

News Release

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Mt. Hayes wildfire status updated to 'Being Held'

DUNCAN, BC – BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) is updating the status of the Mt. Hayes wildfire to 'Being Held' after further progress was achieved on Sunday.

As a result, the CVRD's Regional Emergency Operations Centre has downgraded the Evacuation Orders at the FortisBC liquefied natural gas facility and Bush Creek Fish Hatchery to Evacuation Alerts.

The CVRD and Regional District of Nanaimo's joint Evacuation Alert for addresses on Takala Road, David Road and Ivey Road remains in place at this time.

The Mt. Hayes wildfire now being designated as 'Being Held' means sufficient suppression action has been taken and the fire is unlikely to spread beyond its current boundaries under the forecasted conditions.

However, the area around the Mt. Hayes wildfire continues to be under a State of Local Emergency as issued by the CVRD's REOC.

Residents are advised to continue avoiding the area around Mt. Hayes for your safety.

For urgent public inquiries over the weekend please contact the Regional Emergency Operations Centre after hours phone line by dialling 778-402-9596.

For the latest information and updates, please check the [CVRD's website](#) and download the [Cowichan Alert Alertable app](#) for your smartphone.

You can also visit the [BCWS' dedicated webpage](#) for updates on the Mt. Hayes wildfire.

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EVACUATION ALERT

Mount Hayes Wildfire

08/22/2021 at 1700hrs

The Evacuation Orders, pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the BC *Emergency Program Act* issued at 2000hrs on August 19, 2021 and 1400hrs on August 20, 2021 for the following properties have been **rescinded**:

3951 Ninatti Road

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

Because of the potential danger to life and health from the current wildfire, an **Evacuation Alert** remains in effect for the above properties.

An Evacuation Alert has been issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary. You will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however, you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN UNDER AN EVACUATION ALERT:

- Locate all persons and designate a meeting area outside the evacuation area, should an Evacuation Order be called while separated.
- Pack essential items such as government-issued ID, medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (e.g. insurance, credit, and mortgage information), immediate care needs for dependents and, if time and space permits, keepsakes for quick departure.
- Prepare to move disabled persons, children and/or neighbours, if assistance is needed.
- Prepare to take pets with you and move livestock to a safe area (if possible).
- Arrange transportation for all your household members/staff. Fill the gas tanks of personal vehicles.
- Arrange accommodation for all members of the residence, if possible.
- Wait for an Evacuation Order to be issued before evacuating. Monitor local radio, CVRD website at www.cvrld.ca and/or <http://cowichanalert.ca> for information on evacuation orders and location of Reception Centres.

For further information visit www.bcwildfire.ca


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Cowichan Valley Regional District

