



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Pontoon Creek Wildfire Information - Update

As of 3:46 p.m. on July 16, 2024, Kitsumkalum Band and the RDKS were informed by BC Wildfire Service that the Pontoon Creek Wildfire #R50969, located near the south end of Kitsumkalum Lake, is under control.

Fire activity has been greatly diminished, and crews are establishing a hoselay around the fire to allow for water delivery along the entire perimeter. The previously closed campgrounds in the area (Hart Farm Recreation Site, Kitsumkalum Provincial Park (Goat Creek), Red Sand Lake Recreation Site, and Ackerman Point Recreation Site) are now open.

We would like to remind the public to please be cautious in forested areas, and that there is still a province-wide ban on campfires. For the latest information, please visit BC Wildfire Service online at [BC Wildfire Service](#)

#### 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](#)
- Emergency Management BC also has a [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- **Evacuation Rescinded:** All is currently safe; you can return home.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](https://rdks.bc.ca)

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