

## News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Mt. Hayes wildfire: Evacuation Order for Bush Creek Fish Hatchery**

**DUNCAN, BC** - The Cowichan Valley Regional District has issued an Evacuation Order for the Bush Creek Fish Hatchery due to the Mt. Hayes wildfire.

An Evacuation Order is issued under the BC Emergency Program Act due to an immediate danger to life safety.

The public is advised that area restrictions are also currently in place as a result of the ongoing wildfire. In an effort to ensure public safety, we request that you avoid Cowichan Valley Regional Trail in the area of Christie Falls until further notice.

During an Evacuation Order, emergency officials will go door-to-door to inform the affected addresses.

In response to this ongoing incident on Mt. Hayes, the Cowichan Valley Regional District has activated a Regional Emergency Operations Centre.

Please visit the [CVRD's website](#) for the latest information. You can also download the Cowichan Alert [Alertable app](#) to receive updates.

A further update on the Mt. Hayes wildfire will be issued at approximately 5:30 pm on Friday.

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## EVACUATION ORDER

### Mount Hayes Wildfire

08/20/2021 at 1400hrs

Pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the BC *Emergency Program Act* an **Evacuation Order** has been issued by the Cowichan Valley Regional District due to immediate danger to life safety caused by a wildfire event.

The Evacuation Order is in effect for the following location:

#### Bush Creek Fish Hatchery

Located on parcel legally described as that portion of Parcel Identifier 000878090 near the junction of Bush Creek & Cowichan Valley Trail (PID 000-878-090) west of Arroyo Road

### **YOU MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY**

#### **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:**

- Follow the travel route suggested (southeast along access road to Arroyo Road)
- Self-register online: Emergency Support Services (ESS) at <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/> to report that you have safely left the area.
- Shut off all gas and electrical appliances, other than refrigerators and freezers.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Gather your family and, if you have room, take a neighbour or someone needing transportation. Do not use more vehicles than you have to.
- Take critical items (medicine, purse, wallet, and keys) only if they are immediately available. Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency service.

Further information will be issued as it becomes available.

Stay updated by accessing CVRD's website at [www.cvrld.ca](http://www.cvrld.ca).



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