



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Evacuation Alerts REMOVED for Syringa Creek, Deer Creek and McArthur Creek wildfires Evacuation ALERT remains in place for Renata

Nelson, BC: Effective immediately, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has REMOVED the Evacuation Alerts that were previously in place for the areas affected by the Syringa Creek, Deer Creek and McArthur Creek wildfires. The BC Wildfire Service has advised that although crews continue to action the fires, the danger to people and structures has diminished.

The Evacuation Alerts being removed today affected all of Syringa Provincial Park and southeast along Lower Arrow Lake to the Hugh Keenleyside Dam in Robson; the area from south of Deer Park at Cayuse Creek, northwest along the lake to the end of Broadwater Road, and north to the end of Deer Creek Forest Service Road; and the Sheep Creek Road area southeast of Salmo.

“We would like to thank the people affected by these wildfires for their patience over the past few weeks and for living under these alerts,” said Chris Johnson, the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Director. “Firefighting crews have been doing a lot of great work in very difficult terrain, helped by some recent favourable weather conditions, and we—along with the people in these communities—are breathing a sigh of relief.”

The only remaining Evacuation Alert in the RDCK affects Renata and the area southeast to Brooklyn due to the Bulldog Mountain wildfire. Residents in the area should still be prepared to evacuate if required. A map of the alert area is below, and can also be found on the RDCK website here:

<https://rdck.ca/EN/main/services/emergency-management/evacuation-order-and-alert-page.html>

“It has been an intense wildfire season here in the RDCK, and the Bulldog Mountain fire remains a potential threat to public safety,” said Mr. Johnson. “BC Wildfire Service crews and local Structural Protection Unit crews are on site and are continuing to take action. We advise residents in the Renata area to be cautious of crews and their equipment, keep control of their pets, and stay out of burned areas so crews can do what they have to do.”

The RDCK EOC will provide further updates as more information becomes available.

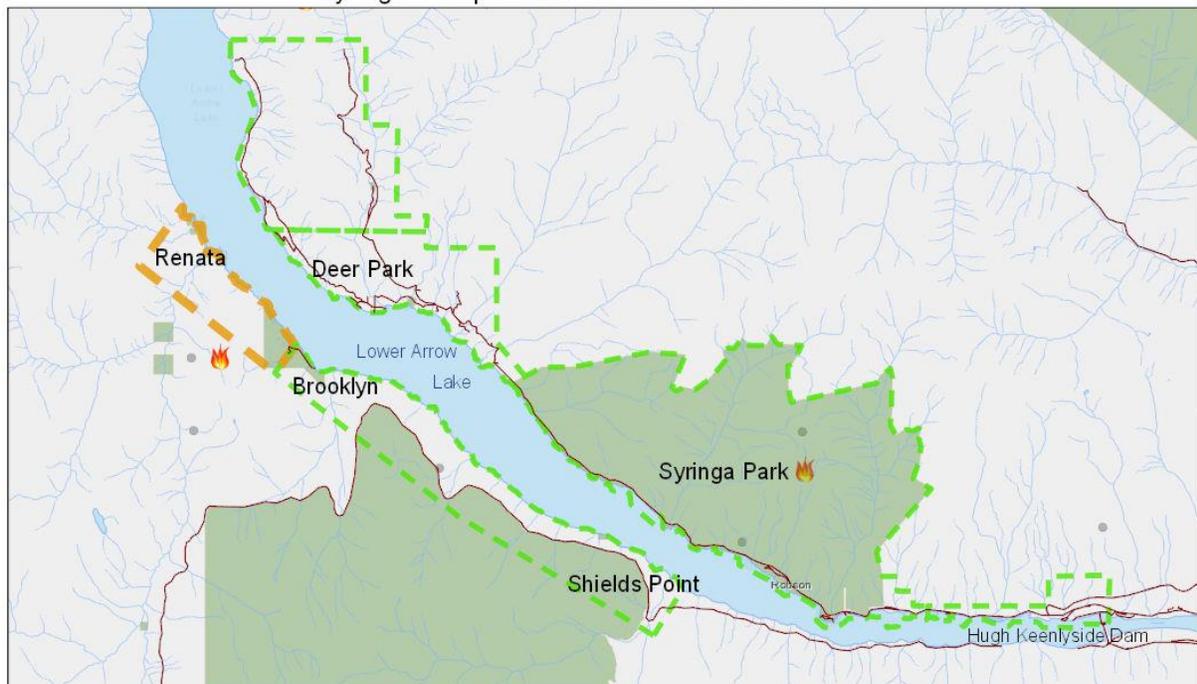
For more information:

- Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds: <https://rdck.ca/EN/main/services/emergency-management/evacuation-order-and-alert-page.html> or call 250-352-7701 / 1-866-522-7701.

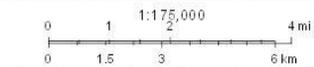
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- Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notification of Evacuation Orders. Go to [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca) and select “Emergency Alerts” from the home page, or go to the notification system sign-up page at <https://rdckemergency.connectrocket.com>.
- BC Wildfire – Interactive Map of Current Fires: <http://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ef6f11c8c36b42c29e103f65dbcd7538>
- Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada: [https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index\\_e.html?prov=bc](https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=bc)
- Highway closures and conditions from DriveBC: <http://www.drivebc.ca/>
- For the BC Air Quality Health Index: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/aqi-table.xml>
- For tips about living with smoky skies and wildfires from the Interior Health Authority: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/Emergency/MajorEvents/Pages/default.aspx>
- Emergency preparedness information and tips from the Prepared BC website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc>

### Syringa Complex Evacuation Alerts Rescinded



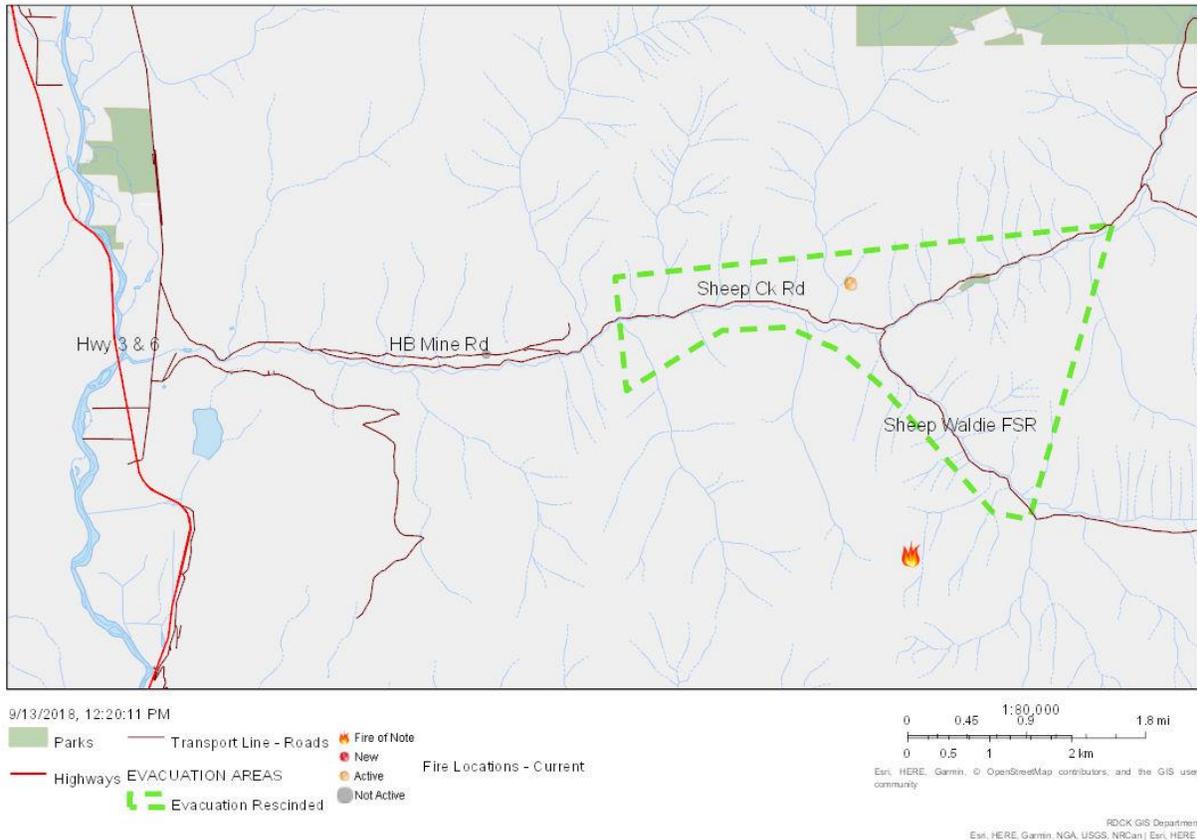
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# McArthur Creek Evacuation Alert Rescinded



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