



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)

INFORMATION RELEASE

Friday, August 25, 2023, 4:30 pm

Joint EOC Update: Crater Creek (K52125) wildfire – LSIB, RDOS

EOC Update: Upper Park Rill Creek (K52813) wildfire - RDOS

Current Evacuation Alerts and Orders

Crater Creek (K52125) wildfire

Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB) Evacuation Alert RESCINDED

Based on the determination by the primary response agency the threat level of the Crater Creek (K52125) wildfire has significantly diminished. At this time the event no longer poses an imminent threat to the health, safety and property of the Lower Similkameen Indian Band. The Lower Similkameen Indian Band Council and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) will continue to monitor the Crater Creek (K52125) wildfire in case significant developments occur and the re-instatement of an Evacuation Alert is required.

Evacuation Alert RESCIND for the following addresses in LSIB, effective Friday, August 25, 2023, 1:00 pm, impacted by Crater Creek (K52125) wildfire.

Similkameen I.R No. 10:

706 Ashnola Village; 713 Ashnola Village; 721 Ashnola Village; 715 Ashnola Village; 717 Ashnola Village; 708 Ashnola Village; 701 Ashnola Village; 704 Ashnola Village; 737 Ashnola Village; 729 Ashnola Village; 719 Ashnola Village; 741 Ashnola Village; 702 Ashnola Village; 710 Ashnola Village; 733 Ashnola Village; 712 Ashnola Village; 711 Ashnola Village; 124 Ashnola Village; 739 Ashnola Village; 730 Ashnola Village; 735 Ashnola Village; 128 Ashnola Village; 350 Ashnola Village

Ashnola Road: 440 Ashnola Road; 435 Ashnola Road; 425 Ashnola Road; 411 Ashnola Road; 445 Ashnola Road; 650 Ashnola Road; 660 Ashnola Road; 668 Ashnola Road; 670 Ashnola Road

Paul Creek Road:

321 Paul Creek Road

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)

Due to the **Crater Creek wildfire**, 13 properties along Ashnola Rd and Ewart Creek Rd **remain on Evacuation ORDER.**

Evacuation Alert RESCIND for properties in Electoral Area "G", effective Friday, August 25, 2023, 1:00 pm, impacted by Crater Creek (K52125) wildfire.

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Evacuation Alerts have been RESCINDED in Electoral Area “G”, effective Friday, August 25, 2023, 1:00 pm, due to the Crater Creek (K52125) wildfire for the following locations:

- From 10th Avenue and Highway 3 along the west/south side of Highway 3; to the Lower Similkameen Indian Band boundary.
- From 3175 River Road going west along River Road and north to the Similkameen River; travelling to 205 Ashnola Road.
- Along the east/north side of Highway 3 from the Lower Similkameen Indian Band boundary up to 4354 Highway 3.
- Properties past 4354 Highway 3 on both sides of Highway 3 up to but not including 4625 Highway 3.

Upper Park Rill Creek (K52813) wildfire

Evacuation Order RESCIND for Electoral Areas “C”, “G” and “I” impacted by Upper Park Rill Creek (K52813) wildfire

All Evacuation ORDERS were RESCINDED for the **Upper Park Rill Creek wildfire**, effective Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 7:30 pm, for all 96 properties along Grand Oro Rd and the Yellow Brick Rd areas. **Properties in the area will remain on Evacuation ALERT.** Willowbrook Rd in the Yellow Brick Rd area is open to traffic.

Areas remaining on Evacuation ALERT due to Upper Park Rill Creek (K52813) wildfire

- Electoral Area “C” including: Yellowbrick Road, Orofino Creek Road, Ripley Lake and Madden Lake
- Electoral Area “I” including: Grand Oro and Grand Oro Branch Road
- Electoral Area “G” including: on Grand Oro Road

You can find information on Evacuation Alerts and Orders at emergency.rdos.bc.ca or enter your address in the [Interactive Map](#).

For the latest updates on wildfires, please visit [BCWildfire.ca](https://bcwildfire.ca).

Information on Evacuation ORDERS and ALERTS for both wildfires is provided below.

BC Wildfire – Crater Creek (K52125)

- Evacuation Alerts: **80 properties**
- Evacuation Orders: **13 properties**

BC Wildfire – Upper Park Rill Creek (K52813)

- Evacuation Orders: no properties
- Evacuation Alerts: **96 properties**

Evacuation Alerts and Orders current as of 1:00 pm on Friday, August 25, 2023.

The RDOS EOC is fully staffed and monitoring the Crater Creek (K52125) and Upper Park Rill Creek (K52813) wildfires. The RDOS is collaborating with all local governments and Indigenous communities within the RDOS.

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Emergency Reception Centre

The Emergency Reception Centre at **Princess Margaret Secondary located at 120 Green Avenue West** in Penticton is **open Friday, August 25, 2023, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**. The Reception Centre will be closed on Saturday, August 26, 2023 and is scheduled to be reopen Sunday, August 27, 2023, at 9:00 am. The Emergency Reception Centre has been activated to provide Emergency Support Services (ESS) to all British Columbians whose primary residence is on Evacuation ORDER.

If you are on Evacuation ORDER, please consider making arrangements to stay with family or friends.

Residents under Evacuation Order can call 250-486-1890 for ESS Services. If your property is under Evacuation Alert or Order, or if you have been displaced from your home due to an emergency, please self-register for ESS. **Evacuee Registration & Assistance (ERA):** ess.gov.bc.ca

Donations and Volunteering

For information about donations and volunteering, please visit the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) website: emergency.rdos.bc.ca.

Emergency Support Services volunteers undertake specific training and are active in small and large emergencies. To learn more about training and volunteer opportunities with Emergency Support Services please visit the [Emergency Support Services](#) webpages online.

Structures Impacted by Wildfires

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) is required to independently verify structure loss and inform the property owner before sharing information. Due to the current Evacuation Orders in effect, access is restricted at this time. Thank you for your patience. If you have questions about evacuees or potential structure loss, please call the RDOS Emergency Operations Centre at **250-490-4225**.

Joint Statement on Caution in Nature Areas

“Conditions are extremely dry, and valuable resources shouldn't be utilized to deal with a wildfire that could have been prevented. That's why we are asking anyone heading into our area's abundant natural areas (trails, parks and forests) to practice great caution, in particular users of recreational motorized vehicles in off-road areas.”

[Click here to view the joint statement](#) (penticton.ca)

Issued by LSIB EOC Director, RDOS EOC Director