



Media Release

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Evacuation Order issued for Octopus Creek wildfire

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has issued an Evacuation Order for the south side of Taite Creek including the Taite Creek recreation site in Electoral Area K due to the Octopus Creek wildfire (N51800).

List of addresses currently under Evacuation Order are (see map below):

1210 Applegrove Rd
1320 Applegrove Rd
1500 Applegrove Rd
1530 Applegrove Rd
1710 Applegrove Rd

Residents and visitors are required to leave the Evacuation Order area immediately and register online with Emergency Support Services (ESS) at <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/>. Short-term assistance for immediate needs of food, shelter, and clothing may be provided by ESS volunteers following registration at the above website. For further assistance you can call the RDCK EOC public inquiry line 250-352-7701.

Residents in the affected Evacuation Order area are encouraged to stay with friends and family. ESS may not be able to accommodate your pets, so make sure you have prepared your pets by having appropriate cages, food, water and bowls, and ensure they are wearing identification. You may wish to arrange to have your pets cared for by family or friends.

The Octopus Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 11 and estimated at 230 hectares. The BCWS has determined the cause to be lightning.

The RDCK EOC will provide further updates as more information becomes available.

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

- Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds: www.rdck.ca/eocinfo or call 250-352-7701
- Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notification: <https://vovent-alert.com/ca/community/>

- BC Wildfire – Interactive Map of Current Fires: <https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b>
- Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada: https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=bc
- Highway closures and conditions from DriveBC: <https://www.drivebc.ca/>
- For the BC Air Quality Health Index: <https://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/data/aqhi-table.html>
- Emergency preparedness information and tips from the Prepared BC website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc>

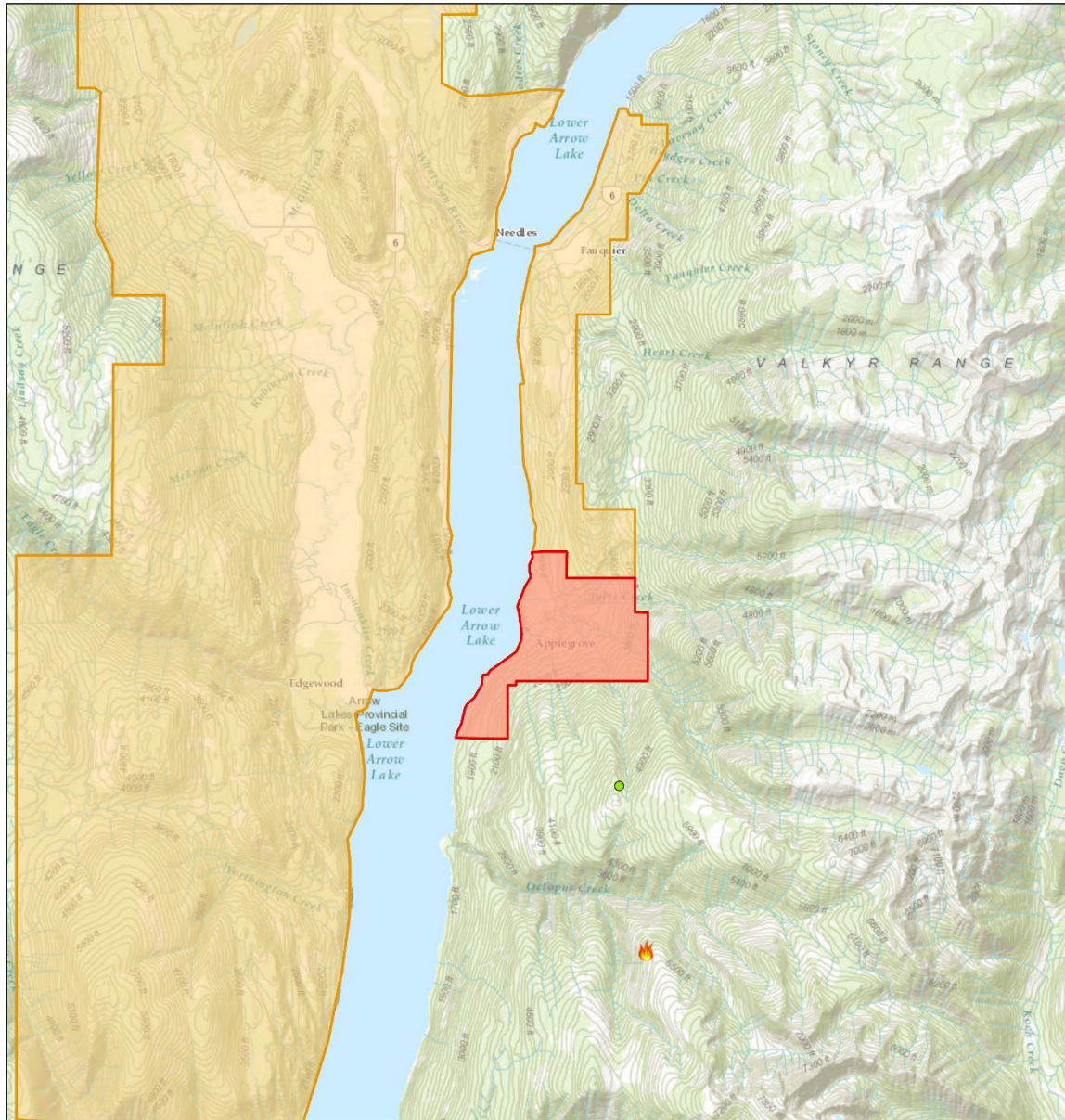
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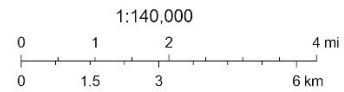
For further information, please contact:

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