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Evacuation Alert Update

There has been no significant fire growth within the last twelve (12) hours.

The District of Elkford remains under an **Evacuation Alert**. This includes the **District of Elkford, Line Creek, Green Hills and Fording River Operations and all rural properties north of Sparwood**. This alert was issued on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 15:30.

The District of Elkford will host a Town Hall Public Information Meeting at 19:00 (7:00 pm) at the Elkford Community Conference Centre in Teck Hall to provide an opportunity for those residents who have unanswered questions or require more information.

The District of Elkford will provide updates at 11:00 and 16:00 each day on our District of Elkford website www.elkford.ca, District Elkford Facebook page, the community board at the Elkford Community Conference Centre and on our emergency radio station 91.1.

- **Quinn Creek (South-West of Elkford)** – This fire is estimated at 6,576 hectares in size and is in the Bull River drainage. The fire has been active on the northern side. It remains within the Bull River drainage and has moved to the beginning of upper Brule Creek. There were 22 personnel, 2 helicopters and 5 pieces of heavy equipment on the fire yesterday. Air tankers and helicopters have established a retardant line on the ridge on the east side of the drainage to prevent further movement eastward and a portable retardant pit has been set up. Crews are also working to establish control lines on the southern edge of this fire.
- **White River Complex (North-West of Elkford)** – The fire is estimated at 22,500 hectares. A dedicated Incident Management Team has taken over the operation of this fire and have established a camp in the Canal Flats area. Yesterday there were 105 firefighters, 4 helicopters, and 6 pieces of heavy equipment on the fire. Helicopters bucketed along the southern flank and will be reassigned to other areas as necessary.



Heavy equipment was also working in the southern end of the fire to provide safe access for crews. Additional crews will be arriving shortly.

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.

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