



NEWS RELEASE

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Regional District of Central Okanagan, B.C. –

The Regional District of Central Okanagan Emergency Operation Centre advises effective 4:00 pm, the cancellation of all Alerts pertaining to the Bear Creek wildfire. As well, the Local State of Emergency has been rescinded and the Emergency Operation Centre is now closed.

The BC Wildfire Management Branch says the fire, which began late Monday night in the uphill trail portion of Bear Creek Provincial Park, is now completely contained.

As the possible threat posed to public safety by the fire has been reduced through the work of fire crews, the alerts affecting the Trader's Cove subdivision, Bear Creek Main Forest Service Road and properties along Westside Road from Sailview Bay to the provincial park will be removed.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure advises that single lane alternating traffic will continue for the remainder of today (Wednesday) along Westside Road through the fire zone.

The Regional District thanks all affected residents and visitors to Bear Creek Provincial Park for their patience and support throughout the evacuation and alerts and especially the volunteers of the Central Okanagan Emergency Support Services organization who stepped up to assist evacuees at the reception centre in West Kelowna. In addition, many local businesses and residents came forward with offers of goods and accommodations during the incident to assist evacuees.

Central Okanagan residents are reminded to prepare their families in advance for any possible evacuation as a result of emergencies such as the Bear Creek fire. You can get tips on preparing 'Grab and Go' kits for various emergency situations by visiting regionaldistrict.com/emergencyplan or the federal 'Get Prepared' website www.getprepared.ca.

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