

Media Release

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Evacuation Order area expanded due to the 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 expanded the Evacuation Order area to include the area that is currently on Evacuation Alert in Electoral Area D due to the Argenta Creek wildfire (N71058). The Evacuation Order expansion 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 Order area below.

The Evacuation Order covers the following properties:

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

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 for Emergency Support Services (ESS) online at https://ess.gov.bc.ca or by calling 1-800-387-4258. If you do not have a pre-arranged location and require support, please report to the Kaslo Royal Canadian Legion, 403 5th Street. The Reception Centre is open from 10:00am until 4:00pm today (Aug 2) and 10:00am until 2:00pm tomorrow (Aug 3). For further assistance 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 Argenta Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 18. It is approximately 14, 826 ha and the suspected cause is a lightning strike.

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

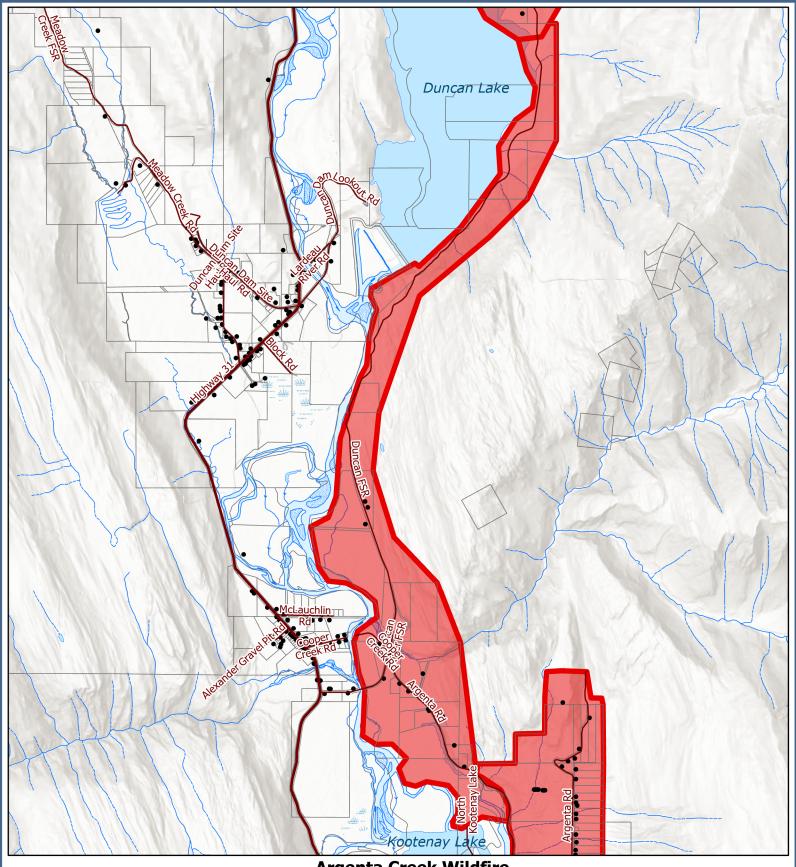
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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE

EOC Phone: 250-352-7701 or 1-866-522-7701

rdck.ca/EOCinfo

Register to receive emergency notifications: rdck.ca/notifications

To report a flood, landslide, spill or other hazards: 1-800-663-3456

Current Emergency Information:

M Stream or Shoreline

Argenta Creek Wildfire Evacuation Order

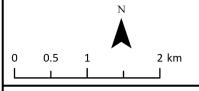
Evacuation Order

Highway

Road

Civic Address

Legal Parcel



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.