



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

# Media Release

April 19, 2018

For immediate release

## Technical assessment continues on Sentinel Mountain mud slide

---

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) continues to work alongside other agencies to assess the area affected by yesterday's mud slide at Sentinel Mountain. The event led to a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency in Area I and an evacuation order for a single property that was at risk.

"As of this morning, the evacuation order and the emergency declaration remain in effect as we work with our provincial partners and technical staff to evaluate the situation and determine if there is any further risk to people or property," said Andrew Bellerby, Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Director.

The mud slide occurred yesterday morning on Highway 3A approximately four kilometres north of Castlegar. The RDCK activated its EOC to support all agencies involved, including the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Forests, Land, Natural Resource Operations. The highway was closed in both directions, but has since re-opened for single-lane alternating traffic. Updates on highway conditions can be found at [www.DriveBC.ca](http://www.DriveBC.ca), and updates on transit can be found at <https://bctransit.com>.

"I encourage everyone to register for the RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive critical location-specific alerts by text, voice call or email," continued Mr. Bellerby. "We use the alert system to advise residents and visitors if there is an emergency or disaster that requires evacuation or sheltering in place. The system was not activated yesterday because the situation affected only one property."

Updates about the current incident will be shared as the situation develops on the RDCK website at [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca) and on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

To sign up for the alert system, go to [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca) and select "Emergency Alerts" from the home page, or go to the alert system sign-up page at <https://rdckemergency.connectrocket.com>.

For general information about emergency preparedness and evacuations, please visit the [Emergency Preparedness page](#) of the RDCK website or [PreparedBC](#).

*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, and much more. For more information about*

the RDCK, visit [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca).

-30-

**For inquiries:**

**Maria Hypponen**

Communications Coordinator

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Phone: (250) 352-1531

Email: [mhypponen@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:mhypponen@rdck.bc.ca)