



Media Release

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Evacuation Order issued for Cultus Creek Wildfire

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has issued an Evacuation Order for the area of Midge Creek to Next Creek, on the west shore of the south arm of Kootenay Lake, within the Kootenay Lake Provincial Park in Electoral Area A. See map of Evacuation Order below.

Residents and visitors are required to leave the Evacuation Order area immediately. Evacuated residents are asked to go to their pre-arranged emergency locations and register online with Emergency Support Services (ESS) at <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/>. Short-term assistance for immediate needs of food, shelter, and clothing may be provided by ESS volunteers following registration at the above website. For further assistance you can call the RDCK EOC public inquiry line 250-352-7701.

ESS may not be able to accommodate your pets, so make sure you have prepared your pets by having appropriate cages, food, water and bowls, and ensure they are wearing identification. You may wish to arrange to have your pets cared for by family or friends.

The Cultus Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 2 and is currently estimated at 1826 hectares. The BCWS has determined the cause to be lightning.

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

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

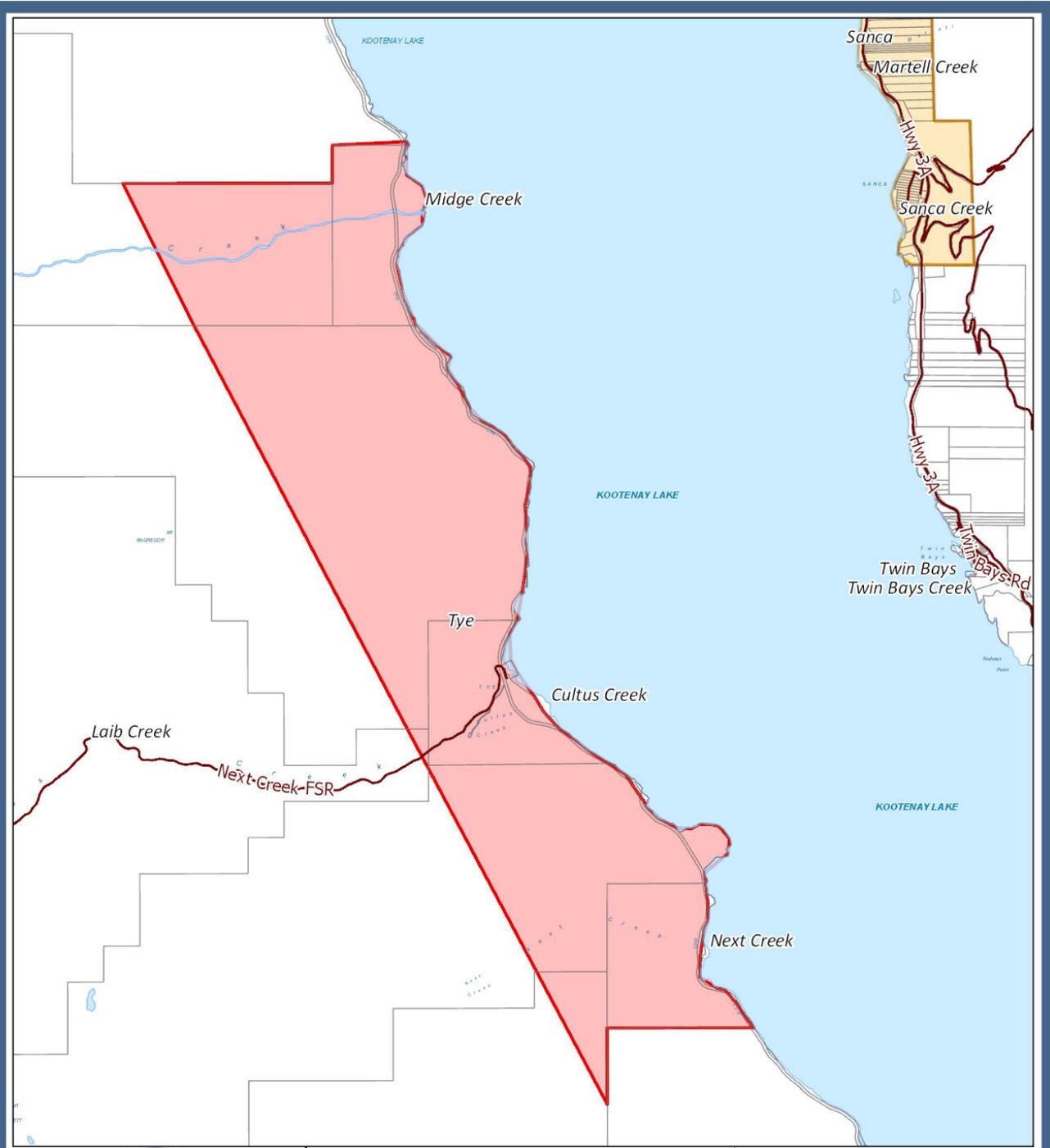
- Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds: www.rdck.ca/eocinfo or call 250-352-7701
- [RDCK Evacuation Order and Alert webmap](#)
- [Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notifications](#)
- [BC Wildfire – Interactive Map of Current Fires](#)
- [Public weather alerts for 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](#)

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For further information, please contact:

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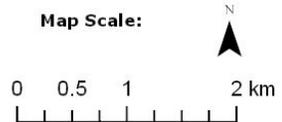


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Cultus Creek Wildfire Evacuation Order

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Map Scale:



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