



Community Recovery

Information Bulletin

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RDCK Seeks Input from Residents Impacted by 2024 Wildfire Evacuations

In the summer of 2024, wildfires moved through the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), resulting in Evacuation Orders and Alerts for nearly six weeks and impacting about 2,100 properties in Silverton, Slokan, Argenta, Electoral Area D and Electoral Area H.

These fires led to the loss of several homes and outbuildings, and damage to many other properties. Along with property loss, many evacuees faced financial strain and emotional hardship. As communities recover, the RDCK is committed to learning from last summer's experiences and improving its emergency response.

The RDCK wants to hear from residents placed on Evacuation Order or Alert in Silverton, Slokan, Argenta, Electoral Area D and Electoral Area H during the 2024 wildfire season. On February 13, 2025, the RDCK sent a letter to affected residents that contained access to an anonymous questionnaire and an invitation to participate at in-person sessions. These feedback opportunities are designed to receive residents' experiences and gather suggestions for improvement in a supportive and accessible way.

The reflections gathered will provide valuable insights that help inform future emergency preparedness and response strategies. We welcome residents' perspectives through the questionnaire, in-person sessions, or both.

These sessions and the questionnaire are specifically intended for affected residents and will not be open to the general public.

For all inquiries or if you are an affected resident and have not received a letter, please contact Camille LeBlanc, RDCK Community Resilience Coordinator, at CLeblanc@rdck.bc.ca.

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