



Hanceville, BC

2017 Fires

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Directions:

Take the Chilcotin-Bella Hwy (BC-20 W)
Turn left onto Hanceville Cut Off Road, drive 1.7km
Slight right onto Big Creek Road, drive 3.8km
Turn left to stay on Big Creek Road, drive 13.4km to destination.

Location

Hanceville, BC is about 90km west of Williams Lake. This small town is the main community of the Stone First Nation Band. Hanceville is located southeast of Alexis Creek and on the north side of Chilcotin River. Most residents make a living from cattle ranching, but employment can also be found in logging and road building. The terrain around Hanceville boasts stunning sandstone carved canyons, rivers and endless graze land resulting in some spectacular views.

Disaster

In July 2017 the province of British Columbia declared a state of emergency for the first time in 14 years with more than 200 fires burning, mostly in central BC. This was the longest state of emergency in the province's history, lasting 10 weeks. 65,000 people were evacuated and between the 3 most notable fires over 787,311 hectares burned.

MDS

MDS volunteers will be working on one home at the Hanceville project and staying right on the property in their own RVs. Some RVs may be available for shorter term volunteers. This project is being overseen by the leadership at the Williams Lake project which is about 1 hour away from Hanceville.
