



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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EOC Update: Highway 97 Reopened

Highway 97 Reopened

The highway has reopened after being closed in both directions between Summerland and Peachland, due to wildfire related activity.

DriveBC: <http://www.drivebc.ca/>

Evacuation Order

43 properties remain under Evacuation Order due to the Mount Eneas wildfire in Electoral Area "F," in the vicinity of Callan Road, Hwy 97 and North Beach Road to the north of the District of Summerland. The threat poses potential danger to life, health, and property.

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) is in regular communication with BC Wildfire Service. We will provide updates as information becomes available. Okanagan Lake Provincial Park remains under Evacuation Order. It is unlawful to access the property until the Evacuation Order is lifted. RCMP have an active presence in the area.

Reception Centres

An Emergency Social Services Reception Centre is open at Memorial Arena located at 399 Power Street in Penticton. Group lodging is open. The Reception Centre is open until 9:00 pm on Thursday, July 19 and open at 9:00 am on Friday, July 20.

All affected people within the Evacuation Order area have been asked to leave immediately and register at the Reception Centre. Approximately 200 people have registered with the Reception Centre. Evacuees electing not to utilize Emergency Social Services are still requested to register. Please call 250-328-8749 to advise support service personnel.

A Reception Centre in **Summerland** is open until 9:00 pm on Thursday, July 19 and open from 8:00 am to noon. The Reception Centre is located at the Summerland Arena Complex & Curling Club (8820 Jubilee Road East).

A Reception Centre in West Kelowna is open and will assist evacuees from other areas including the RDOS. The Reception Centre is located at the Lake View Heights Baptist Church, 2630 Alhambra Drive, West Kelowna.



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KVR Trail Closed

As a precaution, the KVR Trail from Bathville Road in Summerland to Kettle Place in Faulder, is closed effective immediately. The KVR Trail between Little Tunnel and Chute Lake is also closed until further notice.

District of Summerland

If your property is within the District of Summerland municipal boundary, please visit:

<https://www.summerland.ca/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SummerlandBC/>

Central Okanagan Regional District

Note: The Regional District of Central Okanagan have placed properties on the border of the two regions on Evacuation Alert. For more information on properties on Evacuation Alert and Order within the boundary of Central Okanagan Regional District please visit: www.cordemergency.ca/

BC Wildfire Service:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ef6f11c8c36b42c29e103f65dbcd7538>

For more information visit the RDOS website www.rdos.bc.ca

**Issued by Director of RDOS Emergency Operations Centre
RDOS EOC 250-490-4225**

WHAT AFFECTED RESIDENTS SHOULD DO:

- Leave the area **immediately**
- Follow the travel route provided and **register** at ESS Reception Centre located at the 399 Power Street, Penticton – the Penticton Community Centre
- Close all windows and doors in homes and outbuildings
- Shut off all gas and electrical appliances, other than refrigerators and freezers
- Close gates (latch) but do not lock
- Gather your family: take a neighbour or someone who needs help
- Take critical items (medicine, purse, wallet, and Keys) only if they are immediately available.
- Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
- Do not use more vehicles than you have to.
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency service.