

Information Bulletin

July 5, 2021 Emergency Operations Centre 12:00 PM

RE: Merry Creek Wildfire (N51165)

The Merry Creek Wildfire, located 8 kilometres SW of Castlegar, is 100 per cent contained and is currently listed as being held by the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS). This wildfire is no longer listed as a wildfire of note. The general public is reminded that most of the fire occurred on private land and the area is an active work zone. The public must stay clear of the area to allow for crews to continue their work. Pay attention to road signs on Forest Service Roads (FSRs) and highways surrounding the affected area and check DriveBC for any updates or interruptions.

Affected residents with any questions can contact the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at 250-352-7701.

The Regional District of Central Kootenay rescinded the Evacuation Order for 31 properties and the Evacuation Alert for one property on July 3 at 12:30 pm due to the Merry Creek Wildfire. Visit www.rdck.ca/eocinfo for the complete details and Facebook and Twitter for regular updates.

The City of Castlegar also rescinded its Evacuation Alert in six areas. Check out the <u>City of Castlegar</u> website for more information.

Follow the links below to stay up to date.

BC Wildfire Service Emergency Info Drive BC Environment Canada

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.

Sign up for the RDCK Emergency Notification system and become FireSmart by having a FREE FireSmart assessment done on your home.

<u>PreparedBC</u> <u>Wildfire Preparedness Guide</u> <u>Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notifications</u>

<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