

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)



INFORMATION RELEASE

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EOC Update: Re-entry plans underway for residents under Evacuation Order

Re-entry plans are being finalized by Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) staff to provide residents under Evacuation Order in Heritage Hills (Electoral Area "D") safe access to return to their homes. The Evacuation Order and Alert are still in effect and wildfire crews and equipment remain in the area.

Geotechnical work is underway and crews are working to ensure the safety of homes, driveways and retaining walls as well as critical infrastructure including gas, power and water lines. Danger trees and other potential hazards must also be assessed. The objective is to return people as soon as possible. The RDOS is working closely with BC Parks to ensure the safety and security of Skaha Bluffs Provincial Park.

Once the area has been deemed safe for re-entry, residents will have access to their homes in a staged approach. Properties will be grouped into sections and access will be separated by approximately one hour. This is to ensure each household receives a re-entry kit containing important information about returning home after the threat of a wildfire and will also help reduce traffic congestion. Please respect traffic control measures, including emergency and security personnel.

Further information will be shared as it becomes available on the [RDOS website](#) and the [RDOS Emergency Operations Centre](#) website, as well as through the [CivicReady® Mass Notification System](#) and RDOS social media channels.

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Karla Kozakevich, Chair

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen