



# Media Release

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## Evacuation Order expanded for Octopus Creek wildfire

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has expanded its Evacuation Order for the Octopus Creek wildfire (N51800) in Electoral Area K to include the area from the transmission lines on Applegrove Road south to the existing order boundary.

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

**348 Applegrove Rd.  
430 Applegrove Rd.  
504 Applegrove Rd.  
604 Applegrove Rd.  
612 Applegrove Rd.  
620 Applegrove Rd.  
685 Applegrove Rd.  
780 Applegrove Rd.  
784 Applegrove Rd.  
802 Applegrove Rd.  
920 Applegrove Rd.**

On July 17, the RDCK issued its [original Evacuation ORDER](#) for five properties on the south side of Taite Creek, including Taite Creek recreation site. The Evacuation ALERT also remains in place for the community of Fauquier on the east shore of Lower Arrow Lake.

Residents and visitors are required to leave the Evacuation Order area immediately and **report to the Nakusp & District Sports Complex (200 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Nakusp, BC)** or register online with Emergency Support Services (ESS) at <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/>. Short-term assistance for immediate needs of food, shelter, and clothing maybe provided by ESS volunteers following registration at the above website. For further assistance you can call the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) public inquiry line 250-352-7701.

Residents in the affected Evacuation Order area are encouraged to stay with friends and family. ESS may not be able to accommodate your pets, so make sure you have prepared your pets by having appropriate cages, food,

water and bowls, and ensure they are wearing identification. You may wish to arrange to have your pets cared for by family or friends.

The Octopus Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 11 and estimated at 230 hectares. The BCWS has determined the cause to be lightning.

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

Additional Information:

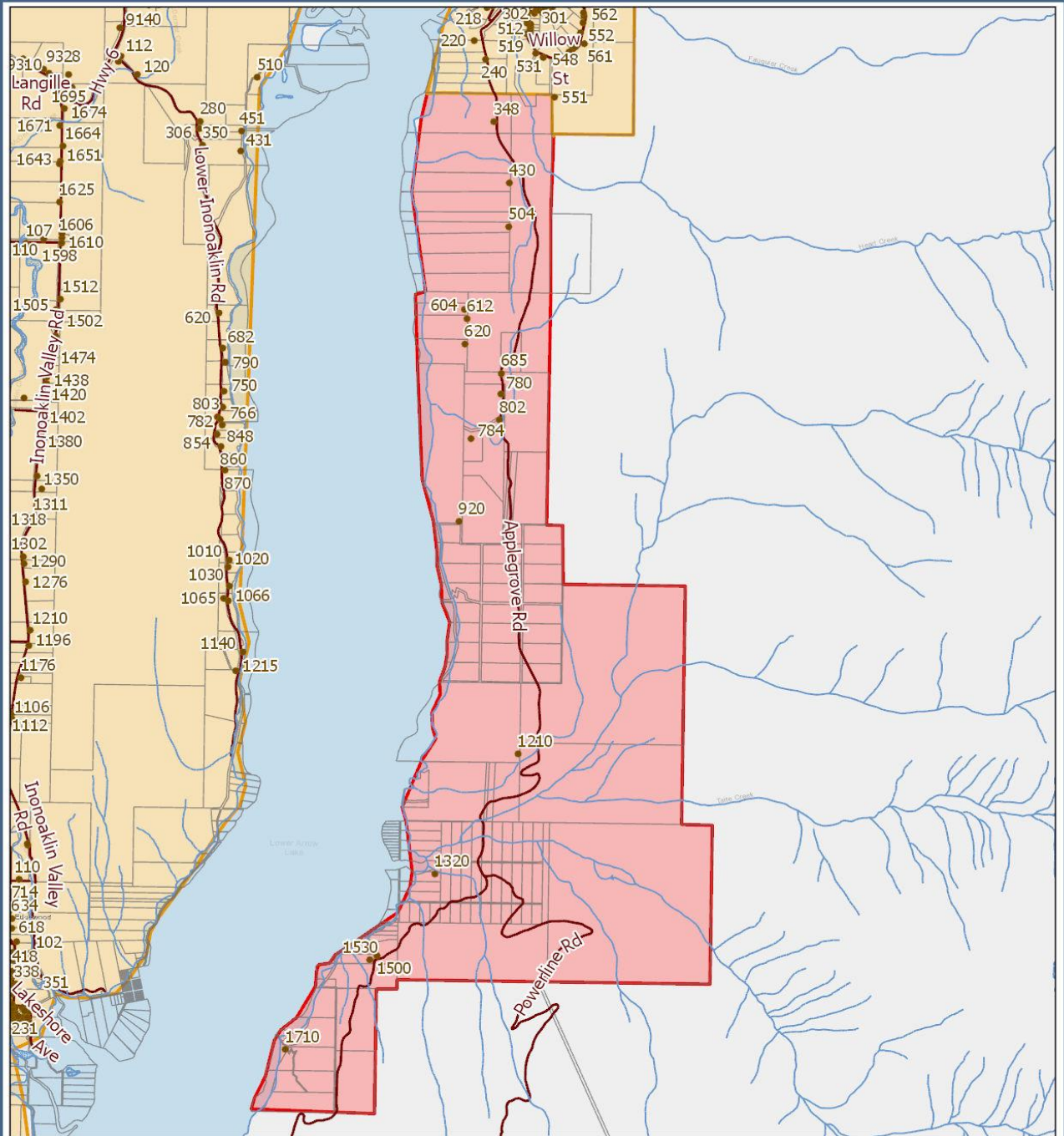
- Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds: [www.rdck.ca/eocinfo](http://www.rdck.ca/eocinfo) or call 250-352-7701
- [Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notifications](#)
- [BC Wildfire – Interactive Map of Current Fires](#)
- [Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada](#)
- [Highway closures and conditions from DriveBC](#)
- [For the BC Air Quality Health Index](#)
- [Emergency preparedness information and tips from the Prepared BC website](#)

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### Octopus Creek Wildfire Evacuation Order

- █ Evacuation Order
- █ Evacuation Alert
- Roads
- Civic Address
- Legal Parcels

**Map Scale:**  
 1:50,000

The mapping information shown are approximate representations and should only be used for reference purposes. The Regional District of Central Kootenay is not responsible for any errors or omissions on this map.