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RDOS Maps Sensitive Ecosystems in Electoral Area H

The Regional District Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) is mapping sensitive ecosystems in East Gate, Otter Lake and the Princeton-Summerland corridor in the month of June.

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 Timberline Natural Resource Group Ltd to complete the mapping which will include collecting data on the ground on both crown and private property. The RDOS recognizes the importance of this mapping to identify, inventory, and locate our special areas so that they can be considered when there are development applications. Accurate mapping benefits property owners and the RDOS by ensuring that all parties have correct information for decision making.

The maps will be made available at public open houses and will be used as part of the Official Community Plan review, which is just getting started.

“We are fortunate to live in a beautiful area that is rich in natural amenities,” says Brad Hope, Electoral Area ‘H’ Director, “this mapping will help to guide development with the environment in mind.”

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

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