

Information Bulletin

July 27, 2021 Emergency Operations Centre 2:15 PM

RE: Octopus Creek Wildfire (N51800)

The Octopus Creek Wildfire, originated approximately 11 kilometres south of Fauquier and is highly visible from Edgewood, Fauquier, and Needles, remains active and is currently listed as a wildfire of note by the BCWS. Smoke continues to impede most of the air support operations due to visibility. Air tankers will be utilized to support operations when visibility allows safe operations. A Type 1 Incident Management Team is now handling the Arrow Lake Complex (Michaud Creek wildfire, Octopus Creek wildfire, and Renata Creek wildfire). For more information on the wildfire and area restrictions refer to Arrow Lake Wildfire Complex Update, BCWS Facebook and BCWS Twitter.

An <u>Evacuation ORDER</u> from the RDCK has been issued for 168 properties in the communities of Applegrove and Fauquier. The area goes from the south side of Taite Creek, including the Taite Creek recreation site north to Grassy Point.

RE: Michaud Creek Wildfire (N51765)

The Michaud Creek Wildfire, originated approximately 21 kilometres south of Edgewood, remains active and is currently listed as a wildfire of note by the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS). As of this morning, the fire remains south of Johnston Creek and was holding at the established control lines and in an area of an old burn. A Type 1 Incident Management Team is now handling the Arrow Lake Complex (Michaud Creek wildfire, Octopus Creek wildfire, and Renata Creek wildfire). For more information on the wildfire, refer to Arrow Lake Wildfire Complex Update, BCWS Facebook and BCWS Twitter.

The Evacuation Order from the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) was downgraded to an <u>Evacuation Alert</u> on Monday, July 26. 356 properties remain under Alert from Johnston Creek and continuing north to Whatshan Lake, including the communities of Edgewood and Needles.

RE: Trozzo Creek Wildfire (N51705)

The Trozzo Creek wildfire, originated approximately 7.5 kilometres northeast of Winlaw, is active and is currently listed as a wildfire of note by BCWS. Ongoing dense smoke continues to limit visibility and safe access to the fire for fixed wing aircraft (tankers with retardant). Crews successfully completed a planned ignition at 7km on the Elliot Anderson FSR and began suppressing fire along the road. As of 8:00 pm July 26, the fire had not jumped the Lemon Creek FSR. For more information on the wildfire refer to BCWS Wildfires of Note Page, BCWS Facebook and BCWS Twitter

An <u>Evacuation ORDER</u> remains in place for 32 properties in the area of Popou Road, Rooster Road, and Lemon Creek Road. An Evacuation ALERT remains in place for 142 properties.

RE: Akokli Creek Wildfire (N71686)

The Akokli Creek Wildfire, originated approximately 7 kilometres from Boswell, remains active and is currently listed as a wildfire of note by BCWS. The fire is very active, but remains within established control lines. Poor visibility has halted attempts to use fixed-wing skimmers (water bomber) on the fire for the past two days. Additional resources continue to arrive at this incident. For more information on the wildfire and current area restrictions refer to BCWS Wildfires of Note Page, BCWS Facebook and BCWS Twitter.

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

RE: Renata Creek Wildfire (N71245)

The Renata Creek wildfire is estimated at 1,970 hectares in size and is currently listed as out of control by the BCWS. The fire was discovered on July 9 and the cause was determined to be lightening. A Type 1 Incident Management Team is now handling the Arrow Lake Complex (Michaud Creek wildfire, Octopus Creek wildfire, and Renata Creek wildfire). For more information on the wildfire refer to to Arrow Lake Wildfire Complex Update, BCWS Facebook and BCWS Twitter.

An <u>Evacuation ALERT</u> from the RDCK remains in place for the community of Renata and any other dwellings within the Evacuation Alert perimeter, on the east shore of Lower Arrow Lake in Electoral Area J.

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
Evacuation Order and Alert web map

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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 <u>grab and go bag</u>. This includes preparing for <u>your animals and livestock to be relocated</u>. 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.

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<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