

Media Release

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Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for the Argenta Creek wildfire Evacuation Order rescinded for Duncan Island

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 community of Argenta in Electoral Area D to an Evacuation Alert. The area includes 82 properties and 19 Parcel Identifiers (PIDs) north of Bulmer's Point and east of Argenta Road, including the community of Argenta, and east of the southern portion of the Duncan FSR.

The Evacuation Order remains in place west of the Duncan FSR and includes one property on Glacier Creek FSR and the Glacier Creek Regional Park due to the Lavina Complex wildfire. The Duncan FSR and Glacier Creek FSR remain closed. See maps below for more detail.

ADDRESSES STILL ON EVACUATION ORDER (2):

100 Glacier Creek FSR Glacier Creek Regional Park

ADDRESSES NOW ON EVACUATION ALERT (82):

302 ARGENTA RD	750 ARGENTA RD	1002 ARGENTA RD
372 ARGENTA RD	764 ARGENTA RD	1010 ARGENTA RD
398 ARGENTA RD	780 ARGENTA RD	1021 ARGENTA RD
402 ARGENTA RD	830 ARGENTA RD	1024 ARGENTA RD
404 ARGENTA RD	907 ARGENTA RD	1030 ARGENTA RD
420 ARGENTA RD	930 ARGENTA RD	1039 ARGENTA RD
434 ARGENTA RD	947 ARGENTA RD	1047 ARGENTA RD
480 ARGENTA RD	953 ARGENTA RD	1050 ARGENTA RD
512 ARGENTA RD	960 ARGENTA RD	1061 ARGENTA RD
706 ARGENTA RD	970 ARGENTA RD	1068 ARGENTA RD

1091 ARGENTA RD	1246 ARGENTA RD - 11	1094 PRESS RD
1155 ARGENTA RD	1246 ARGENTA RD	1099 PRESS RD
1167 ARGENTA RD	1247 ARGENTA RD	1105 PRESS RD
1183 ARGENTA RD	1257 ARGENTA RD	1120 PRESS RD
1191 ARGENTA RD	1287 ARGENTA RD	1121 PRESS RD
1221 ARGENTA RD	1309 ARGENTA RD	1125 PRESS RD
1229 ARGENTA RD	1333 ARGENTA RD	1005 WOLFE RD
1245 ARGENTA RD	1363 ARGENTA RD	1009 WOLFE RD
1246 ARGENTA RD - 1	1371 ARGENTA RD	1016 WOLFE RD
1246 ARGENTA RD - 2	1380 ARGENTA RD	1022 WOLFE RD
1246 ARGENTA RD - 3	1390 ARGENTA RD	1032 WOLFE RD
1246 ARGENTA RD - 4	1431 ARGENTA RD	1036 WOLFE RD
1246 ARGENTA RD - 5	904 ARGENTA-JOHNSONS LANDING RD	1038 WOLFE RD
1246 ARGENTA RD - 6	960 ARGENTA-JOHNSONS LANDING RD	1042 WOLFE RD
1246 ARGENTA RD - 7	525 DUNCAN FSR	1044 WOLFE RD
1246 ARGENTA RD - 8	529 DUNCAN FSR	1046 WOLFE RD
1246 ARGENTA RD - 9	531 DUNCAN FSR	
1246 ARGENTA RD - 10	1089 PRESS RD	

PIDs NOW ON EVACUATION ALERT (19):

007-617-780	012-135-666	016-078-268	016-475-054
008-970-033	013-291-327	016-232-097	027-016-005
010-614-290	015-940-454	016-370-155	027-973-212
010-864-393	016-078-195	016-373-057	029-691-877
010-864-709	016-078-250	016-373-693	

As well, the Evacuation Order for Duncan Island on the east side of Duncan Lake and boat access only parcels in Electoral Area D north of Glacier Greek Regional Park has been completely rescinded. At this time Duncan Island can only be accessed by boat. This includes one property and 51 PIDs.

ADDRESSES (1)

2290 HOWSER LAKE EAST ROAD

PIDs (51):

010-108-009	010-567-429	010-567-500	010-567-585
010-567-054	010-567-437	010-567-518	010-567-607
010-567-119	010-567-445	010-567-534	010-567-623
010-567-160	010-567-488	010-567-551	010-567-640
010-567-232	010-567-496	010-567-577	010-567-691

010-567-704	012-208-698	012-208-981	012-209-279
010-567-721	012-208-728	012-209-007	012-209-295
010-567-739	012-208-761	012-209-082	012-209-503
010-567-747	012-208-809	012-209-121	012-209-520
010-567-755	012-208-825	012-209-155	012-209-554
010-567-763	012-208-868	012-209-180	012-209-571
012-208-574	012-208-922	012-209-228	012-209-601
012-208-647	012-208-957	012-209-261	

The Lavina Complex includes the Argenta Creek wildfire, Lower Meadow Mountain wildfire, and Howser Ridge 3 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>.

The Argenta Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 18 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 <u>www.bcwildfire.ca</u>.

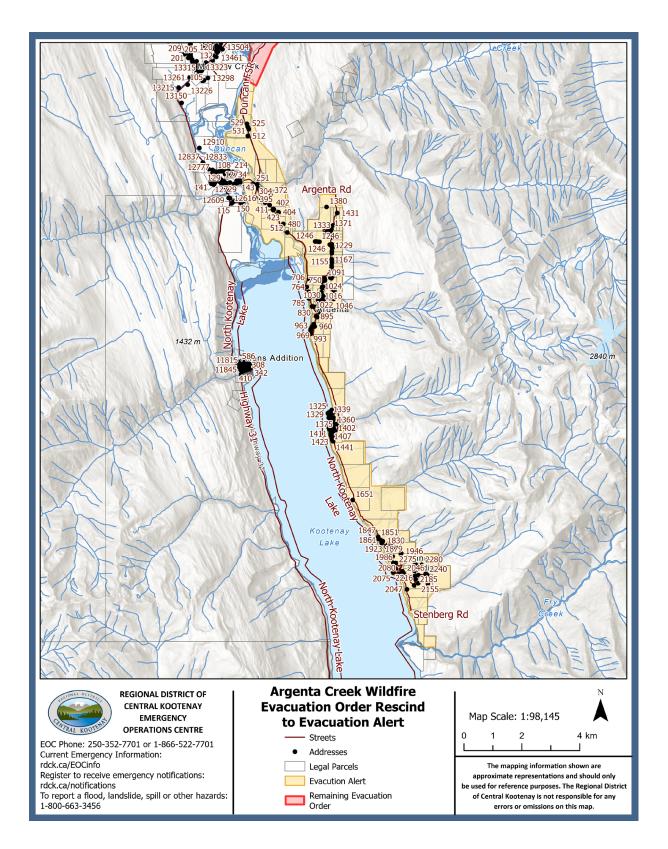
For more information about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources:

- <u>Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds</u> 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
- <u>BC Wildfire Interactive Map of Current Events</u>
- Fortis BC Outage Map or call 1.866.436.7847
- <u>BC Hydro outage map</u> or call 1.800.224.9376
- <u>Nelson Hydro</u> 1.877.324.9376
- <u>Drive BC</u> for highway closures and road conditions
- For BC Air Quality Health Index
- <u>sPrepared BC</u>

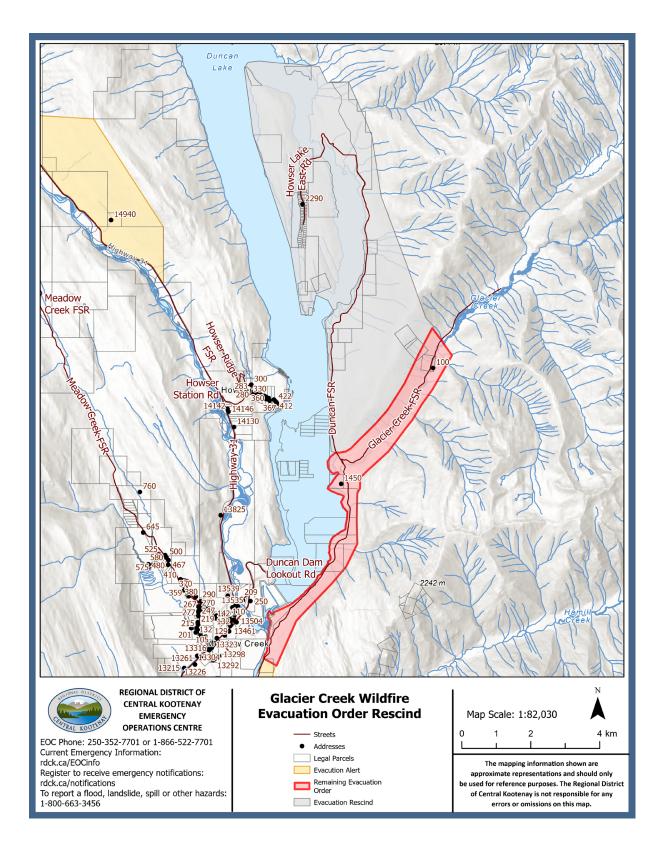
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