

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC)

Interface Fire Situation Overview

September 13, 2006 1200 hrs

OVERVIEW:

Evacuation alerts previously issued by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen for the communities of Bonnevier, Eastgate and Pasayten Valley and for Cathedral Lakes Lodge and Manning Park Lodge have been rescinded effective noon, September 13, 2006.

For the latest information on the Tatoosh and Border Lake fires, refer to [Ministry of Forests and Range](#)

The toll free information line operated from the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) Emergency Operations Centre in Princeton will remain active until further notice at: 1-877-295-3790. Information updates are available at [Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen \(RDOS\)](#)

For information on the status of trails and parks, please phone 1-250-490-8200 or check [BC Parks](#)

For information on the Tripod Complex (also known as the Similkameen Complex), southwest of Osoyoos please visit the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen website at: <http://www.rdos.bc.ca/index.php?id=469>

Although the threat from forest fire has diminished, residents and visitors should be aware that fire crews and emergency officials will continue to work in the area. Smokey conditions may still be noticed.

The Province will continue to monitor the situation and support local authorities in assessing any risk to the public.

CURRENT INFORMATION:

Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

- <http://www.rdos.bc.ca/index.php?id=469>

BC Ministry of Forests and Range, Protection Program Wildfire Update

- <http://www.bcfireinfo.com>

Interior Health Authority Smoke and Health

- <http://www.interiorhealth.ca/NR/rdonlyres/5AD0DD00-DA23-4340-841B-0F88F10E2D61/2795/SmokeandHealthFAQ2005.pdf>

Ministry of Environment Air Quality

- <http://www.airplaytoday.org/default.htm>

Ministry of Environment, BC Parks Trail Closures

- http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/campfire_bans.html

Office of the Fire Commissioner

- <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/firecom/>

Ministry of Transportation, Drive BC

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

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Incidents

- <http://www.inciweb.org/forest/4984>

DEFINITIONS:

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.