



Media Release

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Public Information Session planned for residents in the Red Mountain Road area

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) and BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) are planning to host a Public Information Session for residents that are unable to attend the Session scheduled on August 4 at the Winlaw Elementary School. This session will take place at a location on the Northern end of the Evacuation Order area, closer to Silverton and New Denver.

“We received great feedback from resident’s that have limited internet connectivity and were unable to drive the significant road closure detour to attend the Winlaw Session,” said Dan Seguin, RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Director. “As a result, the RDCK is working with BCWS to schedule an Information Session that will provide specific information to residents in the Red Mountain Road area regarding the wildfires that are impacting them.”

The date and location are still to be determined, however the RDCK is aiming to schedule the Session for early in the week and host it at a location that is accessible for the evacuees in the Silverton or New Denver area. Once scheduled the details of the Public Information Session will be shared on the RDCK website and social media channels.

The Slocan Lake Complex consists of five wildfires in the area: Wilson Creek, Nemo Creek, Komonko Creek, Mulvey Creek, and Ponderosa Creek. The RDCK EOC issued Evacuation Orders for the areas along highway 6 from Kennedy Road to south of the Village of Silverton, the Village of Slocan, West of the Village of Slocan on the southern edge of Valhalla Provincial Park, and the West side of Slocan Lake near Nemo Creek. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) has closed 35 km of Highway 6, one km south of Silverton to 11 km south of Slocan, to both North and South traffic due to these wildfires.

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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