

PART 4.6 WOSS

4.6.1 Overview

Woss is located approximately 75 kilometers south east of Port McNeill on Highway 19. Population is approximately 350 persons.

Emergency Services: Call 9-1-1

- Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Port McNeill Detachment 9-1-1
- British Columbia Ambulance Service – Port McNeill 9-1-1
- Woss Volunteer Fire Department 9-1-1
Fire Department has “First Responder” capacity Local 281-3455
- Nearest Hospital – Port McNeill - 956-4461

Access:

- Woss is accessed by a paved provincial highway, 75 km south east of Port McNeill or 128 km north of Campbell River
- A 3500’ gravel aircraft landing strip is maintained by Canfor. Transport Canada approved and licensed helicopter pad exists within the hamlet.
- Float equipped aircraft can land on Woss Lake, approximately 10 kilometers from the hamlet site.

Communications:

- Woss has regular telephone service. No cellular telephone service.
- Internet service by dial up and high speed satellite service at Canfor.
- Licensed Amateur Radio

John Bullock	VE7-KDM	281-2475
Jim Corbett	VE7-JMY	281-4206
Ray Lutz	VE7-UCR	281-2257

- Satellite radios and Auto Tel held by Canfor employees and Fire Department
- A community siren

Schools:

- Woss Lake Elementary School. 33 students K-7.

4.6.2 Contacts

1. Woss Residents Association
General Delivery
Woss, BC V0N 3P0
Phone: 250-281-3460
2. General Manager
Canfor – Englewood Division
Woss, BC V0N 3P0
Phone: 250-281-2300
3. Woss Volunteer Fire Department
Chief Lance Wingrave 281-2466 (Fire Hall) 281-3365 (W)

Woss Emergency Coordinator: Jim Corbett 281-4206/281-2300(W)
4. Regional District of Mount Waddington
PO Box 729
Port McNeill BC V0N 2R0
Phone: 250-956-3301

Director representing Woss: Dave Rushton, Director Area “D”

4.6.3 Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis

A Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis have been completed for the entire Regional District of Mount Waddington, which will include Woss. The purpose of a Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis is to help a community make risk based choices to address vulnerabilities, mitigate hazards and prepare for response to and recovery from hazard events.

The objective of a Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis is to anticipate problems and possible solutions to:

- Save lives
- Reduce damage
- Speed community recovery

Hazards which Woss may be subject to are:

- Critical Facility Failure
- Earthquake
- Fire – Interface – Wildfire
- Flood
- Landslide
- Storm Surges
- Dangerous Goods Spill
- Transportation Accident –Air, Land, Marine
- Epidemic – Human – Flu
- Fire – Urban
- Infrastructure Failure
- Severe Weather
- Major Criminal Event

Hazard Response Plans have been developed for these types of emergencies and are included as part of the North Island Regional Emergency Plan.

4.6.4 Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Team

Jim Corbett Team Leader 281-4206(R) 281-2300(W)

Remaining team members - under development

4.6.5 Community Evacuation and Rally Site

The community evacuation rally site will be the Community Hall on McRae Drive.

4.6.6 Woss Evacuation Plan

[UNDER DEVELOPMENT]

4.6.7 Woss Tsunami Warning and Evacuation Plan

Not required for this community.