



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN
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RDOS Maps Sensitive Ecosystems in Electoral Area's C, D and F

The Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) is mapping sensitive ecosystems in the Summerland and Twin Lakes areas in the months of July and August.

Sensitive ecosystems and the wildlife they support are important to the landscapes, air and water which are vital to the quality of life of local residents. This inventory will collect information on areas that are relatively undisturbed, fragile or rare within the province.

The RDOS has retained Iverson and MacKenzie Biological Consultants to complete the mapping which will include collecting information on both crown and private property. Letters with further details have been sent to the private property owners who are in the specific survey areas.

The RDOS recognizes the importance of this mapping to identify, inventory, and locate our special areas so that they can be considered in land use planning. Accurate mapping benefits property owners and the RDOS by ensuring that all parties have correct information for decision making. The maps will be incorporated into future public planning processes as the opportunity arises.

"We are fortunate to live in a beautiful area that is rich in natural amenities," says Jillian Tamblyn, Environmental Planner, "this mapping will help local governments with understanding the areas that we plan in."

Please contact the RDOS Environmental Planner Jillian Tamblyn at 1 (877) 610-3737 if you have any questions. This project is sponsored by RDOS, District of Summerland, Environment Canada, and BC Ministry of Environment.

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