

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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Regional Invasive Plant Control Treatments Have Commenced



The Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society, under Ministry contract, have commenced annual invasive plant control treatments on Crown roadsides (highways and secondary roads). The program runs from June-September within the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) boundaries and includes all Electoral Areas. This work will involve spot application of herbicides to control invasive plants including leafy spurge, blueweed, hoary alyssum, rush skeletonweed, puncturevine, longspine sandbur, knapweed and other priority plant species. Some sites will be treated manually near wells and creek buffers. All sprayed areas will be posted with signs identifying when the treatment was done, the target species and the herbicide applied. A list of highways and secondary roads where treatment is planned is available at the RDOS office at 101 Martin St., Penticton.

Organic producers that wish to discuss the possibility of a no-spray area adjacent to their property will need to commit to manual removal of the invasive plants of concern.

For more information, please contact the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS) at oasiss@shaw.ca or 250-404-0115.

Any residents with concerns about herbicide treatment on the road rights-of-way adjacent to your property should contact OASISS to discuss concerns.

More information about invasive species is available online at www.oasiss.ca.

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