



Media Release

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For immediate release

Evacuation Order 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 the existing Evacuation Order to include 17 parcels along Highway 6 South of Enterprise Creek to the Slocan lookout in Electoral Area "H". See map of the Evacuation Order area below. This Order is adding to the existing Order area south of the Village of Silverton in the Red Mountain Road area.

Evacuation Order covers the following addresses:

9255 HIGHWAY 6
9301 HIGHWAY 6
9309 HIGHWAY 6
9315 HIGHWAY 6
9460 HIGHWAY 6
9465 HIGHWAY 6

9470 HIGHWAY 6
9480 HIGHWAY 6
9495 HIGHWAY 6
9501 HIGHWAY 6
9505 HIGHWAY 6
9510 HIGHWAY 6

9520 HIGHWAY 6
9530 HIGHWAY 6
9761 HIGHWAY 6
9788 HIGHWAY 6
9789 HIGHWAY 6

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> or by phone at 1-800-387-4258. 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. The Reception Centre will be open until 1:00pm today (July 23), and will reopen on July 24 from 10:00am - 2:00pm. For further information 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 the 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 18, 2024 and is estimated at 121 hectares in size. The BCWS has determined the causes to be a dry lightning strike.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Order will be provided via the [RDCK website](#), [Facebook](#) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) as more information becomes available. For details about evacuation and emergency preparedness, along with other resources, please visit www.rdck.ca/eocinfo. 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:

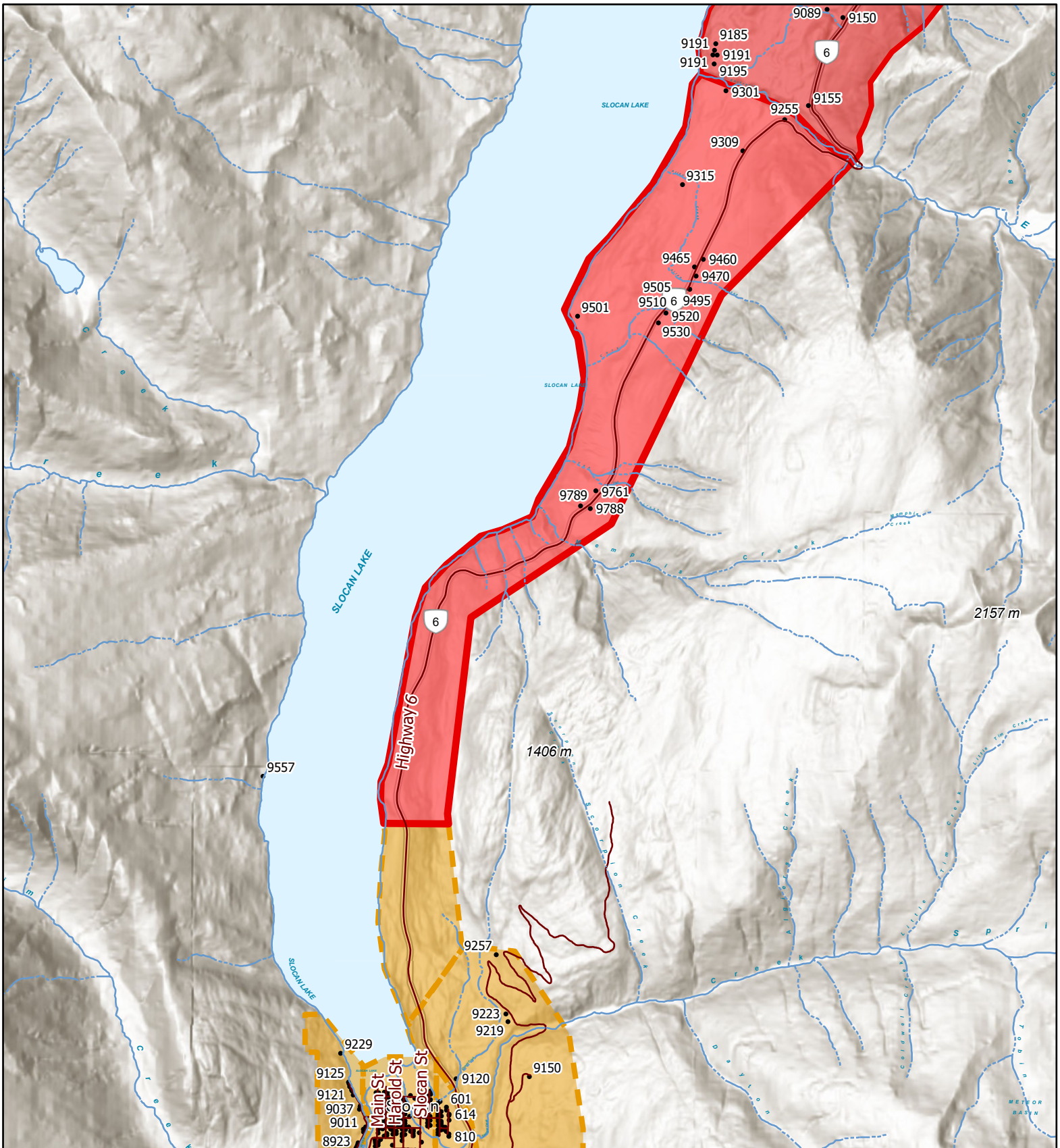
- [Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds](#) or call 250-352-7701
- [Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notifications](#)
- [RDCK web map](#)
- [Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada](#)
- [BC Wildfire – Interactive Map of Current Events](#)
- [Fortis 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


Register to receive emergency notifications:

rdck.ca/notifications

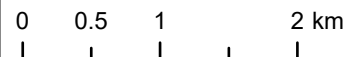
To report a flood, landslide, spill or other hazards:

1-800-663-3456

Ponderosa / Aylwin Creek Wildfire Evacuation Order

-  Evacuation Order
-  Evacuation Alert
-  Draft
-  Streets
-  Addresses

Map Scale: 1:55,000



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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.