

John Brown Creek (Witset) Wildfire Information

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine has rescinded (cancelled) the Evacuation Alert for wildfire R#31512 near John Brown Creek in proximity of the community of Witset. The alert was rescinded at the recommendation of BC Wildfire as the wildfire no longer poses a threat to residents or property in the area.

For the latest information including news releases, alerts and evacuation orders, please visit the the RDKS website at www.rdks.bc.ca and for wildfire information visit BC Wildfire Service online at [BC Wildfire Service \(gov.bc.ca\)](http://BC Wildfire Service (gov.bc.ca)).

Emergency Management B.C.

- The Province of BC has information for all residents on how to be prepared and stay safe during an event and recovery: [Get prepared for a wildfire](#)
- Emergency Management BC also has a [Wildfire Preparedness Guide](#) available online.

Emergency Support Services (RDKS)

- If you are displaced from your home due to an emergency event, we are here to help.
- The 24-hour hotline is available by calling: **250-641-2443**

Important terms:

Here are some important terms to note in the event of a wildfire:

- **Evacuation Alert:** Be ready to leave on short notice.
- **Evacuation Order:** You are at risk. Leave the area immediately.
- **Evacuation Rescinded:** All is currently safe and you can return home.

Regional District Contact

Address: 4545 Lazelle Ave, Suite 300
Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Phone: 250-615-6100
Email: mnelson@rdks.bc.ca

For more information on RDKS Fire preparedness, or general information, please visit our website at:

www.rdks.bc.ca



EVACUATION ALERT RESCINDED (CANCELLED)

John Brown Creek (Witset) Wildfire #R31512

Date: September 19, 2023 and Time: 16:00 (4:00pm)

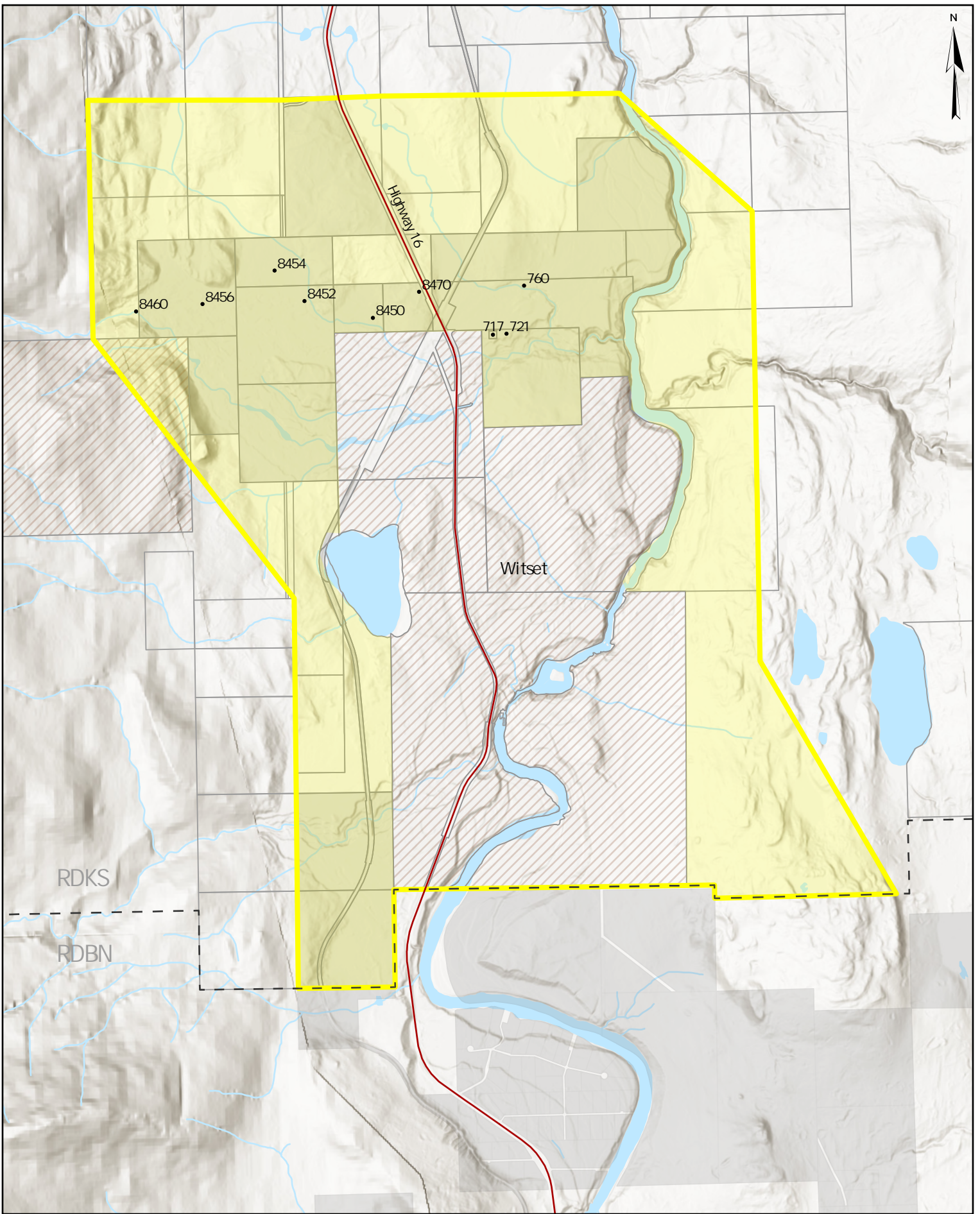
The **Evacuation Alert**, pursuant to the Emergency Program Act, issued by the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) on August 27, 2023 at 16:00 has been **rescinded** (cancelled) effective 16:00, September 19, 2023, based on the recommendation from BC Wildfire, as the wildfire near John Brown Creek in proximity of the community of Witset no longer poses threat to life and property of residents present (as shown on the attached map).

An Evacuation Alert may need to be reissued if conditions degrade; however, if that is deemed necessary, a notification of the Evacuation Alert or Order process will re-commence.

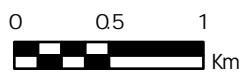
WHAT YOU SHOULD DO in the event conditions change:

- It is recommended that everyone register with the RDKS Mass notification system for real time updates. <https://vovent-alert.com/ca/community/>
- Locate all family members 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. Fill the gas tanks of personal vehicles. If transportation assistance is needed, call ESS at 250-641-2443.
- Arrange accommodation for all members of the residence, if possible.
- Wait for an Evacuation Order to be issued before evacuating. Monitor the RDKS website at www.rdks.bc.ca and social media pages/news/radio for information on evacuation orders and location of Reception Centres.

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Acting EOC Director



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Alert Area

Reserve
 Private

Regional District Boundary



Regional District of
Kitimat-Stikine