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KELOWNA: There's now 50 percent containment of the Terrace Mountain forest fire, which the Ministry of Forests estimates at 4,500 hectares. BC Forest Service crews have completed control lines on the west side of the fire and are making good progress with completing control lines on the east side. Working on the fire are 250 BC Forest Service fire fighters, 89 pieces of heavy equipment, 16 helicopters and an additional 59 fire fighters with the Structural Protection Units.

Residents are reminded that even with this progress all Evacuation Orders and Alerts remain in effect.

Approximately 1,018 people continue on Evacuation Order in the following areas:

- Valley of the Sun
- Fintry High Farm
- Fintry Delta
- Upper Fintry
- Fintry Provincial Park
- Muirallen Estates
- La Casa
- District lots off South Terrace Mountain

Areas where the Evacuation Order was rescinded at 8:00 am Saturday, July 25th and remain on Short Notice Evacuation Alert (approximately 1,200 people) and should be prepared to leave their properties on short notice are:

- Wainman Cove
- Marchbank
- Killiney Beach
- Aspen Shores
- Summersands
- Estamont
- Ewings Landing
- Nahun

- Caesar's Landing
- Shelter Cove

Areas that are still on Evacuation Alert (approximately 2,458 people)

- Westshore
- Traders Cove
- Wilson's Landing
- Bear Creek Main to Bear Lake

The Emergency Operation Centre reminds all residents on Evacuation Alert that they should be prepared to leave their home at a moment's notice should there be any change related to the status of the forest fire.

For information regarding the Terrace Mountain fires please call 250-469-8490 and staff will be pleased to assist you.

All news releases and maps are also available on the Regional District website, www.regionaldistrict.com by clicking on the Terrace Mountain Fire icon.

Those residents still on Evacuation Order receiving assistance from the Vernon Emergency Social Services reception centre (Vernon Recreation Centre, 3310 37th Avenue) should be aware the centre is operating from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm today (Sunday, July 26th) and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday, July 27th to Wednesday, July 29th. The Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary reception centre (2751 Cameron Road, West Kelowna) is open to assist evacuated residents from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

On Saturday, July 25th the Ministry of Public Safety extended the State of Emergency declaration by the Regional District of Central Okanagan until August 2nd. The extension gives the Regional District the powers necessary to ensure protection of life and property as a result of the Terrace Mountain forest fire.

Motorists are reminded that Westside Road is closed between La Casa on the south side and Baziw Orchards on the north side of the area that remains on Evacuation Order.

Regarding the two fires in the District of West Kelowna, the Ministry of Forests advises more than 115 BC Forest Service crews continue to mop up the Glenrosa and Rose Valley fires. An estimated 17,500 residents affected by these fires remain on Evacuation Alert.