



Information Bulletin

August 8, 2024

Emergency Operations Centre

5:00 PM PST

****Updates include a full rescind of the Evacuation Order for residents of Duncan Island (Lavina Complex), the community of Argenta (Lavina Complex) being downgraded from an Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert, and a portion of the Evacuation Order due to the Ponderosa wildfire (Slocan Lake Complex) being downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for residents south of Lemon Creek.***

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) remains in regular communication with BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) to monitor the fires within the region. There are currently 100 wildfires in the Southeast Fire Centre, with 3 wildfires of note, and 70 listed as out of control. This is a dynamic situation that can change hourly, so residents are encouraged to be prepared and follow the [BCWS website](#) and the [RDCK website](#) for the most accurate and up to date information.

Road Closures

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) has **CLOSED** Highway 6 between 1 km south of Silverton to the Lemon Creek Bridge to both North and Southbound traffic due to the Slocan Lake Fires Complex. [Click here](#) for Highway closure details.

The Duncan FSR and Glacier Creek FSR on the west side of Duncan Lake remains on Evacuation Order and **CLOSED**. Both roads are blocked by debris from the wildfire. As a result, Duncan Island residents, can only access their homes by boat.

Emergency Support Services (ESS) Information:

If you are on Evacuation Order, go to ess.gov.bc.ca to create a profile and register with ESS or visit one of three ESS sites in Castlegar, Kaslo or New Denver (see operating hours below). When registering for ESS online, it is beneficial to also register for the BC Services Card account, which can be done online or with an app. This account allows you to verify your identify and can streamline services. Once the BC Services Card account is linked to your ESS profile, this enables the option of e-transfer payments to be made to you, if you are eligible and have a bank that accepts e-transfers. To learn more about the BC Services Card app, visit id.gov.bc.ca/account/. If you require assistance with online registration or renewal of ESS support, please call ESS at 1.800.387.4258.

ONLY THOSE RESIDENTS ON EVACUATION ORDER ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ESS. If you are on Evacuation Alert and voluntarily evacuate, you will not receive support at an ESS location. However, you can be proactive and create a profile online in case your Evacuation Alert escalates to an Evacuation Order.

Residents currently on ESS are reminded, whether they registered online or in person, they need to renew their ESS before it expires. If you do not renew, your ESS supports will stop. Only support for food and accommodation can be renewed. Incidentals and clothing are a one-time support provided per evacuee per event.

Current ESS locations for residents on Evacuation Order are:

[Selkirk College Castlegar Campus, 301 Frank Beinder Way](#)

The reception centre hours are:

August 9 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

* These hours are subject to change with the dynamic wildfire situation.

[Knox Hall, 521 6th Ave, New Denver](#)

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[Kaslo Royal Canadian Legion, 403 5th St.](#)

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August 9 - **CLOSED**

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Temporary Access Permit (TAP)

Temporary Access Permits (TAP) are restricted to the following:

- Critical Infrastructure or utility agencies may require access in order to service (i.e. refuel, inspect) or make repairs to affected critical equipment and sites;
- Members of the agriculture sector may need to make essential repairs to fencing, evacuate or check on livestock condition and care as required;
- Community members may request access so they can retrieve important medication, tend to their domestic animals.

Applicants who have applied for a TAP will be notified whether their application has been approved or denied the evening prior to their requested date of entry by email. If you have applied for a TAP, please anticipate receiving an email from the RDCK EOC.

[Temporary Access Permit Application](#)

[Temporary Access Permit Guidelines](#)

Slocan Lake Complex wildfire

The Slocan Lake Complex includes the Aylwin Creek wildfire, Komonko Creek wildfire, Mulvey Creek wildfire, Nemo Creek wildfire, and Ponderosa wildfire. A complex is created when multiple wildfires are managed by a single Incident Management Team, and resources and equipment are shared between all incidents in the complex.

Reminder to residents that have remained in the Evacuation Order area – do not enter active work zones where BCWS crews are using heavy equipment and building guards and control lines. Stay safe and remain on your property. Do not wander the Evacuation Order area as this puts yourself and BCWS crews' safety at risk.

Area Restriction details: [Slocan Lake Complex Area Restriction](#).

On the recommendation of the BCWS the RDCK EOC has downgraded a portion of the Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert for residents south of Lemon Creek. Please click for:

- [August 8 Portion of Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for Slocan Lake Complex details](#)
- [July 28 Slocan Lake Complex Wildfire Order details](#)

Residents are encouraged to contact the BCWS Information Officer with any questions regarding the Slocan Lake Complex wildfire: BCWS.Slocan.Information@gov.bc.ca

Aylwin Creek wildfire, N51065

On the recommendation of the BCWS the RDCK EOC has issued an Evacuation Order due to this fire. Order details:

- [July 30 Order downgraded to an Alert for Village of Silverton and 17 properties within Electoral Area H](#)
- [July 24 Order details](#)
- [July 23 Order details](#)
- [July 20 Order details](#)

The Aylwin Creek and Komonko Creek wildfires have merged at Enterprise Creek. As of August 3, information for both fires is combined and all updates will be provided under the Komonko Creek wildfire (N51210).

Komonko Creek wildfire, N51210

[Komonko Creek wildfire BCWS incident details page](#)

Nemo Creek wildfire, N51103

On the recommendation of the BCWS the RDCK EOC has issued an Evacuation Order due to this fire. Order details:

- [July 19 Order details.](#)
- [Nemo Creek wildfire BCWS incident details page](#)

Mulvey Creek, N51117

On the recommendation of the BCWS the RDCK EOC has issued an Evacuation Order due to this fire. Order details:

- [July 28 Order details](#)
- [July 21 Order details](#)
- [Mulvey Creek wildfire BCWS incident details page](#)

Ponderosa wildfire, N51069

On the recommendation of the BCWS the RDCK EOC has downgraded a portion of the Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert. Please click for:

- [August 8 Order downgraded to an Alert south of Lemon Creek details](#)
- [July 28 Order details.](#)
- [July 23 Alert details.](#)
- [July 21 Alert details](#)
- [Ponderosa wildfire BCWS incident details page](#)

Lavina Complex

The Lavina Complex includes the Argenta Creek wildfire, Lower Meadow Mountain wildfire, and Howser Ridge 3 wildfire.

Argenta Creek, N71058

On the recommendation of the BCWS the RDCK EOC has downgraded the Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert for the community Argenta. Just one home on Glacier Creek Road and the Glacier Creek Regional Park remain on Evacuation Order. Please click for:

- [August 8 Order downgraded to an Alert details](#)
- [August 6 Downgraded Order details](#)
- [N71058 wildfire BCWS incident details page](#)

[Area Restriction details for Argenta Creek area](#)

Lower Meadow Mountain N71101

The wildfire is now classified as 'being held' by BCWS. Being held is a wildfire that is projected, based on fuel and weather conditions and resource availability, to remain within the current perimeter, control or boundary.

[Lower Meadow Mountain BCWS incident details page](#)

Glacier Creek, N71098

On the recommendation of the BCWS the RDCK EOC has rescinded the Evacuation Order due to this fire. Please click for:

- [August 8 Order rescinded details](#)

- [July 24 Order details](#)

On July 27 BCWS merged the Glacier Creek wildfire information with the Argenta Creek wildfire.

- [Historical N71098 wildfire BCWS incident details page](#)
- [Current Argenta Creek N71058 wildfire BCWS incident details page](#)

Howser Ridge 3, N71144

On the recommendation of the BCWS the RDCK EOC has issued an Evacuation Alert due to this fire. Alert details:

- [July 29 Alert details](#)
- [Howser Ridge BCWS incident details page](#)

[Area restriction details for Howser Ridge 3](#)

General Information

For more information on the wildfires refer to [BCWS website](#), [BCWS Facebook](#) and [BCWS X](#).

Visit www.rdck.ca/eocinfo for the complete details of all current evacuation orders and alerts. Follow the RDCK on [Facebook](#) and [X](#). Affected residents with any questions can contact the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at 250-352-7701.