

## OVERVIEW

### **Current Situation: Deteriorating**

PECC Activated Level 1

Southeast PREOC Activated Level 2

Local Government EOCs: Activated Level 2

There are 7 major fires burning in the Southeast Region at this time. While most of these fires have not increased in size over the past 24 hours, the Springer Creek fire, northeast of Slocan, has been very active and has now increased to 1500 hectares. There have been additional evacuations of homes and transportation impacts as a result. The current weather forecast is suggesting high winds will be prevalent this afternoon across the Southeast Region which could result in a further increase in fire activity.

Current information on wildfires can be found on Ministry of Forests Protection Program website at: <http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Situation.asp>

## IMPACTS

The Central Kootenay Regional District has issued a Declaration of State of Local Emergency to facilitate evacuations and response actions.

- **There are currently 30 homes under Evacuation Order. This is an increase of 27 homes since yesterday.**
- **There are 68 homes on Evacuation Alert.**
- **Highway 6 has now been closed at Slocan Bluffs due to falling debris. MOT is coordinating notification to travellers regarding the road closure**

The SEA PREOC in Nelson and the PECC in Victoria will be staffed throughout the weekend by TEAMs members and PAB Information Officers. The Regional District of Central Kootenay EOC in Nelson will also be staffed throughout the weekend. Ministry of Forests and Range, Protection Program continues to action the fires with heavy equipment, aircraft and ground crews.

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.

## OUTLOOK

**The current weather forecast is suggesting strong winds will develop across the Southeast Region this afternoon as a low pressure system moves into the area. This will be followed by cooler temperatures over the weekend. Some precipitation is possible in the Flathead Valley today, otherwise the area is expected to remain warm and dry throughout the weekend.**

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>