



Information Bulletin

July 29, 2021

Emergency Operations Centre

6:15 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. Fire behaviour is anticipated to remain low to moderate due to the quieter winds and smoke covering the wildfire. Smoke coverage is expected to increase over the upcoming days due to the lighter winds. Smoke continues to impede the majority of air support operations on the fire. 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 [Evacuation ORDER](#) 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). Fire behaviour is anticipated to remain low to moderate due to quieter winds and smoke covering the wildfire. Smoke coverage is expected to increase over the upcoming days due to the lighter winds. Smoke continues to impede the majority of air support operations on the fire. 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 [Evacuation Alert](#) 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. Clear skies on Wednesday allowed for fixed-wing aircraft to support the work of ground crews and helicopters, but hotter temperatures, lower relative humidity and higher winds led to increased fire behaviour. Weather is expected to remain hot and dry. Resources on the fire include 90 firefighters, five helicopters and 21 pieces of heavy equipment. For more information on the wildfire and area restrictions refer to [Southeast Fire Centre Update](#), [BCWS Facebook](#) and [BCWS Twitter](#).

An [Evacuation ORDER](#) 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 highly visible from Boswell, Creston and surrounding areas, as well as to those travelling along Highway 3A. [On Wednesday, dense smoke cleared and allowed for aircraft to support the work of ground crews. Four fixed-wing skimmers](#) and two helicopters helped firefighters on the ground manage fire behaviour intensity as the fire moved westward down a slope toward the containment line. Weather is expected to remain hot and dry. Resources on the fire include 51 firefighters, three helicopters and five pieces of heavy equipment. For more information on the wildfire and current area restrictions refer to [Southeast Fire Centre Update](#), [BCWS Facebook](#) and [BCWS Twitter](#).

An [Evacuation ALERT](#) 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: Renata Creek Wildfire (N71245)

The Renata Creek wildfire is estimated at 2,603 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 lightning. 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](#).

An [Evacuation ALERT](#) 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.

For media inquiries, call the RDCK EOC public inquiry line at 250-352-7701 or email EOCinfo@rdck.bc.ca.

Follow the links below to stay up to date.

[BC Wildfire Service Emergency Info](#) [Drive BC](#) [Environment Canada](#)
[Evacuation Order and Alert web map](#)

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.

[PreparedBC](#) [Wildfire Preparedness Guide](#) [Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notifications](#)
[FireSmart](#) [Livestock Relocation](#)

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- 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

All media inquires can contact the EOC Information Officer at 250-352-7701.