



Current Situation: Deteriorating

PECC Activated Level 1

Southeast PREOC Activated Level 2

Local Government EOCs:

- Central Kootenay RD, Activated Level 1; Statutory Declaration issued; **1 Evacuation Order.**

There has been a significant increase in fire activity in the Southeast Region over the past 24 hours. Current information on wildfires can be found on Ministry of Forests Protection Program website at: <http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Situation.asp>

The Central Kootenay Regional District has issued a Declaration of State of Local Emergency this morning to facilitate the **Evacuation Order now issued to 3 homes.** As well, BC Transmission Corp has shut down its main feeder lines into the West Kootenay's area of Nakusp, Fauquier and Needles due to potential fire impacts. **Line repair is anticipated to occur tomorrow, with favourable access conditions a prerequisite.**

Staffing plans for the Southeast PREOC and PECC have been developed in anticipation of extended hours of operation through the coming long weekend. The Central Kootenay Regional District is also developing staffing plans for extended hours of operation.

The Public Affairs Bureau (PAB) have deployed 2 Information Officers to the SEA PREOC for support of Operations. TEAMS members are fulfilling positions within the SEA PREOC.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) has deployed 1 Sprinkler Protection Unit to the Springer Creek Fire in the Slocan Valley; A second SPU kit has been deployed to the Hamil Creek Fire (previously known as Argenta), and a **third SPU kit has been deployed to the Penstock Fire near Needles.**

The Ministry of Transportation are considering closure of Highway 6 due to upland slope stability related to the fire. Additional notification being given to the travelling public regarding extended distances without fuel service as the pumps are without power.

Outlook

The current weather forecast shows continued hot and dry weather for the Central and Southeast Regions of the province. It is anticipated the fires in the Southeast Region will continue to be quite active through the next 5 day period based on this weather forecast.

Additional detailed local news and fire maps, can be found on the Regional District of Central Kootenay website at <http://www.rdck.bc.ca/publicinfo/news.html>