



Media Release

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Evacuation Alert due to the Howser Ridge 3 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 Howser Ridge 3 wildfire (N71144) in Electoral Area "D". The Evacuation Alert includes 1 property East of Highway 31 and the Lardeau River, north of the community of Howser, West of Duncan Lake. See map of the Evacuation Alert area below.

Address (1)

14940 Highway 31

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 Howser Ridge 3 wildfire was first discovered on July 18 and estimated at 392 hectares. The BCWS has determined the cause to be lightning.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Alert will be provided via the [RDCK website](#), [Facebook](#) and [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

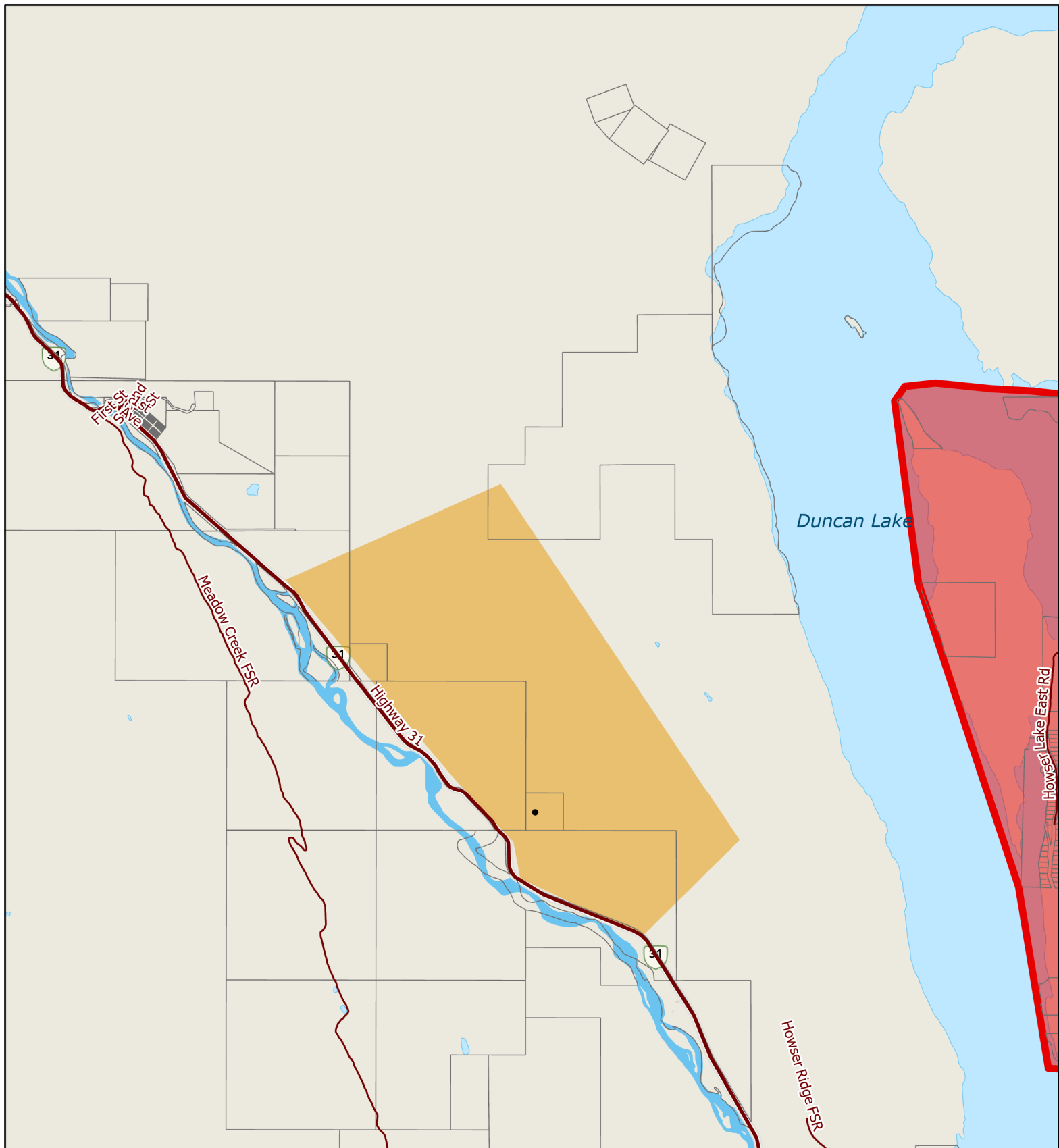
- [Drive BC](#) for highway closures and road conditions
- [For BC Air Quality Health Index](#)
- [Prepared BC](#)

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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:

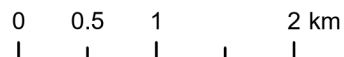
1-800-663-3456

Howser Ridge 3 Wildfire Evacuation Alert

-  Evacuation Order
-  Evacuation Alert
-  Legal Parcel
-  Civic Address
-  Highway
-  Road

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Map Scale: 1:54,883



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