



**News Release No. 42**

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**KELOWNA:** The Emergency Operation Centre wants to clarify some misinformation that may be in the community regarding today's Evacuation Order and Alert for properties along North Westside Road within the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

Shortly before noon today, the Evacuation Order was enacted affecting 10 properties and 13 people in the 'Fintry High Farm' area. This is the only area that is currently under an Evacuation Order as a result of the Terrace Mountain forest fire.

Approximately 2,200 residents in these communities in the North Westside area are on Evacuation Alert and should be prepared to leave their home on very short notice:

Caesar's Landing  
Ewing's Landing  
Nahun  
Valley of the Sun  
La Casa  
Fintry and Fintry Delta  
Killiney Beach

Complete address lists and an accompanying map are posted at the La Casa Vacation Community and Resort and Killiney Beach Community Hall and on the Regional District of Central Okanagan's website at [www.regionaldistrict.ca](http://www.regionaldistrict.ca).

The Emergency Operations Centre is unable to determine how long Evacuation Alerts will remain in place and assesses the need daily.

This Evacuation Alert area includes many large properties that house several dwellings and individual addresses may not be available. Residents of the area who are unsure if their dwelling is included in the alert are encouraged to view the map of the Evacuation Area to determine if they are on alert.

Until an Evacuation Order is issued, it is not necessary to evacuate – only to be on alert and ready to leave if an Evacuation Order is given. Should there be any change in that status the approximately 2,200 residents will be advised through regular media channels.

We encourage residents as part of their emergency planning and preparedness to ensure they have a battery powered or wind up radio.

People in the area should consider moving boats, trailers and recreational vehicles while under the Evacuation Alert, since they might not have time to move these vehicles if the situation is upgraded to Evacuation Order.

All remaining District of West Kelowna residents who had been on Evacuation Order began returning home at 5 p.m. this afternoon. These areas, properties West of Glenrosa Road and Seclusion Bay and Rose Valley area, are now on Evacuation Alert.

The following areas in West Kelowna are on Evacuation Alert:

Glenrosa area

Gellatly Bay area

Seclusion Bay area

Bear Creek Road area

Rose Valley area

Shannon Woods

West Kelowna Estates

Crystal Springs & Brookhaven

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