



# Media Release

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## Evacuation Order rescinded for Octopus Creek wildfire

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is rescinding the Evacuation Order for Octopus Creek wildfire. 170 properties in the area from Fauquier to Applegrove remain on Evacuation Alert. See map for specific details. This reduction to an Alert means all residents can return to their properties.

Unseen dangers may linger and the RDCK is advising residents to be cautious when re-entering their homes and properties. Residents are advised to read through the [Returning Home After a Wildfire](#) document prior to returning to their residences.

The RDCK advises residents on Evacuation Alert to remain vigilant and be prepared to leave the area at a moment's notice. It is recommended to prepare an emergency kit and ensure preparedness, including moving pets and livestock to a safe area, in the event the situation worsens and an Evacuation Order is enforced. Part of your plan should include where you can go if evacuated.

The Octopus Creek wildfire (N51800) is being managed as part of the Arrow Lake Complex fires. It was first discovered on July 11 and is currently estimated at 18,447 hectares. The BCWS has determined the cause to be lightning.

An area restriction remains in place for the Octopus Creek wildfire area. [Visit BCWS Information Bulletin for more information.](#)

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Order and Alert will be provided via the [RDCK website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For details about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources, please visit [www.rdck.ca/eocinfo](http://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](http://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](http://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](#)

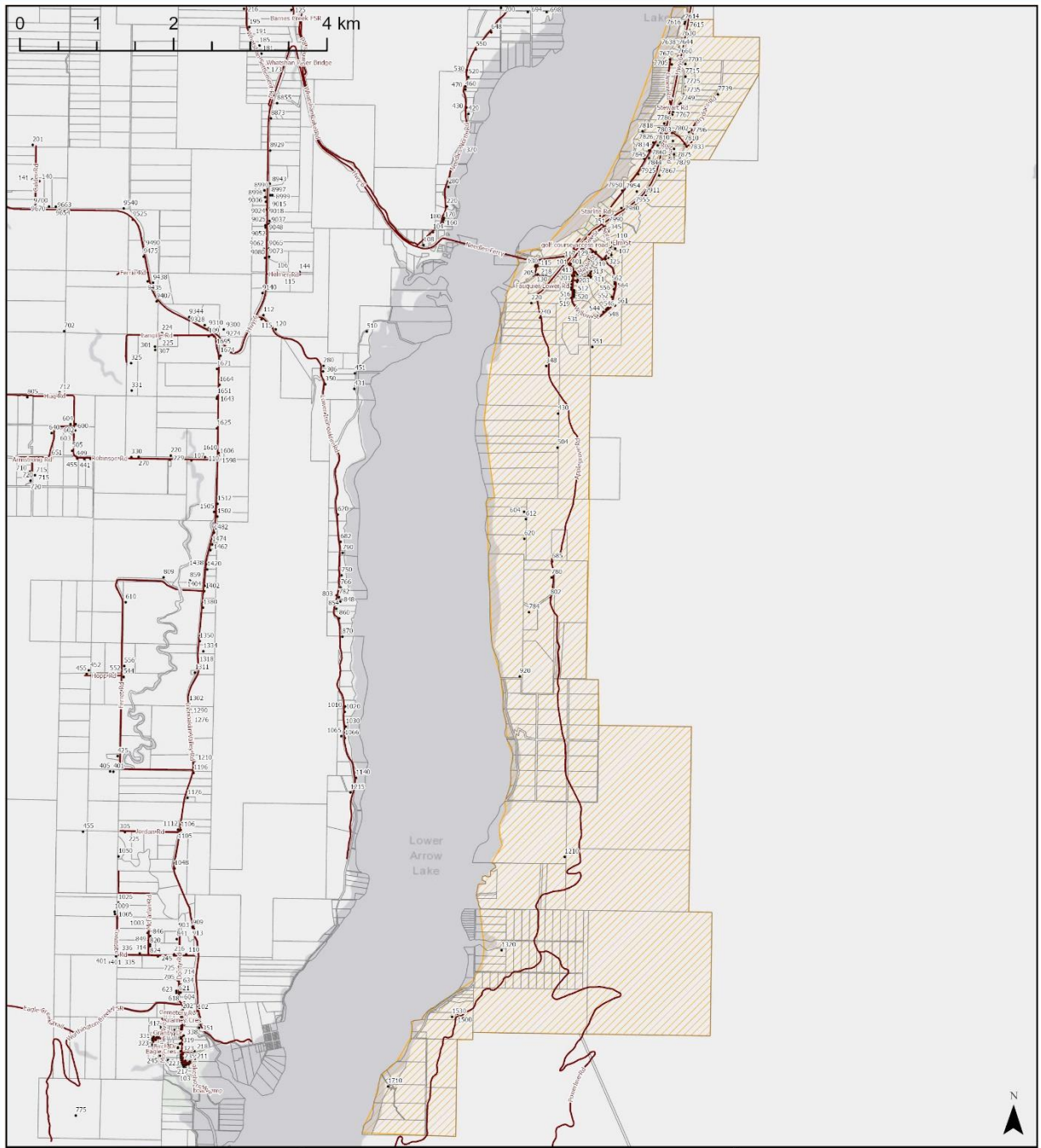
- [Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada](#)
- [Highway closures and conditions from DriveBC](#)
- [For the BC Air Quality Health Index](#)
- [Emergency preparedness information and tips from the Prepared BC website](#)

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## Octopus Creek Evacuation Order Recind

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