



September 13, 2020  
Emergency Operations Centre

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY INFORMATION BULLETIN

NELSON, BC: [Talbot Creek Wildfire Update](#). Increased activity along Slocan River Road: BC Wildfire Services (BCWS) will be active along Slocan River Road north of Natlamp Rd setting up structure protection resources as a precautionary step. Due to the thick smoke blanketing the region BCWS is anticipating that it will be unsafe to operate aircraft in the area for the next 24-48 hours and operations on the fire will be reduced. Traffic along Slocan River Road will be limited to local traffic only. Please respect the crews working and avoid the area if at all possible.

Community Drop-in Session: Members of the public in the vicinity of the fire can drop by the Vallican Whole Community Hall on September 13 between 3 and 5 p.m. to ask questions about the fire. Personnel from the BCWS Incident Management Team (IMT), RDCK Fire Services, and RDCK Emergency Program will be present. Social distancing protocols for COVID-19 will apply. Hand sanitizer and masks will be available. (Note: This is a drop-in session with one-on-one or small group conversations. It is not a formal community meeting.)

Evacuation Alert: The [Evacuation Alert](#) remains in place and unchanged. BCWS has been working hard to allow us to reduce the size of the Alert area, however the current impact of the smoke means that this likely won't be occurring in the immediate future. We will provide updates for this daily, even if it is to say that the Alert remains unchanged.

Additional information: For additional information on the fire please refer to the Wildfire of Note page [here](#). For additional information from the RDCK please visit our Emergency Information page at [www.rdck.ca/EOCINFO](http://www.rdck.ca/EOCINFO). Also, we will be providing updates via the RDCK Facebook and Twitter accounts. Information boards are also set up at the Vallican Whole Community Centre and Passmore Fire Hall.

Follow the links below to stay up to date.

[BC Wildfire Service](#)

[EmergencyInfoBC](#)

[Drive BC](#)

[Environment Canada](#)

### **BE PREPARED**

Now is the time to prepare for a potential evacuation. Follow the links below for valuable resources on how to make an emergency plan and prepare your grab and go bag. This includes preparing for [your animals and livestock to be relocated](#).

Ensure part of your plan is to contact friends or family to stay with in the event of an evacuation. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there are limited options for lodging. As a result, people that are evacuated will be asked to do what they can to find alternate accommodations, leaving the few available spots for those that need it most.

Sign up for the RDCK Emergency Notification system and become Firesmart by having a FREE Firesmart assessment done on your home.

[PreparedBC  
FireSmart](#)

[Wildfire Preparedness Guide  
Livestock Relocation](#)

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BC Wildfire 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555  
BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376  
Fortis BC 1-866-436-7847 or 911