



Information Bulletin

July 4, 2021

Emergency Operations Centre

10:00 AM

RE: Merry Creek Wildfire (N51165)

The Merry Creek Wildfire, located 8 kilometres SW of Castlegar, is currently listed as being held by the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS). Crews are working on extinguishing the final hot spots and are hoping to have the wildfire completely contained by the end of the day. Overnight, Ootischnia Fire Department was called out on two separate occasions by residents in the area over concerns of hot spots. They were able to quickly locate and deal with the issues, putting the smoulders out. Both were located within the contained portion of the fire perimeter. For the most up to date information on the wildfire, refer to [BCWS Wildfires of Note Page](#), [BCWS Facebook](#) and [BCWS Twitter](#).

The Regional District of Central Kootenay rescinded the Evacuation Order for 31 properties and the Evacuation Alert for one property yesterday (July 3) at 12:30 pm due to the Merry Creek Wildfire. Visit www.rdck.ca/eocinfo for the complete details and [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for regular updates.

The City of Castlegar also rescinded its Evacuation Alert in six areas. Check out the [City of Castlegar website](#) for more information.

Follow the links below to stay up to date.

[BC Wildfire Service Emergency Info](#)

[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](#).

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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EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

- In case of emergency dial 911
- RDCK Emergency Operations Centre Inquiry Line 250-352-7701
- BC Wildfire 1-800-663-5555 or *5555
- BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376
- Fortis BC 1-866-436-7847