

## Village of Nakusp Wildfire Update including update from BC Hydro

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There is a lot of information, some accurate and some not, being posted on social media. It is understandable that people are worried and looking for information. Please encourage your friends, family, and neighbours to sign up to these Village of Nakusp email updates ([www.nakusp.com](http://www.nakusp.com)) and/or to follow the Village of Nakusp (@VillageNakusp) on Facebook. Also, we encourage everyone to share the posts and forward these emails whenever possible so that we can reach the greatest number of Nakusp residents and businesses should an emergency occur within the Village.

Village staff are in constant contact with various agencies – RDCK, BC Wildfire personnel, provincial ministry officials, BC Hydro, etc. When information becomes available which is **directly relevant to the safety of the residents in the Village of Nakusp – it will be posted through these channels very quickly** and updated as often as necessary. We are committed to providing information in a timely and accurate manner. The Village does not respond to posts that are circulated on other sources as it is not possible to monitor all of it but we will provide all new information regarding threats to this community as soon as we receive it. We realize that not all individuals have access to social media and email – we are hopeful that updates can be shared with those you know are not connected to these platforms. If an emergency situation did arise – further communication steps would be taken. In the case of a strategic evacuation, officials would notify residents door-to-door with printed orders containing relevant information on where to go, contact numbers, etc. Information would be made available through all means possible and not limited to electronic means.

For today's update, the BC Wildfire Service is not reporting any change in the Kimbol Lake fire. It remains at 77 HA and continues to be noted as "out of control" however it is not currently considered a risk to Nakusp.

**The Village has been advised by BC Hydro that there is no imminent risk to the power supply for Nakusp at this time.** BC Hydro is continuing to monitor the situation quite closely and are conducting daily aerial assessments at first light. They are also making arrangements to begin fire hardening on their infrastructure in the area. If any new information is received regarding power supply to Nakusp, residents will be notified immediately. However - all residents should be prepared in the case of changing conditions. BC Hydro has prepared an information sheet with helpful tips to prepare for a power outage and is attached to this email for reference.

Since wildfire activity can be unpredictable, residents are also reminded to take time to prepare for an emergency and ensure they have a [Grab and Go Emergency Kit](#) ready in the case of an evacuation.

The RDCK has developed an interactive map which displays all active Evacuation Orders, Evacuation Alerts and Rescinds within the Regional District of Central Kootenay. Evacuation areas can be search through civic addresses. The map can be found at [RDCK Active Evacuation Areas](#). You will note that in addition to the Fauquier and Edgewood Evacuation Orders, an Evacuation Order was issued yesterday for approx. 174 properties in the Slocan Valley due to the Trozzo Creek Wildfire. Details of that Evacuation order can be found here: [Trozzo Creek Wildfire Evacuation Order](#)