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Emergency Operations Centre

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY INFORMATION BULLETIN

NELSON, BC: Over the past few days there has been an increase in wildfire activity across the Southeast Fire Centre, which includes the entire Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK). As of 4:00 pm, Wednesday August 19, 2020, there are 55 active fires in the Southeast Fire Centre ([click here](#) to view the BC Wildfire interactive map).

The long term weather forecast is hot and dry with no relief in sight. The BC Wildfire Service continues to assess (ground crews and aerial resources) and respond to fires across the province. However, it is up to every resident to be informed and prepared in the case of wildfire.

### **STAY INFORMED**

Follow the links below to stay up to date.

[BC Wildfire Service](#)   [EmergencyInfoBC](#)   [Drive BC](#)   [Environment Canada](#)

### **BE PREPARED**

#### Where will you stay?

Now is the time to prepare for a potential evacuation. Follow the links below for valuable resources on how to make an emergency plan and prepare your grab and go bag. Ensure part of your plan is to contact friends or family to stay with in the event of an evacuation. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there are limited options for lodging. As a result, people that are evacuated will be asked to do what they can to find alternate accommodations, leaving the few available spots for those that need it most.

If you have not already ready, sign up for the RDCK Emergency Notification system and become Firesmart by having a FREE Firesmart assessment done on your home.

[PreparedBC](#)   [Wildfire Preparedness Guide](#)   [Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notifications](#)  
[Firesmart](#)

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

BC Wildfire 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555  
BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376  
Fortis BC 1-866-436-7847 or 911