

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)



INFORMATION RELEASE

Sunday, August 23, 2020 @ 3:00 pm

EOC update: evacuation order remains in effect

The Christie Mountain Wildfire continues to be a hazard and there remains a risk to the community. The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) is working with BC Wildfire Service on the status of the Evacuation Order and threat due to the wildfire. The safety of residents is paramount. Once BC Wildfire can release the site to the RDOS, crews and specialists will assess hazards including geotechnical concerns, landslide risks and dangerous trees as part of its re-entry planning prior to allowing homeowners to return to their properties. BC Wildfire Service and the RDOS EOC are continually discussing options to protect public safety. The objective is to return people as soon as possible. The RDOS is also working closely with BC Parks to ensure the safety and security of Skaha Bluffs Provincial Park.

The RDOS will provide regular updates on its social media and web platforms. A news conference for media will be held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at the Penticton Lakeside Resort at 12 noon.

An **EVACUATION ORDER** remains in effect for 319 properties in the Heritage Hills area south of Penticton in Electoral Area "D" in the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) due to the Christie Mountain Wildfire.

An **EVACUATION ALERT** remains in effect for 116 properties in the Upper Carmi area and Skaha Bluffs Provincial Park in Electoral Area "D".

The RDOS recognizes Emergency Support Services (ESS) and Animal Lifeline Emergency Response Team (ALERT) volunteers and all firefighters and emergency personnel.

ALERT is dedicated to animal welfare through the preparation for the actual rescue and shelter of domestic animals and livestock in an emergency. Pet owners and hobby farmers with concerns for their animals can contact (250) 809-7152.

The Reception Centre located at 199 Ellis Street is open today until 6 pm and will re-open Monday, August 24 at 9:00 am.

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For more information, please visit <http://emergency.rdos.bc.ca> or call 250-490-4225

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Karla Kozakevich, Chair
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen