

Media Release

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RDCK Evacuation Order due to Mulvey 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 16 properties due to the Mulvey Creek wildfire (N51117), which is part of the Slocan Lake Complex. Located west of the Village of Slocan on the southern edge of Valhalla Provincial Park in Electoral Area H. See map of the Evacuation Order area below.

ADDRESSES (11)

7300 Mulvey Creek Road 7315 Mulvey Creek Road 7555 Mulvey Creek Road 7780 Mulvey Creek Road 7995 Mulvey Creek Road 6000 Mulvey Creek Way 6005 Mulvey Creek Way 7255 Little Slocan FSR 7613 Little Slocan FSR 7650 Little Slocan FSR 8745 Slocan West Road

PIDs (5)

008-362-033

009-728-911

011-841-150

012-343-510

023-527-722

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 Selkirk College Castlegar Complex, located at 301 Frank Beinder Way Castlegar BC, V1N 4L3. The Reception Centre will be open until 11:00PM tonight, and will reopen on July 22 at 8:00AM. 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 Mulvey Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 18 and is currently estimated at 12hectares. The BCWS has determined the cause to be lightening.

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
- <u>BC Hydro outage map</u> 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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