

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre
SITUATION REPORT UPDATE JULY 26, 2006 1230 hrs

OVERVIEW

The Galiano Island fire (#v60335) is still being actioned by MoF and local fire departments who report good progress.

Central Region is closely monitoring a 50 hectare fire (Tuktakamin #K40587) south of Highway 97 in the Falklands area, 72 km east of Kamloops and 42 km west of Vernon on Hwy 97 being actioned by MOF. An EOC in Salmon Arm has been activated by the Columbia Shuswap Regional District.

CURRENT INFORMATION

CENTRAL REGION

The Columbia Shuswap Regional District has activated their EOC in Salmon Arm and Falkland RCMP have been door to door in the vicinity of the fire, handing out evacuation alerts to residents of 7 homes, approximately 20 - 25 people. Nearby Tuktakamin Mountain, the site of numerous communications installations, is not threatened at this time, however, this site is a cause for concern.

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION

The Declaration of a State of Local Emergency issued by the Capital Regional District on July 24, 2006 in response to an urban interface fire on Galiano Island remains in effect. No homes or structures have been damaged due to the fire, however, the evacuation orders and alerts for the area in the vicinity of the fire remain in effect. A community meeting is scheduled for 14:00 at the Lions Hall for local residents. EOC's on Galiano Island (primary), Victoria (coordination), Pender and Mayne Island (secondary) are still active.

Current Information about significant fires can be obtained from the Ministry of Forests website: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/pScripts/Protect/WildfireNews/Situation.asp>

OUTLOOK

The long-term weather forecast for the Central Region indicates a cooling trend by Friday. Forecast across the Okanagan is for unsettled weather, with gusting winds and thunderstorm activity. For the North Okanagan, the thunderstorms should bring some precipitation, however, the southern Okanagan is not expected to receive significant rain and dry lightning will be a concern.