

Media Release

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY MEDIA RELEASE

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Evacuation Order and Alert issued for Aylwin 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 Order for 11 properties in Electoral Area "H", specific addresses listed below, and an Evacuation Alert for 91 properties in Area "H" See map of the area affected with the Evacuation Order area indicated in RED and Evacuation Alert area indicated in YELLOW below.

Properties under Evacuation Order:

8905 Highway 6

8755 Highway 6

8651 Highway 6

8941 Highway 6

8953 Highway 6

8961 Highway 6

8921 Highway 6

8749 Highway 6

8851 Highway 6

8751 Highway 6

8821 Highway 6

See below for a list of properties on Evacuation Alert.

The RDCK has declared a State of Local Emergency for Electoral Area 'H' due to the Aylwin Creek wildfire. Under B.C.'s Emergency Program Act, when a State of Emergency is declared, it provides

the RDCK's Emergency Operations Centre greater flexibility to access resources and respond efficiently to the imminent threat of wildfire across the region.

Residents and Visitors are required to leave the Evacuation Order area immediately. Evacuated residents are asked to go to their pre-arranged emergency locations and register online with Emergency Support Services (ESS) at https://ess.gov.bc.ca/. If you do not have a pre-arranged location and require support, please report to the Royal Canadian Legion at 502 Harold St, Slocan BC VOG 2CO. 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 pubic inquiry line at 250.352.7701.

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.

Access to the Evacuation Order area is being controlled. You will not be permitted to return to your home during and Evacuation Order unless it is safe to do so and you have been given permission by local officials and emergency personnel.

The Aylwin creek wildfire was first discovered on July 18th and is currently estimated at 10 hectares. The BCWS has determined the cause to be lightning.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Order 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.

For up to date information on current wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, call 1.888.336.7378 or visit www.bcwildfire.ca.

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

- <u>Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds</u> or call 250.352.7701
- Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notifications
- 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
- Drive BC 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 www.rdck.ca.

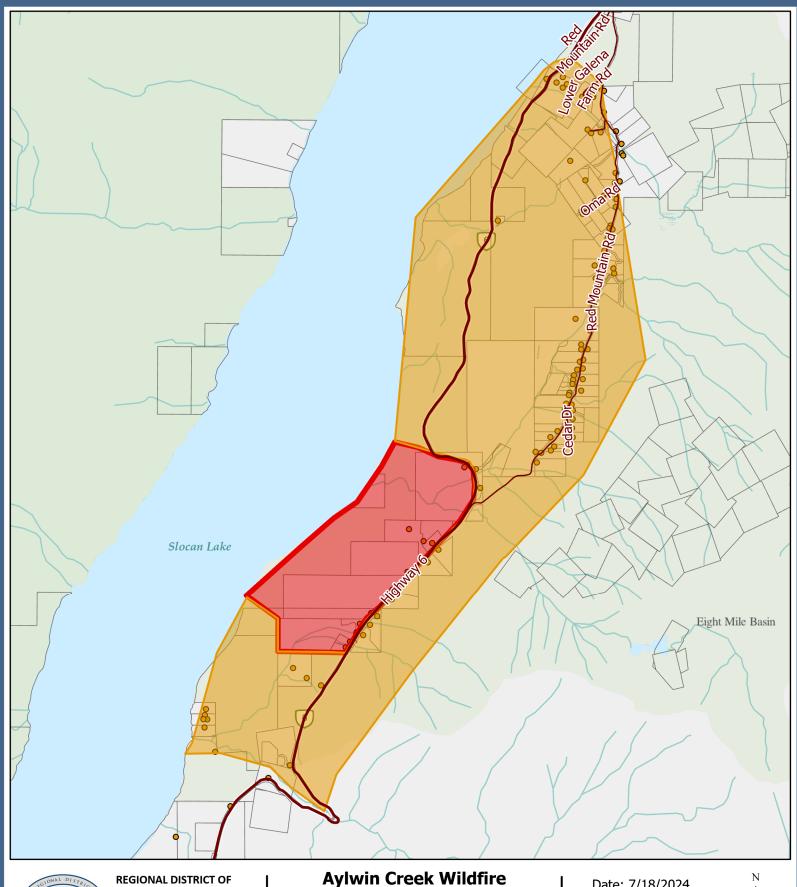
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EOC Phone: 250-352-7701 or 1-866-522-7701

Current Emergency Information: rdck.ca/EOCinfo

1-800-663-3456

Register to receive emergency notifications:

rdck.ca/notifications To report a flood, landslide, spill or other hazards:

OPERATIONS CENTRE

Road

Civic Address

Highway

Evacuation Order

Evacuation Alert

Evacuation Order

Legal Parcels

Date: 7/18/2024

Map Scale: 1:45,000

0.5 2 km

The mapping information shown are approximate representations and should only be used for reference purposes. The Regional District of Central Kootenay is not responsible for any errors or omissions on this map.

Evacuation Alert Address List

7912 HIGHWAY 6	8297 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8876 HIGHWAY 6
7914 HIGHWAY 6	8310 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8906 HIGHWAY 6
7916 HIGHWAY 6	8321 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8909 HIGHWAY 6
7918 HIGHWAY 6	8370 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8926 HIGHWAY 6
7923 HIGHWAY 6	8383 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8942 HIGHWAY 6
8010 LWR GALENA FARM RD	8391 RED MOUNTAIN RD	9089 HIGHWAY 6
8012 LWR GALENA FARM RD	8407 RED MOUNTAIN RD	9150 HIGHWAY 6
8014 LWR GALENA FARM RD	8413 RED MOUNTAIN RD	9155 HIGHWAY 6
8016 LWR GALENA FARM RD	8418 RED MOUNTAIN RD	9185 HIGHWAY 6
8018 LWR GALENA FARM RD	8425 RED MOUNTAIN RD	9191 HIGHWAY 6
8019 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8428 RED MOUNTAIN RD	9191 HIGHWAY 6
8021 LWR GALENA FARM RD	8446 RED MOUNTAIN RD	9191 HIGHWAY 6
8046 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8449 RED MOUNTAIN RD	9195 HIGHWAY 6
8067 UPPER GALENA FARM RD	8465 RED MOUNTAIN RD	9255 HIGHWAY 6
8075 UPPER GALENA FARM RD	8470 RED MOUNTAIN RD	9301 HIGHWAY 6
8085 UPPER GALENA FARM RD	8473 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8095 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8479 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8099 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8494 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8141 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8497 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8150 HIGHWAY 6	8503 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8157 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8521 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8164 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8522 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8165 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8526 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8171 OMA RD	8527 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8173 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8530 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8177 OMA RD	8545 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8180 OMA RD	8550 CEDAR DR	
8186 OMA RD	8559 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8195 OMA RD	8560 CEDAR DR	
8196 OMA RD	8576 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8070 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8580 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8201 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8590 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8230 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8595 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8235 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8596 RED MOUNTAIN RD	
8237 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8656 HIGHWAY 6	
8241 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8670 HIGHWAY 6	
8250 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8760 HIGHWAY 6	
8277 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8788 HIGHWAY 6	
8296 RED MOUNTAIN RD	8822 HIGHWAY 6	