



News Release No. 85
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KELOWNA: Effective 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 12th, the Evacuation Order will be rescinded for an estimated 1,499 Westside Road residents living between the south end of Ewings Landing and the northern boundary of Lake Okanagan Resort. These residents are being allowed to return home because of significant progress in containing the Terrace Mountain forest fire. However, while they are allowed to return home they are reminded they remain on Evacuation Alert and must be prepared to leave their home on short notice.

At noon tomorrow, the Evacuation Order will remain in effect for approximately 18 people in two North Westside areas:

- Fintry High Farm
- District lots off South Terrace Main

At the present time, there is no indication when the Evacuation Order will be rescinded for these two areas. Each day, the Fire Incident Command provides frequent updated information to the Emergency Operation Centre on fire fighting activities and fire behavior along with recommendations regarding the status of all Evacuation Orders and Alerts.

While the Evacuation Order will be rescinded tomorrow afternoon, Fintry Provincial Park will remain closed as it continues to be used as a staging area for fire fighters and equipment involved with the Terrace Mountain fire.

With the rescinding of the Evacuation Order tomorrow at 12 noon, the following areas will be added to Evacuation Alert list and residents and visitors must be prepared to leave again if conditions change:

- Caesar's Landing
- Cinnabar Creek
- Nahun
- Shelter Cove
- Upper Fintry
- Fintry Delta/Muirallen Estates
- Valley of the Sun

- La Casa resort

In addition, the Evacuation Alert will remain in effect for these areas:

- Ewings Landing
- Estamont
- Summersands
- Aspen Shores
- Killiney Beach
- Marchbank
- Wainman Cove
- Westshore-Beau Park
- Evely Forest Recreation site
- Traders Cove
- Bear Creek Provincial Park
- North end of Bear Creek Road with addresses from 524 to 1075 Bear Creek Road north
- Lake Okanagan Resort
- Wilson Landing
- Pine Point subdivision
- Bear Lake Main to Kilometer 13 marker (remains under Ministry of Forests Restricted Area Access Order)

Those allowed to return tomorrow afternoon will remain on Evacuation Alert and must be prepared as they may have to leave the area again without much notice.

Starting at noon tomorrow, RCMP will conduct a controlled re-entry for these residents on Westside Road near Ewings Landing from the north and on the south at the northern boundary of Lake Okanagan Resort. Returning residents are asked not to line up for their re-entry as this could also create unnecessary traffic congestion and delays. They will receive an information sheet from the Emergency Operation Centre reminding them that they remain on Alert and must be prepared to leave their homes with short notice should fire conditions change and an Evacuation Order is reinstated.

After the controlled re-entry period for residents, Westside Road will again be completely accessible from the north or south. However, there will not be any access to the Fintry High Farm or District lots off South Terrace Main, as these areas remain under Evacuation Order.

Guests and visitors to either Lake Okanagan Resort or La Casa Resort should contact the resorts directly for further information about services and operations.

With the end of the Evacuation Order Wednesday at noon, Emergency Social Services asks returning residents that received an extension on their aid vouchers not to redeem these vouchers. If an Evacuation Order is re-issued, they will be able to re-register for

Emergency Social Services food and accommodation aid only but not for clothing because they are returning home on Alert and will have time to take clothing with them in the event they must evacuate the area again.

The Emergency Social Services reception centre at Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary School will continue operating through Thursday, August 13th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. On Friday, the reception centre will move next door to a portable in the District of West Kelowna municipal office complex, 2760 Cameron Road. It will be open for the remaining evacuated residents requiring aid referral extensions to visit in person from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The Ministry of Forests says the Terrace Mountain fire is now 75 per cent contained and remains at just over 9,000 hectares. However, it remains active and depending on weather conditions, could result in re-instituted Evacuation Orders. A total of 642 personnel are working on the fire, including 475 fire fighters on the ground supported by 108 pieces of heavy equipment and 16 helicopters. Fire fighters from BC are being assisted by crews from Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec. An incident management team from California is preparing to take command tomorrow (Wednesday) from a similar team from Ontario.

Evacuation Order and Alert Information

At 12:00 pm Wednesday, August 12th there will be approximately 18 residents on Evacuation Order from the following areas:

- District lots off South Terrace Main
- Fintry High Farm

In total, an estimated 4,658 residents living in the following areas are 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
- Caesar's Landing
- Cinnabar Creek
- Nahun
- Shelter Cove
- Fintry Provincial Park

- Upper Fintry
- Fintry Delta/Muirallen Estates
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A Restricted Area Order remains in effect for roads and area access around the Terrace Mountain wild fire. The Ministry of Forests says no one may enter or remain in the area between Whiteman Creek Forest Service Road and Bear Creek Forest Service Road unless they receive written authorization to travel to or from their residence or are involved in fire fighting activities. For more information on the Restricted Area Order please contact this temporary number: 250-769-7343.

For the latest Emergency Operation Centre news releases, detailed 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.

The Red Cross BC Disaster Response Centre will continue providing information on the Terrace Mountain fire from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm tomorrow night at 1-888-350-6070. After 9:00 pm tomorrow night, information will be available by calling 250-469-8490.

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

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Population Estimates by Area effective Wednesday, August 12th 12:00 pm

TERRACE MOUNTAIN FIRE

<u>Area</u>	<u>People</u>	<u>Status</u>
Fintry High Farm	13	Order
District Lots off South Terrace Mountain Main	5	Order

Caesar's Landing	400	Alert
Cinnabar Creek	99	Alert
Wilson Landing	633	Alert
Killiney Beach	800	Alert
Westshore – Beau Park	1363	Alert
Trader's Cove	363	Alert
Total on Alert	4658	
Total on Order	18	
Total on Order or Alert	4676	