



EVACUATION ALERT

St Mary's Lake Road JULY 19, 2026 at 8:00 pm

An Evacuation Alert has been issued by the **Regional District of East Kootenay** at the Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) due to the **Tower Creek Wildfires (N10944, N10947)**.

Because of the potential danger to life and health, the Regional District of East Kootenay has issued an **Evacuation Alert** for all properties from the junction of the Redding Creek and the St. Mary's Lake Road and up to the municipal boundary of the City of Kimberley at the end of the St. Mary's Lake Road **(See Attached Map)**.

All properties along the St. Mary's Lake Road from the municipal boundary of the City of Kimberley's to the intersection of Redding Creek Forrest Service Road and the St. Mary's Lake Road.

An **Evacuation Alert** has been issued 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.

Further information will be issued should the situation change; updates will be provided on www.rdek.bc.ca and Facebook page. For more information call the RDEK Information line at 250-426-2188 or toll free at 1-855-346-2188.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob C. Gay".

Rob C. Gay,
Board Chair
Regional District of East Kootenay

EVACUATION ALERT - Information

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO during the Evacuation Alert Stage:

- Register for the Evacuation Notification System at www.rdek.bc.ca – this will ensure that we can reach you rapidly if the evacuation status changes.
- Arrange a meeting location outside of the Evacuation Alert area where family members can meet if an Evacuation Order is issued while not together.
- Have a ‘To-Go Bag’ packed and ready to leave at a moment’s notice, with essential items such as:
 - Government-issued ID
 - Medications, eyeglasses, and transportable medical equipment
 - Money
 - Clothing, personal care items and immediate needs for your dependents
 - Important documents (e.g. insurance, banking and mortgage info)
 - Valuables and keepsakes
- **Pets and animals:** Please relocate any large animals to a safe area and prepare to take your pets with you, include:
 - Food and water
 - Carriers or travel trailers
 - Medication
 - Anything necessary for the animal’s safe and well-being

Commercial Farmers should contact the RDEK Information Line: 250-426-2188 or 1-855-346-2188.

- Relocate recreational vehicles and boats at the Alert stage as there will not be time to move them in the event of an Order.
- Ensure there is enough fuel in vehicles to safely leave the area if an Evacuation Order is issued.
- Plan ahead for accommodation should an Order need to be issued, if possible, stay with friends or relatives, or find alternative accommodations.
- Should an Evacuation Order need to be issued, provincial Emergency Support Services are only available for those displaced from their **primary residence**.
- Pre-register all household members on the provincial Evacuee Registration & Assistance (ERA) Tool at ess.gov.bc.ca. Persons who have a BC Services Card may be eligible to receive an e-transfer using the BC Services Card App.
- Please secure your firearms in accordance with Section 118 of the *Firearms Act*.
- Monitor credible **news sources** and www.rdek.bc.ca for information.

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