

Media Release

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RDCK Evacuation Order issued due to the Nemo Creek 1 and Nemo Creek 2 wildfires

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 21 waterfront parcels, and a small portion of Valhalla Provincial Park, on the West shore of Slocan Lake in Electoral Area "H". See map of the Evacuation Order area below.

Evacuation Order covers the following parcels:

031-885-551 005-896-215 007-629-966 014-040-859 008-541-612 017-493-544 017-493-536 014-039-877 014-040-646 014-040-590 024-636-002 014-040-620 017-493-552 014-040-484 012-162-850 007-700-326 014-040-638 014-039-923 017-075-530

Evacuation Order map PDF

Residents and Visitors are required to leave the Evacuation Order area immediately. Evacuate 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 W.E. Graham Community School located at 915 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 public 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 Nemo Creek 1 and 2 wildfires were first discovered on July 18 and are both currently estimated at less than 1 hectare. 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 information about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources:

- Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds 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

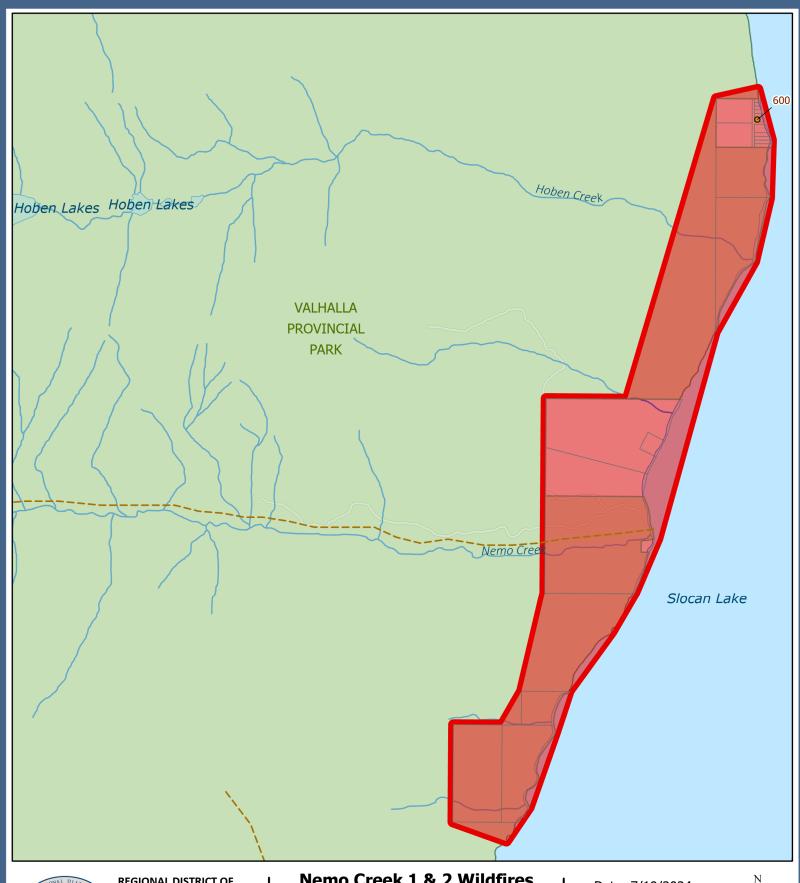
Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning 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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For media enquiries:

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE

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:

Nemo Creek 1 & 2 Wildfires **Evacuation Order**

Evacuation Order

Civic Address

Legal Parcels

Contraction of Shoreline Contraction

Trail

Date: 7/19/2024 Map Scale: 1:31,250

0.38

0.75 1.5 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.