





## **Media Release**

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# Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for Village of Silverton Evacuation Order rescinded for Wilson Creek wildfire Evacuation Alert rescinded for Village of New Denver

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has downgraded the Evacuation Order for the Village of Silverton (185 properties) and 17 properties in the surrounding area in Electoral Area H to an Evacuation Alert due to the Aylwin Creek wildfire. See a map of the Evacuation Alert area below.

As well, the Evacuation Order for the Wilson Creek wildfire has been rescinded for 12 properties and four Parcel Identifiers (PIDs) and the Evacuation Alert for the Village of New Denver (421 properties) and 159 properties and 114 PIDs in the surrounding area of Electoral Area H has been rescinded. BCWS has now categorized the Wilson Creek wildfire as under control.

All properties south of the Village of Silverton, including the Village of Slocan will remain on Evacuation Order due to the Slocan Lake Complex wildfire. 653 properties and 198 PIDs remain on Evacuation Order due to the Slocan Lake Complex.

The Slocan Lake Fire Complex includes the Aylwin Creek wildfire, Komonko Creek wildfire, Wilson Creek wildfire, Ponderosa wildfire, Mulvey Creek wildfire, and Nemo Creek wildfire. A complex is created when multiple wildfires are managed by a single Incident Management Team, and resources and equipment are shared between all incidents in the complex.

Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert – Village of Silverton

Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert – Rural Silverton, Electoral Area H

Evacuation Order rescinded – Wilson Creek, Electoral Area H

Evacuation Alert rescinded – Village of New Denver

Evacuation Alert rescinded – Rural New Denver, Electoral Area H

Residents are advised there may be unseen dangers when returning to their homes and properties. The RDCK advises all residents to read through the information provided by Interior Health on how wildfires can affect your health and safety, by clicking here.

#### Portion of Aylwin Creek wildfire - Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert

185 properties in the Village of Silverton, plus another 17 properties in Electoral Area H have been on Evacuation Order since July 24 due to the Aylwin Creek wildfire (part of the Slocan Lake Complex). All 203 properties will now be on Evacuation Alert and need to remain vigilant and prepared to leave the area at a moment's notice.

#### Wilson Creek wildfire - Evacuation Order and Evacuation Alert rescinded

Those residents no longer on Evacuation Order or Alert include all properties north of Village of Silverton through to Rosebery. This include 421 properties in the Village of New Denver, plus 159 properties in Electoral Area H, as well as 114 Parcel Identifiers (PIDs). The Village of New Denver has been on Evacuation Alert due to the Wilson Creek wildfire (part of the Slocan Lake Complex) since July 25.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Alert will be provided via the <u>RDCK website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>X</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 or 1.866.522.7701 (toll free).

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 <a href="https://www.rdck.ca">www.rdck.ca</a>.

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