



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

### INFORMATION RELEASE

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#### **Rural RDOS Evacuation Orders and Alerts**

Within the rural RDOS, 5 properties remain on Evacuation Order and 92 properties remain under Evacuation Alert due to the Mount Eneas wildfire along Highway 97 north of Summerland and the Meadow Valley area north west of Summerland. RDOS are continuing to liaise with BC Wildfire to re-assess the risk to those on Evacuation Order.

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) is monitoring all wildfires within the RDOS. The EOC is liaising with the BC Wildfire Service. For more information contact the RDOS Emergency Operations Centre at 250-490-4225 or visit [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca).

#### **District of Summerland Evacuation Orders and Alerts**

Within the District of Summerland 30 properties remain on Evacuation Order in the northern portion of Garnet Valley due to the Mount Eneas wildfire. An additional 108 properties remain on Evacuation Alert within the District of Summerland (Garnet Valley area and along Bridgeman Road).

An Emergency Social Service reception centre in Summerland is open at the Summerland Curling Club at 8820 Jubilee Road East. For more information on the hours of the Summerland Reception Centre or questions about properties within the District of Summerland municipal boundary, please visit <https://www.summerland.ca> or call 250-486-3765.

#### **Penticton Indian Band**

The Penticton Indian Band declared a local state of emergency on July 18<sup>th</sup> due to the Mount Conkle Wildfire. Homes in the Penticton Indian Band remain on an Evacuation Alert due to this wildfire. At this time, the wildfire is burning within the guard.

#### **Faulder/Meadow Valley Power Outage**

BC Hydro service has been cut off by the Mount Eneas Wildfire in RDOS Electoral Area "F," in the vicinity of Faulder and Meadow Valley.

Approximatley 244 BC Hydro customers are affected by the power outage. When safe to do so, BC Hydro crews will access the area and make plans to repair the damage. Residents without power should be prepared for the outage to continue through the weekend and into early next week.

The EOC is in communication with BC Hydro will provide an update as soon as the information becomes available. **BC Hydro:** <https://www.bchydro.com/index.html> or call 1-800-224-9376.



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## 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/](http://www.cordemergency.ca/)

## BC Parks

The campground at Okanagan Lake Provincial Park remains under Evacuation Alert. Other Provincial Parks in the RDOS are partially affected by wildfire including Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park, Cathedral Lake Provincial Park and the Snowy Mountain Protected Area.

Please contact BC Parks for information about the Parks and campground at 1-800-689-9025.

## BC Wildfire

For current information please visit the BC Wildfire Service website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

To Report a Wildfire Call: 1-800-663-555 or \*5555 on your mobile phone

## PreparedBC

Property owners living in rural areas should prepare now for wildfire season. For more information on being prepared for emergencies visit PreparedBC at

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/preparedbc>.

## If Your Home is Under an Evacuation Order

- ➔ Gather your **grab-and-go bag** with personal items and documents.
- ➔ Follow instructions from local officials via TV, radio or social media.
- ➔ Move to a **safe location** outside the impacted area.
- ➔ Return home only when authorities say it is safe to do so.
- ➔ Register with Emergency Social Services (ESS) even if you don't go to a reception centre.

Information will be updated at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) including links to interactive maps where residents can type in their property address to see if they are in Evacuation Order or Alert areas.

## DriveBC

[www.drivebc.com](http://www.drivebc.com) for updates on closure of all local highways.

## Tips and Resources

[http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min\\_bylaws/EOC/2018Flood/20180718\\_RDOS\\_Flood\\_and\\_Fire\\_Preparedness\\_Info.pdf](http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min_bylaws/EOC/2018Flood/20180718_RDOS_Flood_and_Fire_Preparedness_Info.pdf)

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