



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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Evacuation alert issued for homes in 6 Mile area due to mud slide

Nelson, BC: Sixteen homes in the 6 Mile area of Electoral Area F have been placed on evacuation alert following a mud slide that occurred off “the Middle Road” near Heddle Road at approximately 1:00pm today. The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) reports that there were no injuries and no significant damage to property due to the slide.

“At this time, there is no imminent danger to life or property, but we are asking people in the affected area to be vigilant and be prepared to leave the area on short notice,” said Andrew Bellerby, the RDCK’s Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Director.

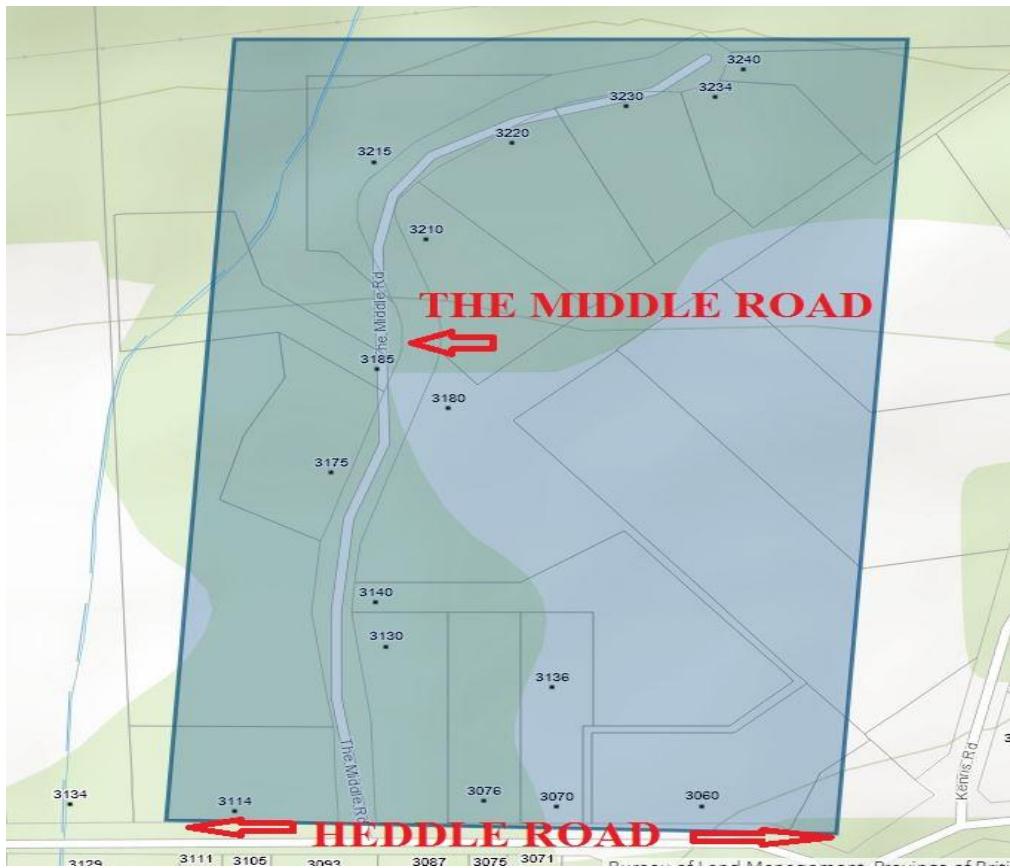
The homeowners have been notified and given safety advice by the North Shore Fire Department. The evacuation alert may be followed by an immediate evacuation order should conditions worsen.

The RDCK coordinated an initial geotechnical assessment by helicopter of the area today, and will re-assess the situation on Monday. A map of the area is below.

Mud slides and landslides are common in the Kootenays in the spring. Residents who live near areas prone to slides are encouraged to monitor the terrain and any creeks on their property, and become familiar with typical patterns. Any unusual events—such as a rapid increase or decrease in flow, or a change in course—may indicate that a landslide has blocked the creek above or that a slide is about to occur.

What you can do:

- Report a slide emergency that is occurring by calling 911.
- Report any unusual events to the 24-hour toll-free provincial emergency number at 1-800-663-3456.
- Sign up for the RDCK Emergency Notification System (for location-specific orders to evacuate or shelter in place). Go to www.rdck.ca and select “Emergency Alerts” from the home page, or go to the alert system sign-up page at <https://rdckemergency.connectrocket.com>.
- For general information about emergency preparedness and evacuations, please visit the [Emergency Preparedness page](#) of the RDCK website or [PreparedBC](#).



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, and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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