



# Media Release

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## Post-Wildfire Natural Hazard Risk Analysis Reconnaissance Report Briggs Creek, Glacier Creek and Monument Creek wildfires

Nelson, BC: The Province of British Columbia's Ministry of Forests, has released post wildfire natural hazard risk analysis reconnaissance reports for the Briggs Creek, Glacier Creek and Monument Creek wildfires. All three wildfires are located within the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK). These reports contain information on potential increased hazards and risks following a wildfire, such as downslope and downstream risks to life, property and infrastructure. To view the reports along with reports from previous emergencies, click [www.rdck.ca/hazardreports](http://www.rdck.ca/hazardreports).

Following a wildfire, the chances of soil erosion, landslides, and floods can increase. This risk can be enhanced with intense rainfall or rapid snowmelt. Wildfire can also cause snow avalanches and may affect water quality, cause erosion and result in sedimentation. To better understand the risk, the Ministry of Forests conducts post wildfire analysis of the hazard areas that pose an increased risk to public safety, significant improvements or infrastructure.

Along with reviewing this report and the links provided in this publication, residents are invited to start thinking about fall and winter emergency preparedness with the enhanced potential for severe weather events that can lead to damaged infrastructure, floods, landslides and prolonged power outages. A key element of being prepared is to understand the risk and have adequate home insurance along with an emergency plan that encompasses all your household's occupants, including your pets.

The Briggs Creek wildfire, west of Kaslo, was first discovered at high elevation on Mount Kemp on August 1<sup>st</sup> and is estimated to be 2,160 hectares. The cause of the fire is believed to be lightning. The majority of this fire has burned in extremely steep and mountainous terrain and at this time, the Briggs Creek wildfire is considered as "being held" by the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS). The RDCK issued an Evacuation Alert from August 1<sup>st</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> for 14 properties on Kaslo Creek South Fork Road.

The Glacier Creek wildfire, north of Meadow Creek, is estimated to be 139 hectares. The cause of the fire is believed to be lightning and at this time, the fire is considered as "being held" by BCWS.

The Monument Creek Wildfire, 12 km north of Nelson and near the community of Six Mile, is estimated to be 660 hectares. The cause of the fire is believed to be lightning and at this time, the fire is considered as "being held" by BCWS.

The RDCK encourages residents to remain prepared for unexpected events or emergencies by making a plan and having a household emergency kit and a grab and go bag. As well, it is recommended for residents to exercise extreme caution in areas below recent wildfires and near creeks. Following a wildfire, the likelihood of the occurrence of landslides, erosion, floods and snow avalanches within or downslope of the burned area can increase.

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

- [RDCK Emergency Management](#)
- [Sign up for the RDCK Emergency Notification System](#)
- [Learn more about emergency preparedness – Prepared BC](#)
- [Emergency preparedness guides – Prepared BC](#)
- [Post-Wildfire Natural Hazards Risk Analysis in British Columbia – Ministry of Forests](#)
- [Landslide and Flooding Risk Due to Wildfire Brochure – Ministry of Forests](#)
- [Public weather alerts for BC – Environment Canada](#)
- [Landslide Emergency Preparedness – Prepared BC](#)
- [Current RDCK emergency information](#) or call 250.352.7701
- To report floods, landslides or spills, contact Emergency Management BC at 1.800.663.3456

*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](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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