

Media Release

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Portion of Nelson-Salmo Great Northern Trail closed to motorized use

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is closing a 22 km portion of the Nelson-Salmo Great Northern Trail to motorized use due to extreme wildfire danger. The affected portion of the trail starts at Hall Creek (north of Ymir) and runs south to Salmo. Under normal conditions, use by off-road recreational vehicles is allowed on this portion of the trail.

"Due to the current extreme wildfire risk facing much of the province, we are closing this portion of the trail to off-road and motorized vehicles until further notice," said Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services at the RDCK. "Vehicles of all kinds can spark fires for a number of reasons, and this is one step we can take to help keep our trails and communities safe."

View a map of the trail here: <u>https://www.trailforks.com/trails/nelson-salmo-great-northern-trail-the-great-trail/</u>

Signs indicating the closures have been posted at trail access points.

For up-to-date information about the status of other regional parks and trails, visit <u>www.rdck.ca/EN/main/services/parks.html</u>.

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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