



NEWS RELEASE

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Pontoon Creek Wildfire Information

On the evening of July 15, 2024, the RDKS was informed by BC Wildfire Service about the Pontoon Creek Wildfire #R50969, located near the south end of Kitsumkalum Lake.

Crews are currently working on site. Campgrounds in the area are inaccessible until further notice, including the Hart Farm Recreation Site, Kitsumkalum Provincial Park (Goat Creek), Red Sand Lake Recreation Site, and Ackerman Point Recreation Site. We remind the public to please stay out of the area and let the crews do their work.

Please check drivebc.ca for information about road accessibility. For the latest information, please visit BC Wildfire Service online at [BC Wildfire Service](https://www.bcwildfire.ca)

Emergency Support Services (RDKS)

- If you are displaced from your home due to an emergency event, we are here to help.
- The 24-hour hotline is available by calling: 250-641-2443

Emergency Management B.C.

- The Province of BC has information for all residents on how to be prepared and stay safe during an event and recovery: [Get prepared for a wildfire](https://www25.gov.bc.ca/gov25/serv/bc/get-prepared-for-a-wildfire)
- Emergency Management BC also has a [Wildfire Preparedness Guide](https://www25.gov.bc.ca/gov25/serv/bc/wildfire-preparedness-guide) available online.

Important terms:

Terms to note in the event of a wildfire:

- **Evacuation Alert:** Be ready to leave on short notice.
- **Evacuation Order:** You are at risk. Leave the area immediately.
- **Evacuation Rescinded:** All is currently safe; you can return home.

For more information on RDKS Fire preparedness, or general information, please visit our website at: rdks.bc.ca

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