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Further reduction in Evacuation Alert area 113 properties remain under Evacuation Alert due to the Talbot Creek Wildfire

Nelson, BC: For the second day in a row, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), based on the recommendation from BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), is reducing the number of properties under Evacuation Alert due to the Talbot Creek Wildfire (N51250). The RDCK EOC is rescinding the Evacuation Alert for all properties east of the Slocan River, a total of 63 properties. The Evacuation Alert remains in place for 113 properties between Vallican and north to Drake Street along Slocan River Road.

Please refer to the map below outlining the Evacuation Alert area and the specific addresses still under Alert.

The RDCK EOC originally issued the Evacuation Alert on Saturday, August 22 for 305 homes in the communities of Lebahdo, Little Slocan, Passmore and Vallican due to the Talbot Creek Wildfire. Located in the Slocan Valley, approximately 3.5 km north east of Highway 6 and approximately 30 km north of Castlegar, the Talbot Creek Wildfire was discovered on Monday August 17. On September 14 the Evacuation Alert was removed for all properties west of the intersection of Indian Point Road and Little Slocan South Road, plus all properties south of the Little Slocan River.

Heavy smoke continues to blanket the entire area and has prevented helicopters from flying until visibility improves. There has been limited fire activity and growth in the section of the fire that is closest to the areas where the Evacuation Alert has been removed. The BCWS has structure protection units (SPU's) deployed along Slocan River Road, north of Natlamp Road. Three, 20-person unit crews continue to work in this area beginning at Natlamp Road and continuing northeast. As a result, only local traffic is allowed on Slocan River Road. For more information on the wildfire, please visit the [BCWS website](#).

"This is another positive step to be able to reduce the Evacuation Alert for a second straight day thanks to the hard work being done by the BC Wildfire Service," said Chris Johnson, Director of the RDCK EOC. "Hopefully this trend will continue with cooler temperatures and potential rain forecast for this weekend."

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. It is recommended to prepare an emergency kit and ensure preparedness, including moving pets and livestock to a safe area, in the event the situation worsens and an Evacuation Order is enforced. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there are limited options for lodging. People that are evacuated will be asked to arrange accommodations with family or friends outside the area, if at all possible, leaving available spots for those that need it most.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Alert will be provided via the [RDCK website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as more information becomes available.

For more information:

- 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 of Evacuation Orders. Go to www.rdck.ca/emergencynotification and select "Emergency Alerts" from the home page, or go to the notification system sign-up page at https://vovent-alert.com/community/?page_id=217
- BC Wildfire – Interactive Map of Current Fires: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status> - Emergency Contact Number 1-800-663-5555 or *5555
- Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada: https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=bc
- Highway closures and conditions from DriveBC: <http://www.drivebc.ca/>
- For the BC Air Quality Health Index: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/aqhi-table.xml>
- For tips about living with smoky skies and wildfires from the Interior Health Authority: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/Emergency/MajorEvents/Pages/default.aspx>
- Emergency preparedness information and tips from the Prepared BC website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/preparedbc>

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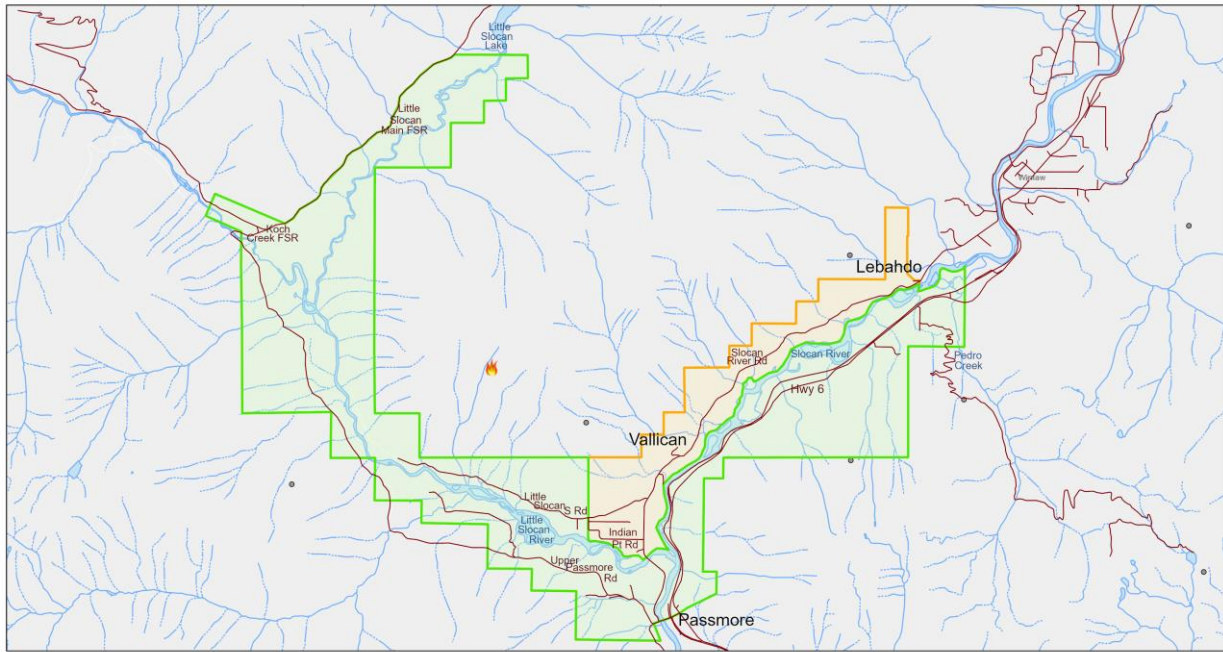
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Talbot Creek Wildfire EVACUATION ALERT



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The mapping information shown are approximate and are for reference purposes only.

Address List

3850 BARBADOS ROAD	4085 PASSMORE LOWER ROAD	4682 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
3890 BARBADOS ROAD	4120 SLOCAN RIV RD	4692 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
3911 BARBADOS ROAD	4145 SLOCAN RIV RD	4720 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
3921 BARBADOS ROAD	4162 SLOCAN RIV RD	4761 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
3939 BARBADOS ROAD	4192 SLOCAN RIV RD	4762 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
3945 BARBADOS ROAD	4196 SLOCAN RIV RD	4767 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
3946 BARBADOS ROAD	4205 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4778 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
3975 BARBADOS ROAD	4216 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4819 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
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4028 BARBADOS ROAD	4228 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4855 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
5361 DRIVEAKE STREET	4235 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4868 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
3875 INDIAN PT ROAD	4265 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4879 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
3890 INDIAN PT ROAD	4272 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4892 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
3922 INDIAN PT ROAD	4280 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4895 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
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3946 INDIAN PT ROAD	4312 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4911 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
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4023 INDIAN PT ROAD	4344 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4951 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4026 INDIAN PT ROAD	4356 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	5205 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4058 INDIAN PT ROAD	4373 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4363 SLOCAN RIVER ROAD
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3830 LITTLE SLOCAN S ROAD	4384 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
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4320 NATLAMP ROAD	4648 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4322 NATLAMP ROAD	4654 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4003 PASSMORE LOWER ROAD	4663 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4010 PASSMORE LOWER ROAD	4670 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
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