

News Release

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August 16, 2021

Copper Canyon wildfire now under control, state of local emergency ended

DUNCAN, BC – The BC Wildfire Service has updated the status of the Copper Canyon wildfire to ‘under control,’ and the State of Local Emergency (SOLE) and evacuation alert have both been rescinded.

A status of ‘under control’ indicates the fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire. Corresponding the change in status, today the BC Wildfire Service recommended to the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Regional Emergency Operation Centre (REOC) that the evacuation alert be ended. With this change in status, the CVRD REOC also made the decision to cancel the SOLE. While these actions essentially conclude the incident from the involvement of the CVRD REOC, the wildfire will remain active for BC Wildfire Service such time as the status is changed to ‘out,’ indicating the fire has been fully extinguished.

“The CVRD thanks the municipality of North Cowichan and Halalt First Nation for their partnership in this emergency response and recovery, and all of the firefighting personnel whose actions on the ground prevented the fire from spreading over the last 11 days,” said Aaron Stone, Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. “This fire should serve as a reminder of the severity of our current drought on east Vancouver Island and the ease with which we could face a devastating situation similar to what’s happening in other parts of BC right now.”

For further updates on the Copper Canyon wildfire, residents can check the [BC Wildfire Dashboard](#) or follow [BC Wildfire Service on Twitter](#).

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State of Local Emergency

CANCELLATION ORDER

Date: August 16, 2021

WHEREAS the Copper Canyon Wildfire within the jurisdiction of the Cowichan Valley Regional District and the District of North Cowichan;

AND WHEREAS this wildfire emergency no longer requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Section 14 (2) (ii) of the *Emergency Program Act* (RS, 1996, Chap 111) that a state of local emergency no longer exists in an area within Electoral Area E and described by the following boundaries;

- TransCanada Hwy 1
- Hwy 18
- The western boundary of Electoral Area E
- The northern boundary of the District of North Cowichan

and is therefore cancelled effective this date at 1530hrs.

Aaron Stone
Chair
Cowichan Valley Regional District

Signature

Rosalie Sawrie
Acting Mayor
District of North Cowichan

Signature



EVACUATION ALERT CANCELLED

Copper Canyon Wildfire

08/16/2021 at 1530hrs

The Evacuation Alert, pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the BC *Emergency Program Act* issued at 1415hrs on August 13, 2021 for the following property has been cancelled.

7990 Mount Prevost Rd.

An Evacuation Alert or Order may need to be reissued; however, if that is deemed necessary, the Evacuation Alert/Order process will re-commence.

For more information contact the CVRD at EOC.Information@cvrd.bc.ca

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EOC Director, Cowichan Valley Regional District