



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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Talbott Creek Wildfire Evacuation Alert area reduced 46 properties remain under Evacuation Alert

Nelson, BC: For the third time in the last five days, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), based on the recommendation from BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), is reducing the number of properties under Evacuation Alert due to the Talbott Creek Wildfire (N51250). The RDCK EOC is removing the Evacuation Alert for all properties south and west of 4162 Slocan River Road, for a total of 67 properties. The Evacuation Alert remains in place for 46 properties north of 4162 Slocan River Road to Drake Street.

Please refer to the map below outlining the Evacuation Alert area and the specific addresses still under Alert.

The RDCK EOC originally issued the Evacuation Alert on Saturday, August 22 for 305 homes in the communities of Lebahdo, Little Slocan, Passmore and Vallican due to the Talbott Creek Wildfire. Located in the Slocan Valley, approximately 3.5 km north east of Highway 6 and approximately 30 km north of Castlegar, the Talbott Creek Wildfire was discovered on Monday August 17. On September 14 the Evacuation Alert was removed for all properties west of the intersection of Indian Point Road and Little Slocan South Road, plus all properties south of the Little Slocan River. On September 15 the Evacuation Alert was reduced by another 63 properties to 113 properties when the Alert was removed for all properties east of the Slocan River.

Over the last 48 hours, heavy smoke has dissipated in the area, allowing the BCWS to once again battle the wildfire with helicopters. There has been limited fire activity and growth in the section of the fire that is closest to areas where the Evacuation Alert has been removed. The BCWS continues to have structure protection units (SPU's) deployed along Slocan River Road, north of Natlamp Road. As a result, only local traffic is allowed on Slocan River Road. For more information on the wildfire, please visit the [BCWS website](#).

“With the original Evacuation Alert having been issued nearly a month ago, this has been a stressful time for residents in the area,” said Nora Hannon, RDCK Regional Fire Chief. “We are thankful for the great work done by the BC Wildfire Service and are encouraged by the short-term forecast which is expected to bring cooler temperatures and possible rain.”

At this time residents or visitors within the area are not required to evacuate; however, the RDCK advises people to remain vigilant and be prepared to leave the area at a moment's notice. It is recommended to prepare an emergency kit and ensure preparedness, including moving pets and livestock to a safe area, in the event the situation worsens and an Evacuation Order is enforced. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there are limited options for lodging. People that are evacuated will be asked to arrange accommodations with family or friends outside the area, if at all possible, leaving available spots for those that need it most.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Alert will be provided via the [RDCK website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as more information becomes available.

For more information:

- Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds: www.rdck.ca/eocinfo or call 250-352-7701
- Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notification of Evacuation Orders. Go to www.rdck.ca/emergencynotification and select "Emergency Alerts" from the home page, or go to the notification system sign-up page at https://voyent-alert.com/community/?page_id=217
- BC Wildfire – Interactive Map of Current Fires: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status> - Emergency Contact Number 1-800-663-5555 or *5555
- Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada: 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/aqhi-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-recovery/preparedbc>

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For further information, please contact:

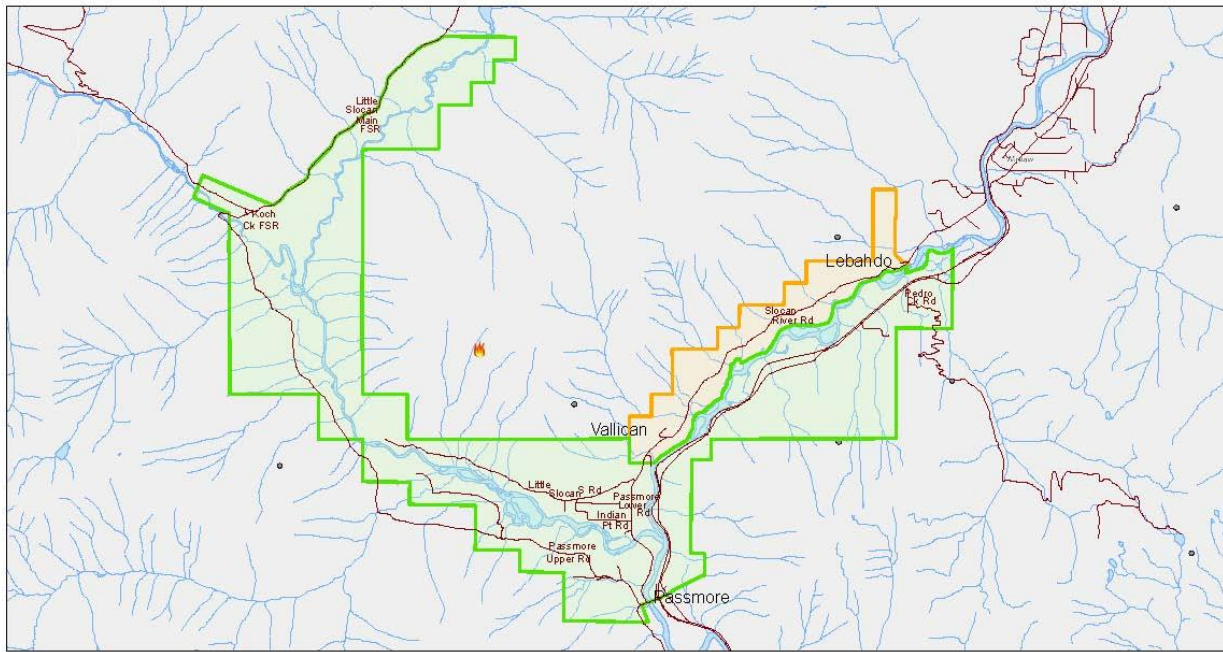
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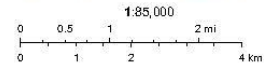
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Talbot Creek Wildfire EVACUATION ALERT



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— Roads - BC DRA EVACUATION AREAS Current Fire Locations - BC Wildfire
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 The mapping information shown are approximate and are for reference purposes only.

Address List of Properties on Evacuation Alert

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| 5361 DRIVEAKE STREET | 4556 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4320 NATLAMP ROAD | 4566 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4322 NATLAMP ROAD | 4602 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4162 SLOCAN RIV RD | 4623 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4192 SLOCAN RIV RD | 4640 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4196 SLOCAN RIV RD | 4648 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4205 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4654 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4216 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4663 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4217 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4670 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4227 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4670 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4228 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4680 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4235 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4682 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4265 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4692 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4272 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4720 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4280 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4761 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4304 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4762 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4312 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4767 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4335 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4778 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4344 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4819 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4356 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4823 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4373 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4840 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4380 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4855 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4384 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4868 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |
| 4389 SLOCAN RIV ROAD | 4879 SLOCAN RIV ROAD |

4403 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4892 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4408 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4895 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4421 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4898 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4467 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4911 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4485 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4930 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4505 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4951 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4525 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	5205 SLOCAN RIV ROAD
4538 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4363 SLOCAN RIVER ROAD
4545 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	4509 SLOCAN RIVER ROAD
4546 SLOCAN RIV ROAD	