



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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Closure of Princeton Summerland Road and Trans Canada Trail Near Princeton, BC

No changes to Evacuation Orders or Alerts since 5 pm July 10 in the RDOS area. Number of homes evacuated 350 with additional 257 properties on advisory Evacuation Alert.

Both Princeton Summerland Road and the adjacent Trans Canada Trail are closed from 1785 Princeton Summerland Rd to Hembrie Mountain Rd. Please respect all signs and flaggers restricting access to evacuated areas.

An Emergency Support Services (ESS) Reception Centre has been set up at the Riverside Community Centre in Princeton at 148 Old Hedley Road. All affected people or property owners within the Evacuation Order area are asked to register at the Riverside Community Centre in Princeton at 148 Old Hedley Road or call **250-295-0202 (updated July 10th)**.

The number of people registered at the Princeton, BC Reception Center is 478. The rise in numbers registered was due to property owners, identified with the Evacuation Order area, letting the Reception Centre know they are safe. Any property owners within the Evacuation Order area are asked to register if they have not done so already.

Information will be updated at www.rdos.bc.ca including links to interactive maps where residents can type in their property address to see if they are in Evacuation Order or Alert areas. The Regional District Emergency Operations Centre can be contacted at 250-490-4225.

Background

RDOS EOC Page: <http://www.rdos.bc.ca/news-events/eoc/current-eoc/>

Interactive Map of Evacuation Orders and Alerts with RDOS boundaries at:

<http://rdos.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=c776a549a0d04f0d8c334755334f414c>

BC Wildfire Service Information 10 Km NE of Princeton (K60643):

<http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp?ID=621>

DriveBC shows that Highway 5A between Aspen Grove and Princeton has been closed to traffic. Consult www.drivebc.com for updates on closure of all local roads.

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