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Large Fire Hazard – Fuel Reduction Project Underway

Crews have started work on a large fire hazard fuel modification project in Rose Valley Regional Park.

For their safety and that of workers, park users are reminded to stay out of areas that are closed. Trails leading into work areas will be signed and barricaded. Failing to stay out of a closed area could result in a \$500 ticket. As well, dog owners are reminded that they must keep their pet on leash and on trails in any regional park or they could be subject to a \$100 ticket. Dogs that are not leashed may also pose a safety hazard with crews working on the fuel modification project.

This project will see pine beetle infested and dead hazard trees, brushing and ground fuels removed from approximately 50-hectares of the Crown land tenure between the Rose Valley Properties subdivision, Westlake Road, Rose Valley Elementary School, West Kelowna Road and McPhail Court.

In light of the size of the area and expected large volume of wood debris, the Regional District will be burning debris piles within Rose Valley Regional Park to remove the fire hazard. The project has received permits and approvals from West Kelowna Fire Rescue.

A letter explaining the project and map showing the work area in the park was mailed to residents in the immediate area. Local fire departments, the media and Rose Valley Elementary School will be notified before any debris burning takes place and a notice will also be placed on the Regional District website: regionaldistrict.com.

The Regional District will also be conducting fire hazard reduction and tree removal work on a ten-hectare Crown land portion of Glen Canyon Regional Park at the end of Smith Creek Road.

For more information visit the Regional District website, email parks@cord.bc.ca or call 250-469-6232.

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(Map of Work Area Attached)