



Current Situation: Unchanged

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 an 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 to facilitate the Evacuation Order to 3 homes. **A BC Transmission Corp electrical line was damaged August 1st by a wildfire burning north of Needles. The affected BC Hydro customers were in the Nakusp, Burton, and New Denver area. Line repair has occurred, and power has been restored.**

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 has also developed 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. **1 kit has been prepositioned in Kamloops for deployment as necessary.**

The Ministry of Transportation are considering closure of Highway 6 due to upland slope stability related to the fire.

Outlook

The current weather forecast shows an unstable low moving in to the province and will affect South Cariboo, southern interior, upper Columbia regions. The low is expected to bring lightning and wind/ wind gusts for the Central and Southeast Regions of the province. It is anticipated there will be new fire starts across the affected band and the existing 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>