



Media Release

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Evacuation Alert expanded to include 28 additional properties due to Michaud Creek wildfire

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has expanded its Evacuation Alert to include 28 additional properties for a total of 358 properties in Electoral Area K due to the Michaud Creek Wildfire (N57165) approximately 21 kilometers south of Edgewood. The decision to expand the alert was based on field observations by the RDCK Evacuation Site Command to acknowledge properties at risk from the fire.

The Evacuation Alert area starts at Johnston Creek and continues north to Highway 6, including the community of Edgewood and Needles. Under the Evacuation Alert, residents and visitors should be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice. It is recommended to prepare an emergency kit and have a plan where you will go if the situation worsens and you need to evacuate (see map below).

The Michaud Creek wildfire was discovered on July 10 and is an estimated 450 hectares. BCWS has determined the cause to be lightning.

The RDCK EOC will provide further updates as more information becomes available.

For more detailed information on this alert or about evacuations and emergency preparedness, please visit www.rdck.ca/eocinfo. The RDCK EOC **public inquiry line is 250-352-7701**.

For more information:

- 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 notification: <https://voyent-alert.com/ca/community/>
- BC Wildfire – Interactive Map of Current Fires: <https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b>
- Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada: https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=bc
- Highway closures and conditions from DriveBC: <https://www.drivebc.ca/>
- For the BC Air Quality Health Index: <https://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/data/aqhi-table.html>

- Emergency preparedness information and tips from the Prepared BC website:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc>

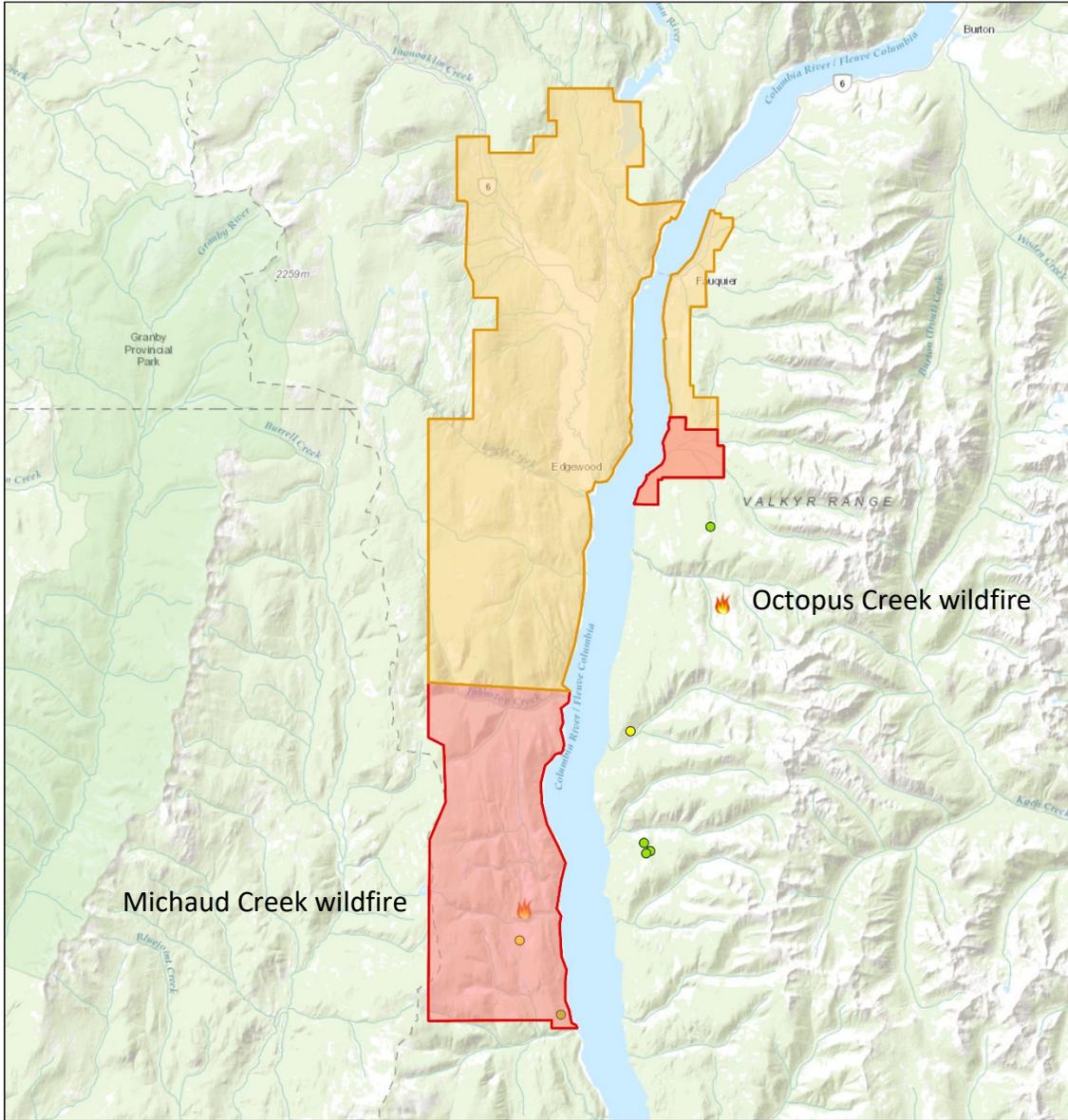
Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning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

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Michaud Creek Fire Evacuation Alert



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Active Evacuation Areas

Evacuation Alert

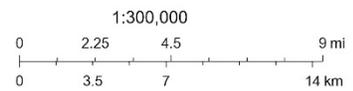
Evacuation Order

BC WILDFIRE - Fire Locations Current

🔥 Fire of Note

● Being Held

● Under Control



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