



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

### INFORMATION RELEASE

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EOC Update

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#### **Olalla Forest Service Road (Fire Number: K52670)**

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) is monitoring a wildfire burning on the Olalla Forest Service Road. The fire was discovered early this morning and is believed to have been caused by lightning. The fire is currently not a threat to any properties or structures in Olalla or Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB). BC Wildfire has resources working on the fire and LSIB, local ranchers and industry have been contacted.

#### **BC Wildfire**

For current information please visit the BC Wildfire Service website:

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

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

#### **Snowy Mountain Wildfire**

There is no new information to report at this time. Plans are underway for feeding, trail clearing and the safe egress of cattle from the Snowy Mountain in the Snowy Protected area. This process is expected to continue over the next few days.

Snowy Protected Area is currently closed to public access due to the Snowy Mountain wildfire.

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/snowy/>

#### **BC Parks**

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

#### **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)

#### **Weather**

Environment and Climate Change Canada says “given the ridge of high pressure, which is forecast to remain in place until at least the end of the week, there will be very little mixing of the current smoky air mass. Therefore, no significant improvement in air quality is expected before the end of the work week.”



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## Air Quality Advisories

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

### Regional Overview

Type of Notification	Date Issued	Location	# of Properties
State of Local Emergency due to Snowy Mountain and Placer Mountain wildfires	Aug 1, 2018	Electoral Areas "B" & "G"	
Precautionary Evacuation Alerts due to Snowy Mountain wildfire	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
Precautionary Evacuation Alert due to Placer Mountain wildfire	July 29, 2018	Cathedral Lakes Lodge (see BC Parks for information on Cathedral Provincial Park)	1
Evacuation Alert due to Snowy Mountain wildfire	July 30, 2018	Chopaka Rd Cawston, BC	4

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

### Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB)

Evacuation Alert in place: <https://www.lsib.net/>

### DriveBC

[www.drivebc.com](http://www.drivebc.com) for updates on 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:

<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)

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

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