



# Information Bulletin

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Emergency Operations Centre

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## **RE: Octopus Creek Wildfire (N51800)**

The Octopus Creek Wildfire, originated approximately 11 kilometres south of Fauquier and remains active and is currently listed as a wildfire of note by the BCWS. The construction of the north flank control line has been very successful. Firefighters and heavy equipment will continue to reinforce the control line to protect the community of Fauquier from the advancing wildfire. Heavy equipment and crews at the east flank on Koch Creek are making good progress establishing a control line in the valley. This line is intended to prevent the wildfire from spreading east into adjacent valleys. The Arrow Lake Complex (Michaud Creek wildfire, Octopus Creek wildfire, and Renata Creek wildfire) received 0-7 millimetres of precipitation overnight. The cooler temperature and increased humidity have dampened surface fuels, however the larger fuels and deep soil remain highly combustible and would need significant rainfall to improve conditions.

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 remains for 16 properties south of approximately the 15.5KM mark on Applegrove Rd. 152 properties, including the community of Fauquier are on Evacuation Alert.

## **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). Good progress is being made by firefighters who continue to work on the control line, north of the wildfire. Crews have established pumps and water hoses from the lake and continue to work towards the west. The objective is to prevent the fire from growing towards the north/north west. Firefighters continue to extinguish spot fires across Johnston Creek and they have begun to establish guard lines south of Michaud Creek. The Arrow Lake Complex (Michaud Creek wildfire, Octopus Creek wildfire, and Renata Creek wildfire) received 0-7 millimetres of precipitation overnight. The cooler temperature and increased humidity have dampened surface fuels, however the larger fuels and deep soil remain highly combustible and would need significant rainfall to improve conditions. For more information on the wildfire, refer to [Arrow Lake Wildfire Complex Update](#), [BCWS Facebook](#) and [BCWS Twitter](#).

The [Evacuation Alert](#) from the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) was removed on August 2.

### **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. Fire activity has remained largely stable. Cloud cover and precipitation reduced fire activity on Monday and allowed for quicker progress in suppression efforts along the western and northern flanks. Crews continue to work along the Lemon Creek FSR and are engaging in direct attack on the fire. Firefighters continue fire suppression along the Elliot Anderson FSR. The objectives for crews continue to be focused on containing the western flank from Lemon Creek to Winlaw Creek, increasing the containment depth in the Trozzo Creek drainage, establishing contingency guards north and south of the fire and planning containment guards for the south and east flanks to implement once the western flank is contained. For more information on the wildfire and area restrictions refer to [Southeast Fire Centre Update](#), [BCWS Facebook](#) and [BCWS Twitter](#).

An [Evacuation ORDER](#) has been downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for the area south of Popou Rd north to Ringrose Creek.

### **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. Recent precipitation has decreased fire behaviour and slowed down growth in portions of the fire outside constructed control lines. Crews are transitioning to patrol along the fire guard in Akokli Creek on the south flank and above Boswell on the west flank. Uncontained fire still exists in Lockhart Beach Provincial Park but is not currently threatening structures. Contingency planning is still occurring and BCWS is monitoring the fire within the park. 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 area from Lockhart Beach Provincial Park south to include 11721 Hwy 3A.

### **RE: Renata Creek Wildfire (N71245)**

The Renata Creek wildfire is currently listed as out of control by the BCWS. Crews continue to build and reinforce control lines in priority areas. The fire continues to back down slowly toward the community, but there is no imminent threat at this time. 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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[FireSmart](#)     [Livestock Relocation](#)

### **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