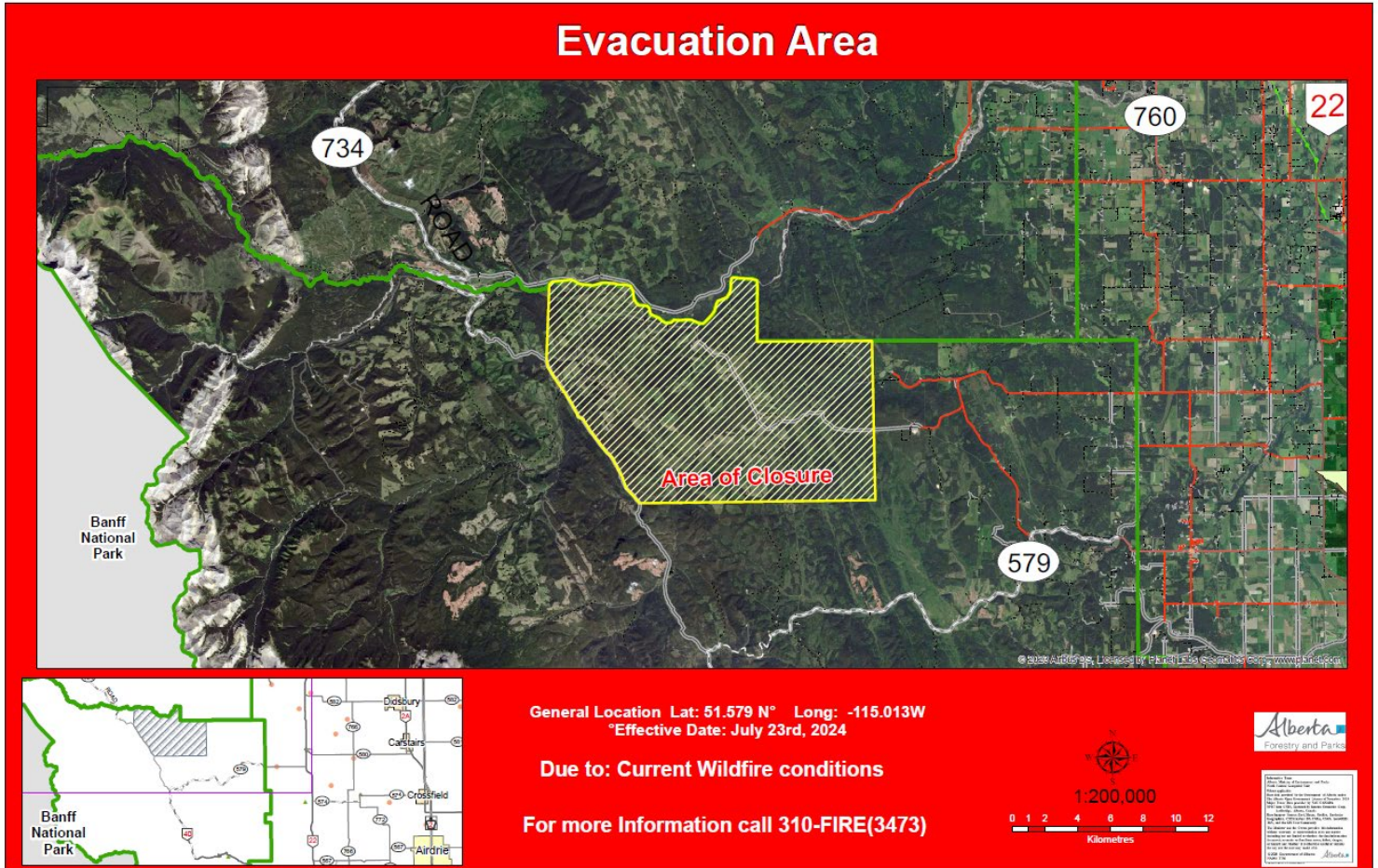
- For evacuation assistance: 403-899-9666
- For livestock assistance: 403-493-4821

VoyentAlert:

Those within the **Municipal District of Bighorn** are urged to register for VoyentAlert to receive real-time updates and alerts, at: <https://ca.voyent-alert.com/vras/client.html#!/registration>

Mountain View County remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents and stands ready to provide assistance throughout this evolving situation.

Area of Closure Map:



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