

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC)  
Interface Fire Situation Overview – July 24, 2006; 1900 hrs**

***General Overview***

For more on wildland fires, refer to the Ministry of Forests and Range, Protection Program

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/pScripts/Protect/WildfireNews/News.asp>

There are no reported road closures at this time. For updated road reports, refer to Ministry of Transportation Drive BC

<http://www.drivebc.ca/>

BC Ferries <http://www.bcferrries.com/news/>

The Vancouver Island Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre continues to be activated at level 2.

**Capital Region District**

One Emergency Operations Centre is at the Galiano Volunteer Fire Hall on 262 Georgeson Bay Road and one Reception Centre is at Lions Hall on Burrill Road. An evacuation order is in still in effect for tonight.

**Galiano Island CRD**

The State of Local Emergency on Galiano Island is still in effect.

The CRD is limiting non-essential travel to the island. Residents wanting to check on their homes or vacation are allowed to board BC Ferries. Tourists and campers are discouraged.

Approximately 120 people are still evacuated from their homes – but have been allowed back to check on their property and pets.

The Galiano Island fire department and Ministry of Forests Protection Program crews and aircraft will be fighting the fire until 2100 hrs.

No injuries or structural damage have been reported to date. There are a number of homes and BC Hydro and BCTC electrical lines in the area.

A wildland fire command centre has been set-up at the local school.

The fire is still around 61 hectares.

## ***Definitions***

### **Evacuations**

**Evacuation Alert:** Local authorities issue a warning in the form of an Evacuation Alert about an imminent threat to life and property, and people are asked to be ready to leave on short notice. When people choose to leave an area before or during the issuing of an alert, this is referred to as a voluntary evacuation.

**Evacuation Order:** Local authorities issue an Evacuation Order when the population is determined to be at imminent risk, and people must leave the area immediately. Local police or RCMP enforce Evacuation Orders.

**Evacuation Rescind:** An Evacuation Order or Alert is rescinded or lifted by local authorities when it is determined to be safe for residents to return home. An Evacuation Order may be reinstated if a threat returns.