



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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EOC Update: Evacuation Alert for Darke Lake Valley Area

Due to the threat of wildfire in the vicinity of Darke Lake Valley, north of Faulder in Electoral Area "F"; and because of the potential danger to life, health, and property damage, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) has issued an **Evacuation Alert** for the lands indicated in the attached mapped area which include 21 properties and Darke Lake Provincial Park.

The RDOS is aware that residents in this area were put on Evacuation Alert exactly one month ago due to the Mount Eneas fire. We can appreciate how the high activity of wildfires and the amount of smoke in the area can make residents feel uneasy. We want to thank all residents for preparations and patience during this time. The RDOS has been in communication with BC wildfire Services and crews are responding to the area immediately.

The RDOS will give as much advance notice as possible prior to an Evacuation Order; however you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

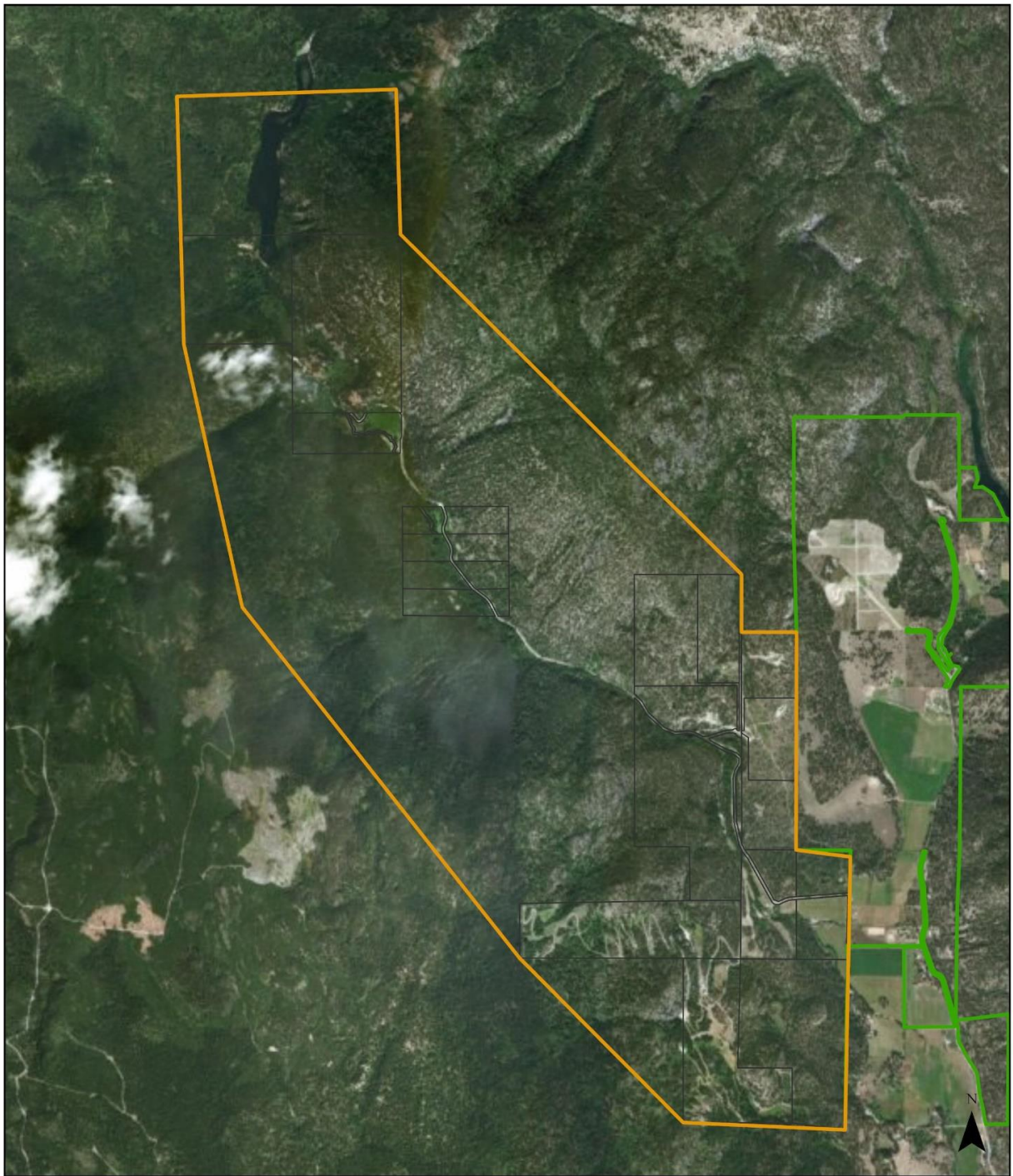
See map below for affected properties.

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

For more information visit the RDOS website www.rdos.bc.ca
**Issued by Director of RDOS Emergency Operations Centre
RDOS EOC 250-490-4225**



Evacuation Alert Area Map:



Evacuation Alert - Darke Lake Valley Fire
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Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen

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WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN 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 place outside the evacuation area, should an evacuation be called while separated.
- Gathering essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), 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.
- Moving 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, Reception Centres will be opened if required.
- Monitoring news sources for information on evacuation orders and locations of Reception Centres.