



Information Bulletin

August 5, 2022

Emergency Operations Centre

2:15 PM

Please note: The RDCK will no longer be providing daily information bulletins for the Briggs Creek or Six Mile Creek wildfires. **Information will be shared through the RDCK website and social media channels as it becomes available.**

www.rdck.ca/eocinfo

[Twitter.com/RDofCK](https://twitter.com/RDofCK)

facebook.com/rdcentralkootenay

RE: Briggs Creek (N70969)

The Briggs Creek wildfire has not grown significantly over the last 24hrs. Limited growth is anticipated for today as the fire continues to be a smouldering ground fire with a slow rate of spread ([rank one](#)). Any increase in fire behaviour is currently occurring within the fire perimeter at high elevation. Self-extinguishing has been observed in areas where the fire received some precipitation yesterday.

BCWS has implemented an [area restriction](#) to protect the public in areas where ongoing fire suppression activities are taking place. The area restriction effective immediately until October 15 or until otherwise rescinded.

The fire continues to be highly visible to the town of Kaslo and surrounding areas, especially at night and may appear closer than it is, but it is not an interface fire and no structures are threatened at this time.

The resources currently allocated to this fire are 9 firefighters and 1 helicopter for reconnaissance. A dedicated Incident Commander (IC) is on site to monitor any unwanted fire growth and will act accordingly if the trigger points are threatened. Ground crews have identified control lines and trigger points and will continue to work along the Keen Creek FSR connecting and strengthening the designated control lines. Personnel will be maintaining a constant presence and will apply appropriate tactics in workable terrain if fire activity warrants.

The steep and unworkable terrain poses significant challenges to crews and the types of equipment used. The use of aircraft and bucketing in steep terrain can wash burning debris downslope, sending the fire down the slope instead of upwards, which is the usual direction that a fire tends to burn. In steep terrain with heavy fuels, like the Briggs Creek wildfire, crews on the ground are needed to

support the work being done by aircraft. When crews are unable to safely access a fire, the chances of buckets having a negative effect significantly increases.

Public and responder safety, including pilots, is a priority for BCWS. Flying is a high risk activity and sustained bucketing at high altitudes increases the risk to the public and responders. The combination of the increased risk to fixed and rotary wing pilots, negative impacts of bucketing, and no structures being threatened at this time is why residents are not seeing aerial resources on the Briggs Creek wildfire.

The RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) continues to monitor the situation. Our EOC Operations are maintaining contact with the BCWS ground crew daily.

An [Evacuation Alert](#) from the RDCK remains in place for the properties located on Kaslo Creek South Fork Road in Electoral Area D.

For more information on the wildfire, refer to [BCWS Wildfires of Note webpage](#), [BCWS Facebook](#) and [BCWS Twitter](#).

For the latest information related to evacuations within the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca/eocinfo. Affected residents with any questions pertaining to the Kaslo Creek South Fork Road Evacuation Alert can also contact the RDCK EOC at 250-352-7701.

RE: Six Mile Creek (N71011)

The Six Mile Creek wildfire, located approximately 14 kilometers from the town of Creston, continues to be actioned by ground crews and aviation. It is currently estimated to be 57 hectares and is highly visible from Creston, Kitchener and surrounding communities. While highly visible, this fire is not currently threatening structures. The fire is still listed as '[being held](#),' which means the fire is not likely to spread beyond the predetermined boundaries under prevailing conditions.

For more information on the wildfire, refer to the [BC Wildfire Service facebook page](#).

There is no Evacuation Alert or Order in place for the Six Mile Creek wildfire at this time.

BE PREPARED

For residents in the affected Evacuation Alert area, now is the time to make sure you are prepared for a potential Evacuation Order. 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](#). Finding accommodations during the busy summer season can be challenging. Make sure to plan ahead on where to stay in the event of an Evacuation Order.

[PreparedBC](#)

[Wildfire Preparedness Guide](#)

[Livestock Relocation](#)

Learn how to protect your home from wildfire by registering for a free [FireSmart home assessment](#). After signing up, a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist will come to your home and provide a detailed report on specific mitigation actions to help protect your home from wildfire.

[Sign up for the RDCK Emergency Notification System](#) and identify the locations that you wish to monitor.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS AND RESOURCE LINKS

- 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