

Media Release

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RDCK Evacuation Alert expanded due to the 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 expanded an Evacuation Alert to include 3 parcels to the existing Evacuation Alert area located around the Village of Silverton in Electoral Area "H". See map of the Evacuation area below. The original Evacuation Alert for 14 parcels was issued on July 20, 2024.

Evacuation Alert includes the following parcels:

432 STANDARD RD

455 STANDARD RD

477 STANDARD 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. 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. Part of your plan should include where you can go if evacuated.

The Aylwin Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 18, 2024 and is estimated at 121 hectares in size. The BCWS has determined the causes to be a dry lightening strike.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Alert will be provided via the <u>RDCK website</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>X (formerly 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
- <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 www.rdck.ca.

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