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Evacuation Order expanded to 31 properties due to Merry Creek Wildfire

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has expanded its Evacuation Order to include three more properties for a total of 31 properties in Electoral Area J due to the Merry Creek Wildfire (N51165) 8 kilometres SW of Castlegar.

The Evacuation area covers residential addresses on 14th Ave., Fernwood Drive, Highway 3, Killough Road, Lucas Ave, Lucas Road, Mason Road and Merry Creek Forest Service Road. Effective immediately, residents in the EVACUATION ORDER area must leave immediately

List of addresses currently under Evacuation Order (see map below):

1	MASON RD	800	FERNWOOD DR
100	MERRY CREEK FSR	804	FERNWOOD DR
101	MERRY CREEK FSR	810	FERNWOOD DR
500	HWY 3	816	FERNWOOD DR
603	KILLOUGH RD	1000	HWY 3
604	KILLOUGH RD	1610	HWY 3
606	KILLOUGH RD	1901	LUCAS AVE
606	FERNWOOD DR	1950	LUCAS RD
611	KILLOUGH RD	1951	LUCAS RD
612	FERNWOOD DR	1990	LUCAS RD
613	KILLOUGH RD	2000	LUCAS RD
617	KILLOUGH RD	2005	LUCAS RD
618	FERNWOOD DR	2036	LUCAS RD
622	FERNWOOD DR	2070	LUCAS RD
629	FERNWOOD DR	2200	14TH AVE
751	MERRY CREEK FSR		

Residents and visitors are required to leave the affected area immediately and report to the reception centre at the **Castlegar & District Community Complex, 2101 6th Ave., Castlegar** and let them know you are under an Evacuation Order. Short-term assistance for immediate needs of food, shelter, and clothing is provided by Emergency Social Services volunteers through this centre.

This reception centre may not be able to accommodate your pets, so make sure you have prepared your pets by having appropriate cages, food and food/water/bowls, and ensure they are wearing identification. You may wish to arrange to have your pets cared for by family or friends.

Access to the Evacuation Order area is being controlled. You will not be permitted to return to your home during an Evacuation Order unless it is safe to do so and you have been given the permission of local officials and emergency personnel.

The RDCK has declared a state of local emergency in the area due to wildfire and the imminent threat of spreading to properties.

The RDCK EOC will provide further updates as more information becomes available.

For more information about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources, please visit www.rdck.ca/eocinfo. The RDCK EOC **public inquiry line is 250-352-7701**.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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