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Current Conditions

Weather conditions continue to vary considerably across the Kootenay Rockies. Recent rainfall and cooler temperatures have provided some relief in parts of the region, while warm and dry conditions continue elsewhere. [Drought conditions](#) persist across parts of the region, and wildfire-related measures remain in effect.

The [State of Provincial Emergency](#) has been extended through Saturday, August 29, and the recreational off-road vehicle prohibition remains in effect across the Southeast Fire Centre. An Evacuation Order also remains in effect in the Beaton and Trout Lake area, while six BC Wildfire Service Area Restrictions remain in place across the Kootenay Rockies.

These measures are geographically specific, and conditions vary considerably across the region. Tourism partners and visitors should continue to check official sources for current conditions and restrictions before travelling.

Beaton / Trout Lake Area – Evacuation Order Remains in Effect

An Evacuation Order is in effect for areas near Beaton and Trout Lake due to wildfire activity associated with two active wildfires: [N51066](#) near Beaton and [N71327](#) near Trout Lake. The Order is limited to the areas identified on the official evacuation maps and has not been expanded to the broader Revelstoke or Trout Lake destinations.

What this means for visitors

Visitors should avoid areas under Evacuation Order and check official maps before travelling or recreating in the Beaton and Trout Lake areas. Access and conditions can change, particularly in backcountry areas, so visitors should continue to check current wildfire, emergency and road information before heading out.

Wildfire information:

- [Beaton area – N51066](#): BC Wildfire Service incident page
- [Trout Lake area – N71327](#): BC Wildfire Service incident page
- [Evacuation Order information and maps](#): Revelstoke & Area Emergency Management

Recreational Off-Road Vehicle Prohibition Remains in Effect

The recreational [off-road vehicle prohibition](#) remains in effect throughout the Southeast Fire Centre. The prohibition applies to recreational use of ATVs, motorcycles and off-road side-by-side vehicles on Crown land.

Commercial tourism operations may continue to operate off-road vehicles when they are accompanying clients as part of a commercial tourism activity. Visitors participating in these guided commercial experiences are therefore not subject to the recreational prohibition while accompanied by the operator. Other Area Restrictions, road closures and evacuation measures may still apply.

For full details on exemptions, permitted road access and where the prohibition applies, see KRT's [\[SE Fire Centre Recreational Off-Road Vehicle Prohibition – Information Bulletin HERE\]](#).

Area Restrictions Remain in Effect

Six BC Wildfire Service Area Restrictions remain in effect across the Kootenay Rockies. These restrictions apply to specific geographic areas and should not automatically be interpreted as closures of surrounding communities, destinations or the broader backcountry.

Tourism partners should review the individual order and map when assessing impacts. A tourism operation, recreation area or travel route may be near an Area Restriction without being located within the restricted area.

Current Area Restrictions include:

- [Hope Creek](#) North – N71254 (NE of Poplar Creek)
- [Sea Lion Mountain](#) – N41412 (NE of Golden)
- [Jumbo Creek](#) – N21071 (W of Invermere)
- [Matthew Creek](#) – N11020 (W of Kimberley)
- [Inonoaklin Creek](#) - N51198 (NW of Needles, Hwy 6)
- [Poplar Creek](#) – N71253 (NE of Meadow Creek/Kaslo, Hwy 31)

Visitors are encouraged to check the BC Wildfire Service and DriveBC before travelling and to respect all posted closures and directions from emergency personnel.

[\[Understanding Wildfire Prohibitions and Restrictions\]](#)

New Destination BC Social Toolkit

Destination BC has released a new BC Tourism Partner Social Toolkit to help tourism businesses and organizations share timely, accurate information about current conditions in their communities.

The toolkit encourages tourism partners to share real-time photos and videos that show what visitors can currently expect, including the location, date and time the content was captured. Messaging templates, visual assets and guidance are also available to help create a consistent picture of destinations and experiences that remain open and welcoming to visitors.

What this means for tourism partners

Businesses and communities across the Kootenay Rockies can help build visitor confidence by sharing current, location-specific content through their own social channels. Where conditions are unaffected, showing visitors what is happening on the ground can help counter the perception that wildfire impacts in one part of the province apply more broadly.

[Access the BC Tourism Partner Social Toolkit](#)

Monitoring Resources

Conditions can change quickly between issue briefs. The following official resources provide the most current information on wildfire activity, emergency information, travel conditions, and air quality.

Wildfire Information

- [BC Wildfire Dashboard](#)
- [InciWeb](#) (US)

Travel & Emergency Information

- [EmergencyInfoBC](#)
- [Regional District of Kootenay Boundary](#) emergency page
- [Regional District of East Kootenay](#) emergency page
- [Regional District of West Kootenay](#) emergency page
- [Golden & Area](#) emergency page
- [Revelstoke & Area](#) emergency page
- [DriveBC](#)

Air Quality & Smoke

- [BC Air Quality Warnings](#)
- [Environment Canada Air Quality Health Index](#)
- Government of Canada [FireWork](#)

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