

## **Media Release**

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## **RDCK Evacuation Alert due to Briggs Creek wildfire**

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has issued an Evacuation Alert for the properties on Kaslo Creek South Fork road in Electoral Area 'D" See map of the Evacuation Alert area below.

## **Evacuation Alert address point**

2130 KASLO CK SOUTH FORK RD

2138 KASLO CK SOUTH FORK RD

2140 KASLO CK SOUTH FORK RD

2150 KASLO CK SOUTH FORK RD

2160 KASLO CK SOUTH FORK RD

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2201 KASLO CK SOUTH FORK RD

2209 KASLO CK SOUTH FORK RD

2215 KASLO CK SOUTH FORK RD

2221 KASLO CK SOUTH FORK RD

2225 KASLO CK SOUTH FORK RD

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

The Briggs Creek wildfire was first discovered on August 1, 2022 and estimated at 386 hectares. The BCWS has determined the cause to be from lightning.

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 or visit www.bcwildfire.ca.

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

- Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds or call 250.352.7701
- RDCK web map
- Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada
- BC Wildfire Interactive Map of Current Events
- Fortis BC Outage Map or call 1.866.436.7847
- BC Hydro outage map or call 1.800.224.9376
- Nelson Hydro 1.877.324.9376
- <u>Drive BC</u> 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 <a href="https://www.rdck.ca">www.rdck.ca</a>.

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