

12.7 WOSS

Woss is located approximately 75 kilometers south east of Port McNeill on Highway 19. Population is approximately 235.

12.7.1 Emergency Services

- Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Port McNeill Detachment 9-1-1
- British Columbia Ambulance Service – McNeill 9-1-1
- Woss Volunteer Fire Department – 9-1-1
- Fire Department has “First Responder” capacity, local 250-281-3455
- Nearest Hospital – Port Hardy 250-949-6161

12.7.2 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 not maintained. Transport Canada approved and licensed helicopter pad exists within the hamlet.

Float equipped aircraft can land on Woss Lake, approximately 10 km from the hamlet site.

12.7.3 Communication

Woss has regular telephone service but does not have cellular telephone service. Woss is included in the Regional District 9-1-1 service area.

Internet service is available.

For licensed Amateur Radio contacts, see Appendix 9.

Satellite radios and regular radios held by Western Forest Products employees and the Fire Department. There is a community siren.

12.7.4 Schools

Woss Lake Elementary School – 4500 MacRae, 250-281-2233

12.7.5 Contacts

See Appendix 9

12.7.6 Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis

A Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA) has been completed for the entire Regional District of Mount Waddington, which includes Quatsino. The purpose of a HRVA 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 HRVA is to anticipate problems and possible solutions to:

- save lives;
- reduce damage; and
- speed community recovery.

Hazards which Woss may be subject to are:

- critical facility failure
- earthquake
- fire – interface or wildfire
- transportation accident – air, land, or marine
- dangerous goods spill
- epidemic – human flu
- fire – urban
- infrastructure failure
- severe weather

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

12.7.7 Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Team

See Appendix 9

12.7.8 Community Evacuation and Rally Site

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

12.7.9 Woss Evacuation Plan

A detailed Woss Evacuation Plan has been prepared as a separate document under the North Island Regional Emergency Plan.

12.7.10 Woss Tsunami Warning and Evacuation Plan

Not required for this community.