



# News Release

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## Two Large Fire Hazard – Fuel Reduction Projects to Begin

The Regional Board has approved two large fire hazard reduction projects for Rose Valley and Glen Canyon regional parks.

The project in Rose Valley Regional Park is slated to begin later this month and 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.

Please note that while crews are working, trails leading into and through the work areas will be closed. Signs and barricades will be in place when trails are closed. For the safety park visitors and workers, please do not enter any closed areas.

In light of the size of the area and expected large volume of wood debris, when conditions are favourable and with approved permits from West Kelowna Fire Rescue, the Regional District will be burning debris piles within Rose Valley Regional Park in accordance with Air Quality and Open Burning regulations.

Communications Coordinator Bruce Smith says, “By getting rid of these wood piles, we’re also eliminating the risk and potential severity of any future wildfire starting in this area of the popular park, which is very close to many homes.”

Smith adds, “Residents in the immediate area will be receiving a letter outlining the work requiring the temporary closure of some trails through the park and of the plan to conduct the burns. Local fire departments, the media and Rose Valley Elementary School will be notified before any burning takes place and a notice will also be placed on the Regional District website: [regionaldistrict.com](http://regionaldistrict.com).”

In addition, the Regional District will conduct 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. As most of the trees in this area are large, merchantable timber will be stored for disposal and fee recovery by the Ministry of Forests. Any open burning of non-merchantable debris will also be done when weather conditions allow and with permits from West Kelowna Fire Rescue.

For more information visit the Regional District website, email [parcs@cord.bc.ca](mailto:parcs@cord.bc.ca) or call 250-469-6232.

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