

EVACUATION ORDER

Ta Ta Creek and Wasa Areas August 1, 2026 at 8:00 pm

Whereas a state of local emergency was declared on **August 1, 2026** by the **Regional District of East Kootenay** pursuant to Section 95 of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* due to **Wildfire N11360**.

And whereas **this Wildfire** poses an immediate danger to life safety in **Ta Ta Creek and Wasa Areas**; this **Evacuation Order** has been issued by the **Regional District of East Kootenay** pursuant to Section 107 (1)(c) of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*.

The Evacuation Order is in effect as of **8:00 pm** for the following areas

(See Attached Map and List of Addresses)

YOU MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY

Emergency Support Services (ESS) is available at 1115 2nd Avenue South, Parkland Secondary School, Cranbrook, where you can receive support and additional information. ESS are only available for those displaced from their **primary residence**.

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.



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

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WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- **Leave the Evacuation Order area immediately.**
- Follow the directions of emergency responders and/or traffic control personnel.
- Gather your family and, if you have room, take a neighbour or someone needing transportation. Do not use any additional vehicles than necessary.
- If you need transportation assistance from the area, advise the person providing this notice or call 250-489-9677.
- Take critical items (IDs, medication, money, clothing, care items, important documents, and valuables) only if they are immediately available. Take pets in carriers or on leash.
- Do **NOT** turn off your natural gas. FortisBC will shut off the service if deemed necessary.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Please secure your firearms in accordance with Section 118 of the Firearms Act.
- Due to a shortage of commercial accommodations (hotels/motels), consider making arrangements to stay with other family and friends outside the immediate area if possible.
- Register your household on the provincial Evacuee Registration & Assistance (ERA) Tool at ess.gov.bc.ca and proceed to the closest ESS Reception Centre. If you are unable to register online, please contact 250-426-2188.
- Monitor credible **news sources** and www.rdek.bc.ca for information.

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