

# **Media Release**

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## **Evacuation Alert expanded to include Johnsons Landing**

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has expanded the Evacuation Alert due to the Fry Creek wildfire (N71980) to include part of the community of Johnsons Landing south of Gar Creek. The entire Alert area covers Gar Creek south through Fry Creek area and the community of Birchdale. Johnsons Landing is located northeast of Kaslo on the east shore of Kootenay Lake in Electoral Area 'D'. See map below. The Alert includes the following addresses and Parcel Identifier (PID):

\*The addresses below include all properties on Evacuation Alert from Gar Creek south to Birchdale

1956 ARGENTA-JOHNSONS LANDING RD	2261 KOOTENAY JOE RD
138 BIRCHDALE WAY	2265 KOOTENAY JOE RD
200 BIRCHDALE WAY	2275 HOLMGREN RD
2039 HOUSTON RD	2280 HOLMGREN RD
2040 HOUSTON RD	016-429-079
2046 HOUSTON RD	012-731-188
2047 STENBERG RD	016-077-971
2051 ARGENTA-JOHNSONS LANDING RD	023-193-859
2051 HOUSTON RD	024-677-973
2075 ARGENTA-JOHNSONS LANDING RD	027-545-491
2080 ARGENTA-JOHNSONS LANDING RD	006-438-521
2110 HOUSTON RD	024-384-321
2155 MCNICOL RD	018-363-164
2165 MACNICOL RD, JOHNSON'S LANDING	005-439-841
2185 HOUSTON RD	007-093-951
2188 HOUSTON RD	016-077-989
2215 KOOTENAY JOE RD	012-526-223
2216 HOLMGREN RD	030-378-818
2223 HOLMGREN RD	016-077-938
2230 HOLMGREN RD	016-417-631
2240 KOOTENAY JOE RD	012-929-727
2244 HOLMGREN RD	017-681-821
2251 KOOTENAY JOE RD	011-125-918
2254 HOLMGREN RD	016-444-957
2260 HOLMGREN RD	

At this time residents or visitors within the area are not required to evacuate, however the RDCK advises people to be prepared to leave the area at a moment's notice and remain vigilant. Residents should prepare their emergency grab and go bag, prepare to move pets and livestock to a safe area, and <u>sign up to receive RDCK</u> <u>emergency notifications</u>. Part of your plan should include where you can go if evacuated, such as staying with friends or family.

The Fry Creek wildfire was first discovered on August 25, 2022 and is currently estimated to be 150 hectares. The fire has grown over the last few days and is highly visible, particularly at night. Airtankers and a skimmer group are en route to the area to cool fire behaviour and slow the spread. Ground personnel are working on creating defensible lines that can be safely worked from.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation 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 evacuation and emergency preparedness, along with other resources, please visit <u>www.rdck.ca/eocinfo</u>. The RDCK EOC public inquiry line is 250.352.7701. At this time during the Alert phase, the EOC public inquiry line will be monitored during business hours, between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

For up to date information on current wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, call 1.888.336.7378, visit the BCWS <u>Wildfire of Note Page</u> or go to <u>www.bcwildfire.ca</u>.

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

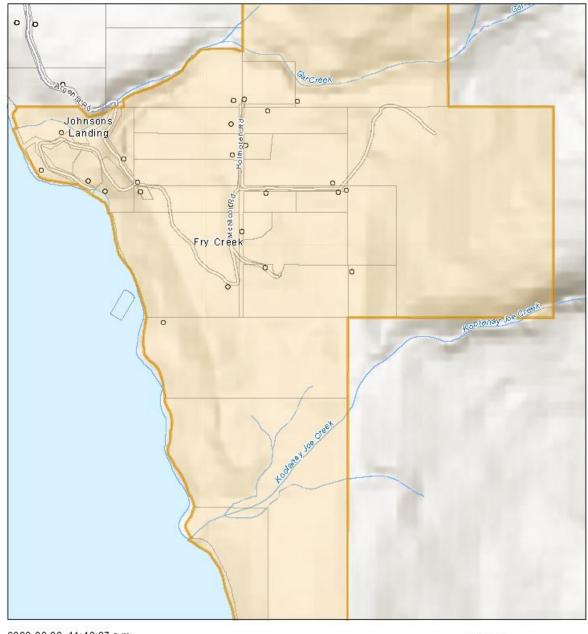
- <u>Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds</u> or call 250.352.7701
- RDCK web map
- Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada
- <u>BC Wildfire Interactive Map of Current Events</u>
- Fortis BC Outage Map or call 1.866.436.7847
- <u>BC Hydro outage map</u> or call 1.800.224.9376
- Nelson Hydro 1.877.324.9376
- Drive BC for highway closures and road conditions
- For BC Air Quality Health Index
- Prepared BC

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 media enquiries:

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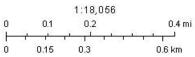


### Johnsons Landing/Fry Creek Evacuation Alert - Expanded Area

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- Evacuation Alert
  - 0 Civic Address
  - Legal Parcels



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