



EVACUATION ALERT September 12, 2017 at 15:30 hours

An Evacuation **Alert** has been issued by the Regional District of East Kootenay, the District of Elkford and the District of Sparwood due to wildfire and the **potential** danger to life and health to residents in the area **north of the District of Sparwood to Bingay Creek. This includes the District of Elkford, Line Creek, Green Hills and Fording River Operations and all rural properties north of Sparwood** as outlined on the map associated with this Alert.

The purpose of this Alert is to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however, you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHILE THE ALERT IS IN EFFECT

While the Evacuation Alert is in place, you should prepare for a possible Evacuation Order by:

- Locating all family members or co-workers and designate a meeting point outside the evacuation area, should an evacuation be called while separated.
- Gathering essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (e.g., insurance), immediate care needs for dependants and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc.). Have these items readily available for quick departure.
- Preparing to move any disabled persons and/or children.
- Moving pets and livestock to a safe area.
- Arranging to transport your household members or co-workers in the event of an Evacuation Order. If you need transportation assistance from the area please call 250-426-2188.
- Arranging accommodation for your family if possible. In the event of an evacuation, Reception Centres will be opened if required.
- Monitoring news sources for information on Evacuation Orders and locations of Reception Centres.

Further information will be issued should the situation change and updates will be provided on the RDEK website (www.rdek.bc.ca) and Facebook page, the District of Elkford website (www.elkford.ca) and the District of Sparwood website (www.sparwood.ca). For more information contact the Information Line at 250-426-2188 or long distance at 1-855-346-2188.

If you are not already on the RDEK's Emergency communications email group and would like to be added for emergency notifications, email Loree Duczek at lduczek@rdek.bc.ca and put 'Emergency Communications Email Group' in the subject line.

THIS IS ONLY AN ALERT MEANT TO HELP YOU PREPARE IN THE EVENT EVACUATION IS REQUIRED. SHOULD THE SITUATION CHANGE AN EVACUATION ORDER WILL BE ISSUED.

Wendy Booth, Vice-Chair
Regional District of East Kootenay

Dean McKerracher, Mayor
District of Elkford

Cal McDougall, Mayor
District of Sparwood

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