



Media Release

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Further reduction to Evacuation Alert area due to the Akokli Creek wildfire

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is reducing the Evacuation Alert area to 81 properties from Lockhart Beach Provincial Park south to include 12490 Highway 3A due to the Akokli Creek wildfire. The Evacuation Alert will be removed for 79 properties for the area south of address 12490 Highway 3. See the map below for specific details.

Firefighting efforts and rain over the weekend has helped to keep fire behaviour low, allowing for the reduction of the Alert. The Akokli Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 9 and is currently estimated at 3,140 hectares. The BCWS determined the cause to be lightning. For more information on the wildfire, please visit the [BCWS Wildfires of Note page](#).

The RDCK originally issued an Evacuation Alert on July 16 for the communities of Boswell and Sanca due to the Akokli Creek wildfire. On August 2 the Alert was reduced to 160 properties from Lockhart Beach Provincial Park south to 11721 Highway 3A.

The RDCK advises people to remain vigilant in the event that conditions change. It is recommended to prepare an emergency kit and ensure preparedness, including moving pets and livestock to a safe area, in the event of another emergency.

Information about Evacuation Orders and Alerts in the RDCK can be found on the [RDCK website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For details about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources, please visit www.rdck.ca/eocinfo.

For up to date information on current wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, call 1 888 3-Forest (1 888-336-7378) or visit www.bcwildfire.ca.

For more information about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources:

- 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 notifications](#)
- [BC Wildfire – Interactive Map of Current Fires](#)
- [Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada](#)

- [Highway closures and conditions from DriveBC](#)
- [For the BC Air Quality Health Index](#)
- [Emergency preparedness information and tips from the Prepared BC website](#)

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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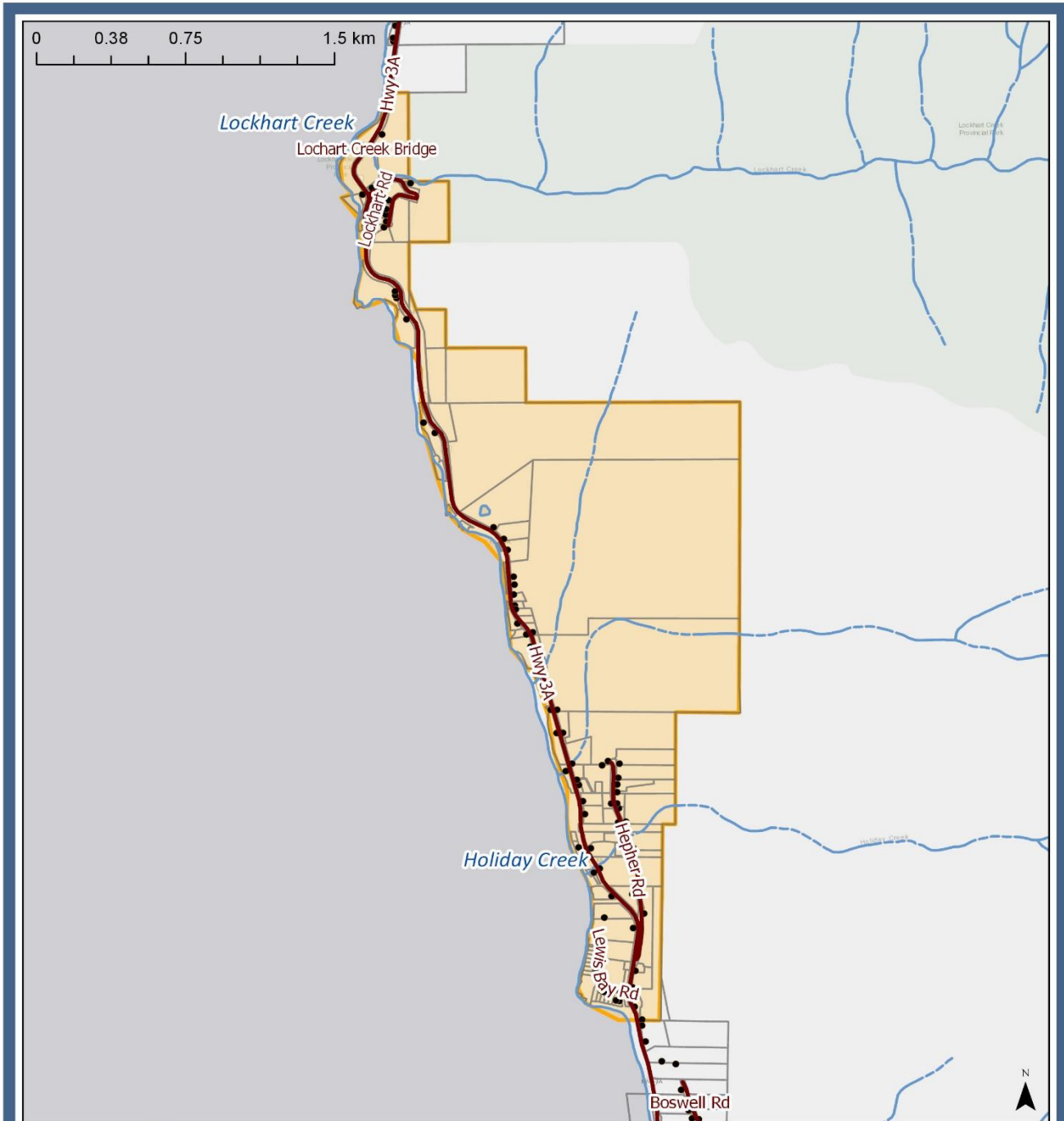
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Akokli Creek Evacuation Alert

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