

Information Bulletin

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RE: Akokli Creek (N71686)

The Akokli Creek Wildfire, located approximately 7 kilometres east of Boswell, remains active and is currently listed as a fire of note by BCWS. At this time this wildfire is not immediately threatening structures. The fire is predominantly northward along the ridgetop and is highly visible along the highway corridor including Boswell, Creston and surrounding areas as well as those travelling along Hwy 3A. Fire is backing down on the west side towards the contingency line, but remains high on the slope. Crews are utilizing heavy equipment and helicopter support. Additional personnel are on route. The area is hot and dry today and very smoky – winds are forecast less than the last few days.

For more information on the wildfire refer to <u>BCWS Wildfires of Note Page</u>, <u>BCWS Facebook</u> and <u>BCWS Twitter</u>.

An <u>Evacuation Alert</u> from the RDCK remains in place for the communities of Boswell, Destiny Bay, and Sanca on the east shore of the south arm of Kootenay Lake in Electoral Area A.

RE: Cultus Creek Wildfire (N71245)

The Cultus Creek Wildfire is estimated to be 1,826 hectares in size and is currently listed as out of control by the BCWS. The fire has provided challenges, jumping over Cultus Creek and coming down to the rail grade, but crews managed to keep it away from structures on Tye beach. The fire is moving south and crews will be there overnight and are monitoring.

An <u>Evacuation Order</u> from the RDCK remains in place for the area of Midge Creek to Next Creek, on the west shore of the south arm of Kootenay Lake, within the Kootenay Lake Provincial Park in Electoral Area A.

Visit www.rdck.ca/eocinfo for the complete details of all current evacuation orders and alerts. Affected residents with any questions can contact the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at 250-352-7701.

Follow the links below to stay up to date.

BC Wildfire Service Emergency Info Drive BC Environment Canada

BE PREPARED

Now is the time to prepare for a potential evacuation. Follow the links below for valuable resources on how to make an emergency plan and prepare your grab and go bag. This includes preparing for your animals and livestock to be relocated. Residents in the affected Evacuation Order and Alert areas are encouraged to stay with friends and family.

Sign up for the RDCK Emergency Notification system and become FireSmart by having a FREE FireSmart assessment done on your home.

<u>PreparedBC</u> Wildfire Preparedness Guide Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notifications

<u>FireSmart</u> <u>Livestock Relocation</u>

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

• In case of emergency dial 911

- RDCK Emergency Operations Centre Inquiry Line 250-352-7701
- BC Wildfire 1-800-663-5555 or *5555
- BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376
- Fortis BC 1-866-436-7847