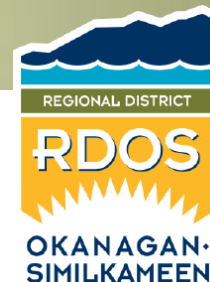


REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

Sept 6, 2017 at 4:30 pm

Update for Fires in RDOS



Finlay Creek Fire North of Summerland, BC

The BC Wildfire Service placed backcountry travel restrictions between Peachland and Summerland today. Information is available through BC Wildfire Service: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status

All Evacuation Orders and Alerts remain in place due to the potential of increased windy and dry conditions. Winds are expected to increase later this week due to a low pressure system entering the Okanagan Valley. In the Meadow Valley area, north west of Summerland, BC, 55 properties and Darke Lake Provincial Park remain on mandatory Evacuation Order. In total **111 properties** in the Faulder area, west of Summerland, remain on an advisory alert. **The number of properties on alert has been increased slightly from yesterday due to a new count of the homes; not due to a change of the alert area.** In the northern section of Garnet Valley in Summerland 29 properties remain on an advisory Evacuation Alert administered through the District of Summerland.

For residents of properties under Evacuation Order in the Meadow Valley area, the Emergency Reception Centre located at the Summerland Arena and Curling Club at 8820 Jubilee Rd. East will be open Thursday September 7th from 8am to 5 pm. As of today, there were 110 evacuees registered. If evacuees require immediate assistance call the RDOS Reception Centre at 250-462-0823. For after-hours emergencies, please call the Provincial Emergency Program at 1-800-663-3456.

Diamond Creek Fire Between Cathedral and Manning Provincial Parks

The Province of BC has restricted backcountry access between Cathedral and Manning Provincial Parks due to the Diamond Creek Fire. This fire entered BC from Washington State on August 29th. The BC Wildfire Service are monitoring the fire activity. It is presently well away from private property or structures.

On September 5th, BC Wildfire Service released detailed information on the Diamond Creek Fire that the RDOS has posted on our website.

For more information on either wildfire please visit www.rdos.bc.ca or contact the RDOS Emergency Operations Centre during business hours at 250-490-4225.

For more information about the condition of the Finlay Creek and Diamond Creek wildfires, visit the BC Wildfire Service website at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status.

For information about properties affected in Peachland or the Central Okanagan Regional District visit www.cordemergency.ca.

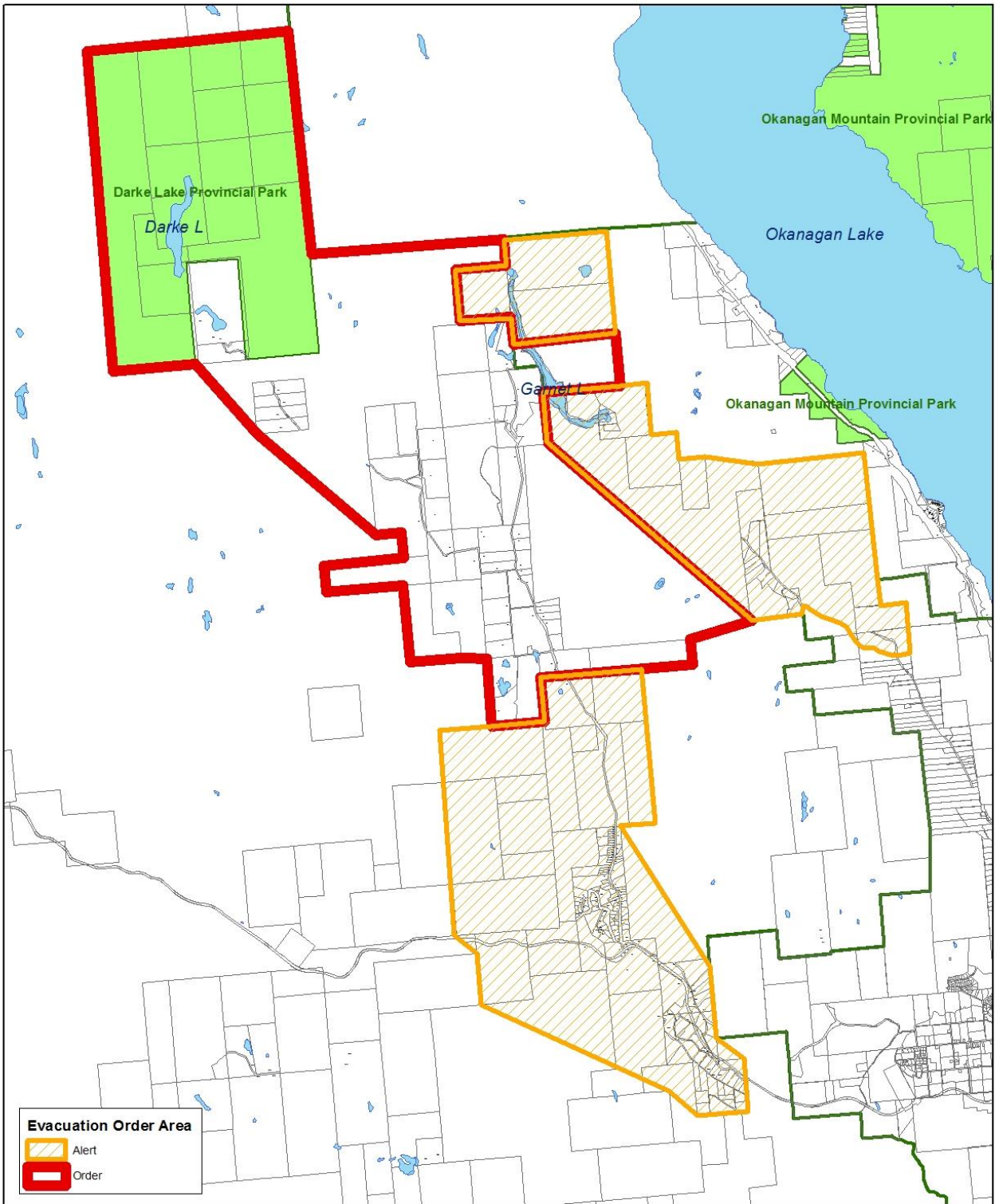
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Evacuation Areas - Fish Lake Rd/Meadow Valley Rd/Garnet Valley Rd

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