

News Release

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CVRD lifts State of Local Emergency, Evacuation Alert for area residences

DUNCAN, BC – The CVRD’s Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) is lifting the State of Local Emergency for the Mt. Hayes wildfire and rescinding the joint Evacuation Alert for 20 residential properties in the surrounding area.

The joint Evacuation Alert with the Regional District of Nanaimo that is being lifted as of Tuesday night is for addresses on Takala Road, David Road and Ivey Road, and based on the recommendation of BC Wildfire Service (BCWS).

The Mt. Hayes wildfire continues to be classified as “Being Held” and the containment line has successfully aided the efforts of BCWS crews. Ongoing suppression efforts are focused on the area to the south where the fire is dug in and continues to burn.

As a result, residents may experience wildfire smoke for the next several more days and are advised to take steps to limit exposure.

The Evacuation Alerts for the FortisBC facility and the Bush Creek Fish Hatchery continue to remain in place.

On Wednesday, the CVRD is downgrading the REOC to a Level 1 and will continue to receive updates from BCWS.

No further updates are expected unless there is a significant change to the status of the fire.

The CVRD wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to the public and media for sharing information during the Mt. Hayes wildfire and other emergency incidents.

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State of Local Emergency

CANCELLATION ORDER

Date 24 August 2021

WHEREAS there is a wildfire within the Cowichan Valley Regional District;

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 within Electoral Area G and H described by the following boundaries:

- The area of Electoral Area H west of the Trans Canada Highway
- The area north of Tye Creek in Electoral Area G

and is therefore cancelled effective this date at 2000hrs.

Aaron Stone
Chair, Cowichan Valley Regional District



Signature

EVACUATION ALERT CANCELLED

Mt. Hayes Wildfire

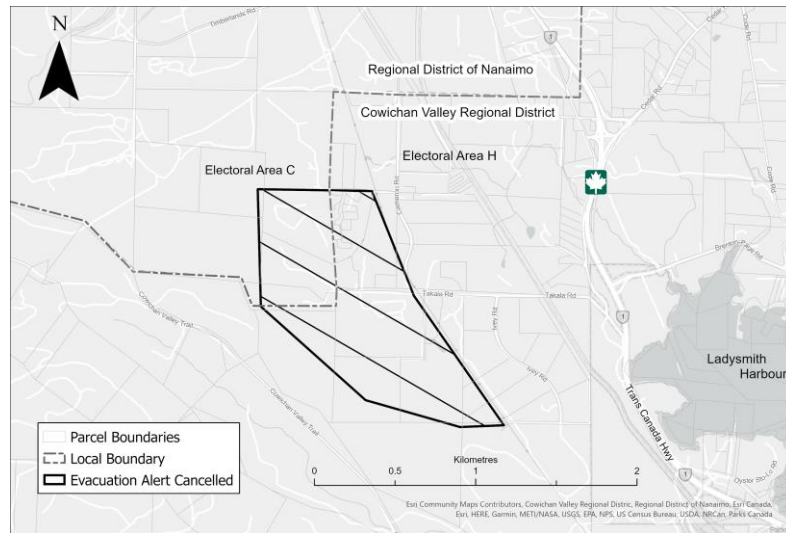
AUGUST 24, 2021 at 20:00hrs

The joint Evacuation Alert, pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the BC *Emergency Program Act* issued August 20, 2021 at 1230hrs to the following areas of the Cowichan Valley Regional District and the Regional District of Nanaimo has been cancelled.

The Cowichan Valley Regional District and the Regional District of Nanaimo have been advised that the Mount Hayes wildfire is being held and imminent risk of danger to life and properties in your area has diminished at this time.

The following properties are included within this Evacuation Alert Cancellation:

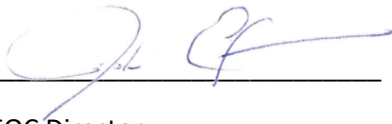
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This Evacuation Alert is no longer in effect

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

For more information visit RDN's website at <https://rdn.bc.ca> or contact the RDN at eocinformationoff@rdn.bc.ca or visit the CVRD's website at www.cvrld.ca or contact the CVRD at EOC.Information@cvrd.bc.ca.



REOC Director

Cowichan Valley Regional District



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