



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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Provincial State of Local Emergency Declared and Campfire Ban in Place Due to Wildfire Activity

The Regional District of Central Kootenay is informing residents that the BC Provincial Government has declared a provincial state of local emergency due to the current wildfire situation and the expected increase in wildfire activity.

For more information regarding the provincial state of emergency, visit:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017TRAN0196-001286>

Furthermore, there is currently a campfire ban throughout the Southeast Fire Centre in order to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires and to protect public safety. The current hot and dry weather conditions have resulted in “high” or “extreme” fire danger ratings throughout the region.

For more information regarding current wildfire activity and burning restrictions, visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cellphone.

The RDCK encourages residents to assemble a [72 hour GRAB & GO emergency kit](#) in the event of an emergency. And if you haven't already, please sign up for the RDCK's [FREE Emergency Notification System](#).

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For further information, please visit:

RDCK Wildfire Information Page info: <http://www.rdck.ca/EN/main/services/emergency-management/wildfires.html>

RDCK Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/rdcentralkootenay/>

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