

Media Release

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Evacuation Order and Evacuation Alert rescinded for Mulvey Creek wildfire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the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has rescinded the Evacuation Order and Evacuation Alert for residents impacted by the Mulvey Creek wildfire, part of the Slocan Lake Complex. The rescinded Evacuation Order and Alert area includes 37 addresses and 41 parcel identifiers on the west side of Slocan Lake in Electoral Area H, as well as residents on the west side of Slocan West Road as it turns into Little Slocan Road. There are no Evacuation Order or Alerts remaining for the Slocan Lake Complex wildfires.

The first Evacuation Order for the Mulvey Creek wildfire was issued on July 21 with subsequent orders expanding the evacuation area. On August 12, 21, and 23 portions of the Evacuation Order area was downgraded to Evacuation Alerts.

EVACUATION ORDER RESCIND PIDs ELECTORAL AREA H (3):

030-507-677 017-385-610 013-386-280

EVACUATION ALERT RESCIND ADDRESSES ELECTORAL AREA H (37):

6000 MULVEY CREEK WAY	8867 SLOCAN WEST RD	9037 SLOCAN NORTH RD
6005 MULVEY CREEK WAY	8871 SLOCAN WEST RD	9039 SLOCAN NORTH RD
7300 MULVEY CREEK RD	8875 SLOCAN WEST RD	9041 SLOCAN NORTH RD
7315 MULVEY CREEK RD	8875 SLOCAN WEST RD SUITE B	9111 SLOCAN NORTH RD
7555 MULVEY CREEK RD	8879 SLOCAN WEST RD	9115 SLOCAN NORTH RD
7613 LITTLE SLOCAN FSR	8887 SLOCAN WEST RD	9119 SLOCAN NORTH RD
7780 MULVEY CREEK RD	8923 SLOCAN WEST RD	9121 SLOCAN NORTH RD
7995 MULVEY CREEK RD	8927 SLOCAN WEST RD	9123 SLOCAN NORTH RD
8185 MULVEY CREEK RD	8931 SLOCAN WEST RD	9125 SLOCAN NORTH RD
8745 SLOCAN WEST RD	8935 SLOCAN WEST RD	9229 SLOCAN NORTH RD
8825 SLOCAN WEST RD	9005 SLOCAN WEST RD	9557 SLOCAN LAKE
8849 SLOCAN WEST RD	9011 SLOCAN WEST RD	
8851 SLOCAN WEST RD	9015 SLOCAN WEST RD	

EVACUATION ALERT RESCIND PIDS ELECTORAL AREA H (38):

006-770-223	017-008-930	025-194-470
008-362-033	017-018-251	025-194-496
011-841-150	018-314-171	025-194-518
012-343-510	018-611-222	025-194-526
013-704-346	019-156-031	025-194-704
015-314-880	024-338-958	025-194-747
016-151-836	024-338-966	025-195-344
016-151-852	025-194-151	025-195-352
016-151-887	025-194-186	025-195-450
016-151-925	025-194-402	025-195-590
016-768-922	025-194-437	025-195-778
016-768-931	025-194-445	025-195-859
016-915-071	025-194-461	

Residents that have been taken off Evacuation Order are returning to a community where the surrounding area was affected by a wildfire. Unseen dangers may linger when returning to their homes and properties, ranging from gas leaks and weakened foundations to danger trees, and exposed wires and power lines. Using caution can help reduce potential injuries. When in doubt, consult an expert for help.

Burned forests have significant hazards and can remain dangerous for years. The fire has left behind danger trees – those are trees which can fall without warning even without a wind, due to roots being burned out. Ash pits can also pose a serious threat. Ash pits are holes full of hot ashes created by burned trees and stumps. You can be seriously injured by falling into ash pits. If you find an ash pit, mark it for safety and warn your family and neighbours to keep clear of the marked area.

The Slocan Lake Complex includes the Komonko Creek wildfire (merged with Aylwin 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.

Updates or changes to Evacuation Alerts or Orders will be provided via the <u>RDCK website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>X</u> as more information becomes available. For details about evacuations 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 www.rdck.ca.

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