

## **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE**

# **EVACUATION ALERT**

**Date:** July 29, 2024 **Time:** 10:00hrs

An **Evacuation Alert** has been issued by The Regional District of Central Kootenay Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) due to the Howser Ridge Three (N71144) Wildfire and the potential threats it poses to people and property.

Because of the potential threats to health, safety, and the welfare of persons, this **Evacuation Alert** is issued for one parcel east of Highway 31 and the Lardeau River, north of the community of Howser, west of Duncan Lake, and includes the following one (1) addressed property (see attached map):

#### Address:

#### 14940 HIGHWAY 31

This evacuation alert is issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should an evacuation order be made. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible before evacuation is ordered; however, you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO TO PREPARE UNDER AN EVACUATION ALERT

- Sign up to the RDCK Emergency Notification System. Go to www.rdck.ca/notification
- Locate all family members and designate a meeting area outside the evacuation area, should an Evacuation Order be called while separated.
- Pack a grab and go bag and include essential items such as government-issued ID, medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (e.g. insurance, credit, and mortgage/tenancy information), immediate care needs for dependents and, if time and space permits, keepsakes for quick departure.
- Register online with Emergency Support Services <a href="https://ess.gov.bc.ca">https://ess.gov.bc.ca</a>. Create a profile in the event you are put on Evacuation Order.
- Prepare to move disabled persons, children and/or neighbours, if assistance is needed.
- Prepare to take pets with you and move livestock to a safe area (if possible). Prepare leashes, pet carriers and food.
- Arrange transportation for all your household members. Fill the gas tanks of personal vehicles. If transportation assistance is needed, call 250.352.7701 or 1.866.522.7701 (toll free).
- Arrange accommodation for all members of the residence, if possible. In the event of an Evacuation Order, Reception Centres will be opened if required.
- Further information will be issued should the situation change. Please visit <a href="www.rdck.ca/EOCinfo">www.rdck.ca/EOCinfo</a> for information or call the RDCK Emergency Operation Centre: 250.352.7701 or 1.866.522.7701 (toll free).

• Wait for an Evacuation Order to be issued before evacuating. If you evacuate before being directed or authorized, you may not yet qualify for Emergency Support Services (ESS) should you need it, as resources will be focused on those who have been ordered to evacuate.

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