

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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EOC Update: Keremeos Hand Ignition September 5, 2018

KEREMEOS - Weather permitting, the BC Wildfire Service will conduct a planned hand ignition on the Snowy Mountain wildfire, Bullock Creek drainage, located 3km west of the village of Keremeos.

Residents and motorists can expect to see an increase in fire activity and smoke. There will be fixed wing air tankers and helicopters available to support ground crews as required. This operation will be highly visible from Highway 3 and Keremeos.

This planned hand ignition will burn off forest fuels between established control lines and the fire perimeter, and will help enhance the overall safety, efficiency and effectiveness of fire-management efforts.

The planned ignitions may be conducted as early as the morning of September 5, 2018, and will proceed only if site and weather conditions allow. The ignition will be monitored by BC Wildfire Service crews at all times.

An evacuation alert remains in effect for the south/southwest side of Highway 3 extending from 10th Ave in west rural Keremeos, to the eastern boundary of the Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB) land. For more information about this evacuation order and evacuation alert, please visit the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen website: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca>

To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free, or *5555 on a cellphone.

For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: bcwildfire.ca

Please see map below.

For more information visit the RDOS website: www.rdos.bc.ca

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