



News Release No. 75

Date: August 5, 2009

Time: 4:00 p.m.

KELOWNA: Effective 8:00 a.m. Thursday, August 6th, the Evacuation Order will be rescinded for the estimated 363 Traders Cove and Bear Creek Road north residents that have been impacted by the Terrace Mountain wildfire.

With the lifting of the order at that time, the following areas will remain under Evacuation Alert and people must be prepared to leave their homes on short notice:

- Traders Cove
- Bear Creek Provincial Park
- 524 to 1075 Bear Creek Road (end of Bear Creek Road)

Those allowed to return will remain on Evacuation Alert and must be prepared as they may have to leave the area again without much notice. These areas are the farthest from the still active Terrace Mountain fire and Incident Command has recommended to the Emergency Operation Centre that residents can return home under Evacuation Alert. At this time, all other Evacuation Orders and Alerts remain in effect. The Emergency Operations Centre reminds everyone that all orders and alerts are assessed on a daily basis with information and recommendations provided from the Fire Incident Command.

With the rescinding of the Evacuation Order for these areas, RCMP will be moving their roadblock to a new southern Evacuation area boundary at Westside Road and Bear Lake Main Road. There will not be any vehicular access to either Bear Lake Main or north on Westside Road from this location. Traffic is also not being allowed past Baziw Orchards at the northern boundary of the Evacuation area.

The Emergency Social Services reception centre at Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary School, 2751 Cameron Road will remain open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to assist the estimated 2,150 residents who remain out of their homes on Evacuation Order with food, lodging and clothing needs.

Bear Creek Provincial Park will be open once again tomorrow morning at 8:00 am. Visitors will be advised that they are in an Evacuation Alert area and must be prepared to leave with short notice.

The Ministry of Forests estimates the Terrace Mountain wildfire is 40 per cent contained and still covers approximately 8,000 hectares. More than 370 fire fighters along with 88 pieces of heavy equipment have been working on the ground today while 16 helicopters have been providing water bucketing support as together they work to bolster fire guards.

For the latest Emergency Operation Centre news releases, maps and other information regarding the Terrace Mountain forest fire, visit the Regional District website www.regionaldistrict.com and click on the Terrace Mountain Fire icon.

For more information on other forest fires in the Province visit www.bcwildfire.ca or call 1-888-3 FOREST (1-888-336-7378)

Anyone looking for any information on the Terrace Mountain or any other major fires in the Province should now phone 1-888-350-6070. This call centre is based out of the Red Cross BC Disaster Response Centre in Burnaby and is staffed between 7:00 am and 11:00 pm.

Evacuation Order and Alert Information

At 4:00 pm Wednesday, August 5th there are approximately 2,513 residents on Evacuation Order from the following areas:

- Caesar's Landing
- Nahun
- Shelter Cove
- District lots off South Terrace Main
- Wilson's Landing
- Fintry Provincial Park
- Upper Fintry
- Fintry Delta/Muirallen Estates
- Valley of the Sun
- La Casa resort
- Traders Cove
- Bear Creek Provincial Park
- North end of Bear Creek Road with addresses from 524 to 1075 Bear Creek Road north

An estimated 2,163 residents living in the following areas remain on Evacuation Alert and must be prepared to leave on little notice:

- Ewings Landing
- Estamont
- Summersands
- Aspen Shores

- Killiney Beach
- Marchbank
- Wainman Cove
- Westshore-Beau Park
- Evely Forest Recreation site

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Population Estimates by Area effective Thursday, August 6th 8:00 am

TERRACE MOUNTAIN FIRE

<u>Area</u>	<u>People</u>	<u>Status</u>
Fintry High Farm	13	Order
Fintry Delta	1000	Order
Caesar's Landing	400	Order
Wilson's Landing	732	Order
District Lots off South Terrace Mountain Main	5	Order
Killeny	800	Alert
Westshore	1363	Alert
Trader's Cove	363	Alert
Total on Alert	2526	
Total on Order	2150	
Total on Order or Alert	4676	