

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

### INFORMATION RELEASE

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#### RDOS EOC Operations

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) is open due to the current wildfire situation in the RDOS. The Snowy Mountain Protected Area wildfire and the Placer Mountain wildfire pose threats to properties in the RDOS.

#### Contact Information:

RDOS EOC: 250-490-4225 (9am to 4pm weekdays)

For after-hours emergencies, please call the Provincial Emergency Reporting Line at 1-800-663-3456.

#### Regional Overview

Type of Notification	Date Issued	Location	# of Properties
<b>State of Local Emergency due to Placer Mountain Fire</b>	Aug 1, 2018	Electoral Area "G"	
<b>Advisory Evacuation Alerts due to Snowy Mountain Fire</b>	Aug 1, 2018	Snowy Mountain Range Land	0 (Crown)
	July 31, 2018	Electoral Areas "B" and "G"	481
	July 31, 2018	Village of Keremeos (south of highway 3)	384
	July 30, 2018	Chopaka Rd Cawston, BC	4
<b>Mandatory Evacuation Order due to Placer Mountain Fire</b>	Aug 1, 2018	Cathedral Lake Lodge (see BC Parks for information on Cathedral Provincial Park)	1

**There are no other Evacuation Orders or Alerts within the RDOS at this time.**

#### Wildfire Preparedness

If you live in an area under Evacuation Alert, you should prepare your personal plan.

Embers from wildfires may affect properties and structures within a wide vicinity.

These embers may spark fires, which can spread quickly and without warning.

Remove combustible material and fuel from around your home and gutters.

Prepare a grab-and-go bag with personal items and documents.

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

### **Animal Relocation During an Emergency**

Animal owners should have a plan and make sure animals have food, water, shelter and any veterinary supplies they may need. Make arrangements for your pets and hobby animals in case you have to go to a shelter where they cannot be with you.

Commercial livestock producers involved in farm businesses should make relocation arrangements where possible, and may obtain assistance through the EOC where necessary. Commercial livestock may be relocated under an Evacuation Alert with approval from the EOC. Please contact the EOC to discuss your situation.

Due to the increased possibility of animals becoming lost or disoriented, please ensure you have a way of identifying your animals:

- Pets and hobby animals may have tattoos, licenses and/or computer chips.
- Horses may have brands but many do not. As a precaution, you may want to braid a small tag with your name & contact information into their mane.
- Livestock are likely to have brands, tattoos, and/or RFID tags.
- Taking photographs and having documentation ready to go is prudent.

**ALERT Canada** provides information and assists with animals, including pets and hobby animals in the event of an emergency. The Desert Park Race Track in Osoyoos is allowing stabling for horses and smaller livestock as needed. For information on pets, contact ALERT Canada at 250-809-7152 or visit [www.alertcanada.org](http://www.alertcanada.org).

### **Stay Informed**

Listen to local radio and TV for information from authorities.

Information Releases including Evacuation Alerts and Orders are posted at: [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca)

Lower Similkameen Indian Band: <https://www.lsib.net/>

Village of Keremeos: <https://www.lsib.net/>

Cathedral Lakes Lodge: <http://cathedrallakes.ca/>

### **Air Quality Advisories**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air/air-quality/air-advisories>

### **BC Parks**

Parks affected by wildfire include Cathedral Provincial Park, Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park and Snowy Mountain Protected Area. For more information: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks>

### **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: 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on your mobile phone.

### **DriveBC**

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

### **PreparedBC**

Property owners living in rural areas should prepare now for wildfire season:

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

### **Other 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)

## **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN EVACUATION ALERT IS IN EFFECT**

Upon notification of an **ALERT**, you should be prepared for the evacuation order by:

- Locating all family members or co-workers and designate a meeting site (such as a Reception Centre) outside the evacuation area, should an Evacuation Order be issued while separated.
- Gathering essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), cell phone charger, immediate care needs for dependents and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc.). Have these items readily available for quick departure.
- Preparing to move any disabled persons and/or children.
- Preparing to move pets and livestock to a safe area.
- Arranging to transport your household members or co-workers in the event of an Evacuation Order. If you need transportation assistance - please call: 250-490-4225.
- Arranging accommodation for your family if possible. In the event of an Evacuation Order, Reception Centres will be opened if required.
- Monitoring news sources for information on Evacuation Orders and locations.

For more information visit the RDOS website [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca)

**Issued by Director of RDOS Emergency Operations Centre**

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