
Fire on Wesley Ridge on the North Side of Cameron Lake in the Regional District of Nanaimo

BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) is responding to a wildfire on the north banks of Cameron Lake. Dashwood Volunteer Fire Department and Coombs-Hilliers Volunteer Fire Department are providing response support. An **Evacuation Order** has been issued for the north side of Cameron Lake, including Chalet Road and Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park at Cameron Lake.

An **Evacuation Alert** has been issued for the following areas in Electoral Area F: Klein Ridge Road, Tom's Turnaround, Wallace Wood Way, Warn Way, Dars Place, Peligren Place, Lewis Lane, Country Road, Martini Way, Kim's Crescent, Jay Bail Trail, Dunwurkin Way, Canuck Cres, Taylor Walk, Cameron Crescent, Abbey Road, Pady Place, Spirit Way, Lillah's Loop, Wayat's Way, Easy Way, Farrah's Way, 1600 and 1700 blocks of Meadowood Way, Karen's Court and Laura's Loop.

The order and alert can be viewed at rdn.bc.ca/current-alerts. Emergency responders are notifying those impacted by the order directly.

Residents and visitors impacted by the order and alert can call the Emergency Operations Call Centre at 250-390-6538 or visit the RDN website for updates at rdn.bc.ca/current-alerts. Residents ordered to evacuate who need a place to shelter can go to the reception centre located at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre at 747 Jones Street. It is open for residents impacted by the evacuation order.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts to receive emergency alerts directly from the RDN through Voyent Alert, visit rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program.

Residents are asked to stay out of the area of the fire response to avoid interfering with any aerial apparatus response. Please do not go on the lake, operate drones, enter the area on foot or stop on the highway.

Additional information and resources:

- To learn more about the RDN emergency program and how to be prepared and to sign up to receive emergency alerts directly from the RDN through Voyent Alert, visit rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program.
- To view a map of current wildfires and wildfire status: [BC Wildfires Map](#)
- For information on current fire bans and other prohibitions in the Coastal Fire Centre: [Coastal Fire Centre bans and restrictions](#)

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- To report smoke or fires, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 or use the BCWS mobile app on your smart device.
- For accurate information on emergencies, response and recovery resources: [EmergencyInfoBC](#).
- For information on the status of highways: [DriveBC](#)
- For information on the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI): [Air Quality Health Index forecast for B.C.](#)
- For updates on fire weather and smoke across Canada: [firesmoke.ca/](#)
- To learn more about FireSmart BC and how to prepare your home and community for wildfire season: [FireSmart BC](#)

Wildfire safety reminders:

- During a wildfire, it is likely smoke will be visible in surrounding areas. If it is smokey in your area, it is best to keep indoors and close your windows when possible.
- Avoid all areas near the wildfire, obey signage and give fire crews the space to work.
- The operation of any aircraft not associated with fire suppression activities, including drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), near a wildfire is illegal. It also poses a serious threat to the safety of the fire crews.

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