



Media Release

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Evacuation Alert rescinded for communities impacted by Poplar Creek wildfire

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has rescinded the Evacuation Alert for 30 addresses from 15904 Highway 31 north through the community of Poplar Creek to Rapid Creek in Electoral Area D due to a reduced threat from the [Poplar Creek wildfire \(N71253\)](#).

[Evacuation Alert rescinded PDF \(formal document\)](#)

[The Poplar Creek wildfire](#) was first discovered on July 26 and BCWS determined the cause to be lightning. The RDCK advises people to remain vigilant in the event that conditions change, and an Evacuation Alert or Order may be re-issued, and the evacuation process will recommence. It is recommended to prepare an emergency kit and ensure preparedness, including moving pets and livestock to a safe area, in the event of another emergency.

Information about Evacuation Orders and Alerts in the RDCK can be found on the [RDCK website](#), [Facebook](#) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#). For details about evacuation and emergency preparedness, along with other resources, please visit www.rdck.ca/eocinfo. The RDCK EOC public inquiry line is 250.352.7701.

For up-to-date information on current wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, call 1.888.336.7378 or visit www.bcwildfire.ca.

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

- [Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds](#) or call 250-352-7701
- [Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notifications](#)
- [RDCK Public Emergency Web Map](#)
- [Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada](#)
- [BC Wildfire – Interactive Map of Current Events](#)
- [Fortis BC Outage Map](#) or call 1-866-436-7847
- [BC Hydro outage map](#) or call 1-800-224-9376
- [Nelson Hydro](#) 1-877-324-9376

- [Drive BC](#) for highway closures and road conditions
- [For BC Air Quality Health Index](#)
- [Prepared BC](#)

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