



# Information Bulletin

August 8, 2022

Emergency Operations Centre

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Please note: The next RDCK Information Bulletin regarding the Briggs Creek wildfire will be shared on Thursday, August 11. Information will be shared via the RDCK website and social media channels.

[www.rdck.ca/eocinfo](http://www.rdck.ca/eocinfo)

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

[facebook.com/rdcentralkootenay](https://facebook.com/rdcentralkootenay)

## RE: Briggs Creek (N70969)

The Briggs Creek wildfire, west of Kaslo, remains a Wildfire of Note for the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS). Listed as out of control, the wildfire was discovered on August 1. The wildfire is estimated to be 1,679 hectares, but has not experienced substantial growth since the first 48 hours of the wildfire last week. The cause of the fire is believed to be lightning.

The fire remains at high elevation and continues to burn in steep terrain. As it slowly moves downslope it is met with a change in fuel that is not as easy to burn. It continues to burn within the desired area and has not threatened containment lines. For a complete breakdown on the status of the fire and resources being utilized visit the [BCWS Wildfire of Note page](#).

Due to the wildfire, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) issued an Evacuation Alert on Monday, August 1 for 14 properties along Kaslo Creek South Fork Road in Electoral Area D. The Evacuation Alert remains in place and will continue for an undetermined amount of time. All residents on Evacuation Alert are reminded to be prepared to leave the area at a moment's notice. Residents should prepare their emergency grab and go bag, have a plan to move pets and livestock to a safe area and [sign up to receive emergency notifications through Voyent Alert!](#) or call the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at 250-352-7701. Signing up ensures residents will receive timely communication on a potential Evacuation Order or the Evacuation Alert being rescinded.

The RDCK EOC is in daily contact with the BCWS ground crew to monitor the situation.

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](http://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.

## **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