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WEST KELOWNA: The Emergency Operation Centre advises of one new additional Evacuation Alert, notifying residents of the potential danger due to the Terrace Mountain forest fire. It would be prudent for residents in the following areas to prepare to leave with very short notice. The affected areas are:

The backcountry west of Fintry, commonly known as the “Fintry High Farm” area, specifically District lots 5016, 4023, 4691, 4692, 4002, 4693, 3333, 3803, 4700, 4302 (see attached map).

Residents on Evacuation Alert should be prepared to leave their homes at any moment, as an Evacuation may be called at any time.

Regarding the Glenrosa/Gellatly area fire, BC Hydro crews will be focusing on getting the Sewage Treatment Plant in Westbank , 25 customers in Glenview Road and the top of Gates road reconnected. Fire hazard prevented previous access in some of these areas.

Residents in Peachland, some parts of Summerland, Faulder and Fish Lake are to remain prepared for a possible electricity outage as there is still potential fire danger in the area feeding this line.

The Emergency Services Reception Centre has been moved from Royal LePage Place to the Mt. Boucherie Senior Secondary School at 2751 Cameron Road to allow for more efficient movement of people and to better accommodate Emergency Social Services.

Evacuated residents who have received aid will be required to go to the reception centre to get new vouchers after their current vouchers have expired, a 72-hour period. Residents are asked not to request new vouchers until the end of the 72-hour time period has been reached.

The public information line is still the same number: (778) 797-2269. The public must attend in person to receive vouchers for food, accommodation or clothing.

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Background

Evacuation Orders in effect:

Glenrosa/Gellatly - 4,500 homes/10,000 people

Rose Valley – 420 homes/1,250 people

Evacuation Alerts in effect:

Fintry High Farm – 10 properties/13 people **NEW**

Bear Creek area – 49 homes/150 people
Shannon Woods – 366 homes/1,100 people
West Kelowna Estates – 1,500 homes/4,500 people
Crystal Springs & Brookhaven – 216 homes/440 people