



# Media Release

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## Volunteers needed for Emergency Support Services program

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Support Services (ESS) teams are in need of volunteers in Creston, West Creston, Erickson and the Canyon-Lister area. ESS teams operate across the RDCK in order to support residents in times of emergency. Due to people moving away or being unable to participate, volunteer numbers have dwindled in the Creston region and the RDCK is looking for community minded people who would like to be part of the program and learn how to support those affected by emergencies.

“Emergency Support Services is a vital resource for our residents during emergencies,” said Jon Jackson, RDCK Emergency Program Coordinator. “Our volunteers assist evacuees with basic needs such as emergency accommodation, food, clothing and other basic essentials. Thankfully, it’s not a service that is needed very frequently, but in an emergency, it makes a huge difference to the lives of people affected.”

For more information about the ESS program go to <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/local-emergency-programs/volunteers/emergency-support-services>

If you are interested in volunteering within the RDCK or want to learn more, email Jon Jackson at [jjackson@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:jjackson@rdck.bc.ca)

*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](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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