



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

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EVACUATION ALERT FOR HOMES ALONG TESTALINDEN CREEK

In 2010 a large debris flow occurred along Testalinden Creek, south of Oliver, due to the failure of an upland earthen dam. This resulted in a debris flow that temporarily closed Highway 97 and damaged several homes.

The creek runs through Testalinden canyon where slopes may be weakened due to the prior 2010 event. The RDOS has worked for the past few days improving Testalinden Creek below Highway 97 including armouring of the creek and removing debris. Slope uncertainty, combined with the large volumes of water running through the creek now, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is advising residents that there is an **Evacuation Alert** being issued for the following properties along the creek.

Addresses Affected by the Evacuation Alert:

Testalinden Place: • 511 • 545 • 555 • 579 • 583 • 589 • 598 • 599

Golden Mile Drive: • 4472 • 4444

Highway 97: • 4535 • 4523 • 4522 • 4508

Road 15: • 308

A slope failure could result in temporary damming of the creek and further debris flows. Please report any increase in debris flow or significant change of water flowing down the creek to RDOS Emergency operations Centre.

Residents are advised to stay well away from all creeks and rivers as water flows can change quickly and banks become increasingly undermined and unstable.

For more information please visit www.rdos.bc.ca, e-mail info@rdos.bc.ca, call 250-492-0237 or call toll-free 1-877-610-3737.

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