

Media Release

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Evacuation Order reduced for Trozzo Creek Wildfire

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is reducing a portion of the area currently under Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert. 32 properties in the area of Popou Road and Rooster Road will remain on Evacuation Order, while 142 properties will be reduced to an Evacuation Alert. This reduction to an Alert means residents can return to their properties, but must be prepared to leave should conditions change. See the map below for the specific details.

ADDRESSES STILL ON EVACUATION ORDER:

7803 LEMON CK RD	7844 POPOU RD
7928 LEMON CK RD	7850 POPOU RD
7536 POPOU RD	7602 ROOSTER RD
7538 POPOU RD	7610 ROOSTER RD
7546 POPOU RD	7611 ROOSTER RD
7547 POPOU RD	7618 ROOSTER RD
7549 POPOU RD	7624 ROOSTER RD
7570 POPOU RD	7630 ROOSTER RD
7574 POPOU RD	7637 ROOSTER RD
7578 POPOU RD	7641 ROOSTER RD
7582 POPOU RD	7672 ROOSTER RD
7599 POPOU RD	7681 ROOSTER RD
7825 POPOU RD	7682 ROOSTER RD
7835 POPOU RD	7687 ROOSTER RD
7840 POPOU RD	7694 ROOSTER RD
7842 POPOU RD	7721 ROOSTER RD

For residents who remain on Evacuation Order, a reminder to register online with Emergency Support Services (ESS) at <u>https://ess.gov.bc.ca/</u>. If you do not have a pre-arranged location to stay at and require support, please report to the Castlegar and District Recreation Centre, 2101 6th Avenue, Castlegar, BC. Short-term assistance for immediate needs of food, shelter, and clothing may be provided by ESS volunteers following registration at the above website. For further assistance you can call the RDCK EOC public inquiry line 250-352-7701.

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 RDCK advises residents on Evacuation Alert to remain vigilant and be prepared to leave the area at a moment's notice. It is recommended to prepare an emergency kit and ensure preparedness, including moving pets and livestock to a safe area, in the event the situation worsens and an Evacuation Order is enforced. Part of your plan should include where you can go if evacuated.

The Trozzo Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 9 and is currently estimated at 2635 hectares. The BCWS has determined the cause to be lightning.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Order and Alert will be provided via the <u>RDCK website</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> as more information becomes available. For details about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources, please visit <u>www.rdck.ca/eocinfo</u>.

For up to date information on current wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, call 1 888 3-FOREST (1 888-336-7378) or visit <u>www.bcwildfire.ca</u>.

For more information about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources:

- Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds: <u>www.rdck.ca/eocinfo</u> or call 250-352-7701
- Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notifications
- <u>BC Wildfire Interactive Map of Current Fires</u>
- 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

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 <u>www.rdck.ca</u>.

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For further information, please contact:

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