



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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Update: RDOS Emergency Operations Centre

An update on local fire activity and flood recovery operations.

Princeton:

- Summer's Creek and the Princeton Summerland Roads are open.
 - Crews will continue clean-up operations on all roads affected by fire activity and short traffic delays may be necessary.
- BC Wildfire reports the Princeton area fire is 100 percent contained, but due to conditions Evacuation Alerts will be continued until further notice – see map below or: <http://rdos.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=c776a549a0d04f0d8c334755334f414c>
- The KVR section of the Trans Canada Trail between Princeton and Erris Tunnel has reopened.
 - Due to the extreme fire hazard along the entire trail network, the RDOS asks that all users exercise caution while using the trail and be mindful of all activities while recreating in the area.

RDOS Fire activity July 28 – 30:

Fires were reported north of Naramata and at the Naramata/Penticton boundary on July 30. There was a single fire, located above Sutherland Rd. at the boundary of Electoral Area E (Naramata) and the City of Penticton. Naramata and City of Penticton Fire Departments responded with air assistance from BC Wildfire Service. Crews have extinguished the fire and are investigating the cause.

Diamond Creek Fire USA:

Due to current wind patterns, a wildfire fire burning 10 Km south of the Canada/USA border in the Okonogan National Forest is causing smokey conditions in portions of the RDOS. This will continue as current wind patterns are expected to continue this week. BC Wildfire is monitoring the situation with the US Forest Service.

SandBag Removal:

Residential sandbag removal has begun in the RDOS Electoral Areas, and adjacent Indian Bands. All sandbags placed out to protect homes or infrastructures are eligible for removal, once a permission form has been submitted. Forms are downloadable or fillable online at:

<http://www.rdos.bc.ca/news-events/eoc/debris-feedback-form/>

It is unlawful to dump sand into any waterbody such as creeks, rivers, and lake foreshore.



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