

Media Release

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Portion of Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for the Ponderosa wildfire

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 65 properties and 15 Parcel Identifiers (PIDs) in Electoral Area H to an Evacuation Alert due to the Ponderosa wildfire, part of the Slocan Lake Complex. The area includes properties south of Lemon Creek and east of Slocan River, plus three properties on the west side of Slocan River, two of which are accessed from Avis Road. See a map of the Evacuation Alert area below.

The Village of Slocan and properties within Electoral Area H north of Lemon Creek will remain on Evacuation Order due to the Slocan Lake Complex wildfire. See map of the revised Evacuation Alert area below.

ADDRESSES NOW ON EVACUATION ALERT (65):

7720 AVIS RD	7671 KENNEDY RD	7785 KENNEDY RD	7840 POPOU RD
7751 HANSEN RD	7676 KENNEDY RD	7787 KENNEDY RD - 1	7842 POPOU RD
7770 HANSEN RD	7680 KENNEDY RD	7787 KENNEDY RD - 4	7844 POPOU RD
7773 HANSEN RD	7682 KENNEDY RD	7787 KENNEDY RD - 8	7850 POPOU RD
7776 HANSEN RD	7690 KENNEDY RD	7794 KENNEDY RD	7602 ROOSTER RD
7715 HIGHWAY 6	7698 KENNEDY RD	7803 LEMON CREEK RD	7610 ROOSTER RD
7721 HIGHWAY 6	7710 KENNEDY RD	7810 LEMON CREEK RD	7611 ROOSTER RD
7727 HIGHWAY 6	7728 KENNEDY RD	7928 LEMON CREEK RD	7618 ROOSTER RD
7733 HIGHWAY 6	7751 KENNEDY RD	7703 LOYOLA RD	7624 ROOSTER RD
7740 HIGHWAY 6	7760 KENNEDY RD	7721 LOYOLA RD	7630 ROOSTER RD
7741 HIGHWAY 6	7765 KENNEDY RD	7729 LOYOLA RD	7637 ROOSTER RD
7756 HIGHWAY 6	7769 KENNEDY RD	7547 POPOU RD	7641 ROOSTER RD
7802 HIGHWAY 6	7779 KENNEDY RD	7549 POPOU RD	7667 ROOSTER RD
7640 KENNEDY RD	7781 KENNEDY RD	7825 POPOU RD	7672 ROOSTER RD
7665 KENNEDY RD	7783 KENNEDY RD	7835 POPOU RD	7681 ROOSTER RD

7682 ROOSTER RD	7694 ROOSTER RD	7721 ROOSTER RD
7687 ROOSTER RD	7699 ROOSTER RD	

PIDs NOW ON EVACUATION ALERT (16):

010-466-720	028-027-400	017-924-014	030-061-369
028-927-389	028-027-388	016-925-351	026-257-530
012-139-157	028-027-396	019-065-388	012-431-648
012-139-165	025-877-861	019-209-703	015-978-435

The Slocan Lake Complex includes the Aylwin Creek wildfire, Komonko Creek wildfire, Mulvey Creek wildfire, Nemo Creek wildfire, and Ponderosa 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.

Residents that have been downgraded to an Evacuation Alert 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 <u>clicking here</u>. Highway 6 remains closed for approximately 35 km, 1 km south of Silverton to 11 km south of Slocan.

The Ponderosa wildfire was first discovered on July 18. It is approximately 1,001 ha and the suspected cause is a lightning strike.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Alert or Order 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
- Drive BC 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 www.rdck.ca.

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