
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Off-road vehicle and backcountry restrictions reminder

CASTLEGAR – The BC Wildfire Service reminds the public that the operation of any off-road vehicle for recreational or hunting purposes on Crown land remains prohibited within the Southeast Fire Centre.

In addition, all Crown land within the Rocky Mountain Natural Resource District remains closed to public access due to the current fire danger ratings and the number of wildfires burning in the region. While some parts of B.C. have been experiencing cooler temperatures and rain, the fire danger rating is still “high” or “extreme” in many areas of the Southeast Fire Centre.

The BC Wildfire Service continually monitors conditions in the region and these restrictions may be expanded or rescinded as needed. The off-road vehicle prohibition that is in effect throughout the Southeast Fire Centre and the public access restriction that is in effect in the Rocky Mountain Natural Resource District will remain in place until conditions warrant otherwise and the BC Wildfire Service rescinds these two measures.

A map of the area affected by the Rocky Mountain Natural Resource District closure is available online: <http://ow.ly/EfiR30eQBUM>

Anyone found in contravention of the off-road vehicle prohibition or the backcountry closure may be issued a violation ticket in the amount of \$767. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

The Southeast Fire Centre extends from the U.S. border in the south to the Mica Dam in the north and from the Okanagan Highlands and Monashee Mountains in the west to the B.C.-Alberta border in the east. The Southeast Fire Centre includes the Selkirk Natural Resource District and the Rocky Mountain Natural Resource District.

To report an off-road vehicle violation, call the Report All Polluters and Poachers (RAPP) line at 1 877 952-7277.

To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call *5555 on a cellphone or 1 800 663-5555 toll-free. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

You can also follow the latest wildfire news:

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