

Media Release

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RDCK Evacuation Alert due to Argenta 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 Alert due to the Argenta Creek wildfire (N71058) in Electoral Area "D". The Evacuation Alert includes 35 parcels in the Argenta Flats area, East of the Duncan River and the Duncan Lake Dam, South of Duncan Lake and Glacier Creek Regional Park, including Duncan FSR and Argenta Road. See map of the Evacuation Alert area below.

ADDRESSES (20):

302 ARGENTA RD	404 ARGENTA RD	251 COOPER CREEK RD
359 ARGENTA RD	411 ARGENTA RD	304 DUNCAN FSR
363 ARGENTA RD	420 ARGENTA RD	512 DUNCAN FSR
372 ARGENTA RD	423 ARGENTA RD	525 DUNCAN FSR
395 ARGENTA RD	434 ARGENTA RD	529 DUNCAN FSR
398 ARGENTA RD	480 ARGENTA RD	531 DUNCAN FSR
402 ARGENTA RD	512 ARGENTA RD	

PARCEL IDENTIFIERS (PIDs - Properties without an address) (15):

007-617-780	015-328-597	016-373-057
007-617-798	015-328-619	016-373-642
010-614-290	016-232-097	016-373-693
010-778-489	016-370-155	016-377-273
013-291-327	016-372-701	027-973-212

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 Argenta Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 18 and estimated at 735 hectares. The BCWS suspects the cause to be lightning.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Alert 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
- <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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