

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

September 23, 2024

### Lockwood Creek Fire near Mount Arrowsmith in Electoral Area C

The BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) is responding to the Lockwood Creek Fire (V72550) within the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) near Mount Arrowsmith. The fire is estimated to be two hectares in size and is in a remote area. The fire is not threatening any values; however, it may be visible from Vancouver Island corridors. Fire crews are on the scene and will continue working throughout the day.

For information on the fire and the BCWS-lead response, residents can visit the incident webpage or contact the BCWS directly at BCWS.COFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca or 250-951-4209.

#### 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/emergencyprogram.
- 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
- 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

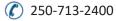
#### Wildfire safety reminders:

- 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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## For general information, contact:

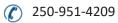
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## For wildfire incident information, contact

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