

## **Media Release**

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## **Evacuation Alert removed for Octopus Creek Wildfire**

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is removing the Evacuation Alert for four properties and two recreation sites between Pebble Beach and Twobit Creek, on the east shore of Lower Arrow Lake. BCWS advises imminent danger of wildfire to life and properties has diminished at this time.

The Octopus Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 10. An Evacuation Alert was issued for the south end of the fire, including four properties and two recreation sites between Pebble Beach and Twobit Creek on August 17.

Fire season appears to be coming to close, however, the RDCK encourages residents to remain prepared for unexpected events or emergencies by making a plan and having a household emergency kit and a grab and go bag. For more information check out the <u>Prepared BC Emergency Guides and Resources</u>.

Information about Evacuation Orders and Alerts in the RDCK can be found on the <u>RDCK website</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>. For details about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources, please visit <u>www.rdck.ca/eocinfo</u>.

For up to date information on current wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, call 1 888 3-FOREST (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: <a href="www.rdck.ca/eocinfo">www.rdck.ca/eocinfo</a> or call 250-352-7701
- Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notifications
- BC Wildfire Interactive Map of Current Fires
- Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada
- Highway closures and conditions from DriveBC
- For the BC Air Quality Health Index
- Emergency preparedness information and tips from the Prepared BC website

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 <a href="https://www.rdck.ca">www.rdck.ca</a>.

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