

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

### INFORMATION RELEASE

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EOC Update | Evacuation Alert Overview

#### RDOS EOC Operations

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) is scaling back. At this time, the Snowy Mountain wildfire is the main fire of note affecting the RDOS.

#### **Camping and Wildfire Preparedness:**

[http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min\\_bylaws/EOC/2018Fires/20180808\\_1515\\_RDOS\\_EOC\\_Camping\\_Wildfires.pdf](http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min_bylaws/EOC/2018Fires/20180808_1515_RDOS_EOC_Camping_Wildfires.pdf)

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 Snowy Mountain and Placer Mountain wildfires</b>	Aug 1, 2018	Electoral Areas "B" & "G"	
<b>Precautionary Evacuation Alerts due to Snowy Mountain Fire</b>	Aug 1, 2018 July 31, 2018 July 31, 2018	Snowy Mountain Range Land Electoral Areas "B" and "G" Village of Keremeos (south of highway 3)	0 (Crown) 481 384
<b>Precautionary Evacuation Alert due to Placer Mountain Fire</b>	July 29, 2018	Cathedral Lakes Lodge (see BC Parks for information on Cathedral Provincial Park)	1
<b>Evacuation Alert due to Snowy Mountain Fire</b>	July 30, 2018	Chopaka Rd Cawston, BC	4

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

For information about LSIB Evacuation information please see below.



### **Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB) Evacuation Order**

An Evacuation Alert is in place for 525, 557 and 560 Similkameen IR No. 7 & 8 Chopaka. The Lower Similkameen Indian Band Council will continue to monitor the Snowy Mountain wildfire. LSIB: <https://www.lsib.net/>

### **Air Quality Advisories**

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

### **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 local First Nations government or Regional District 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.

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

### **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. For more information on being prepared for emergencies visit PreparedBC at

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-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 from the area 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 of Reception Centres.

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