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**KELOWNA:** There's 60 per cent containment on the Terrace Mountain forest fire, which the Ministry of Forests still estimates at 4,500 hectares.

There are 228 fire fighters supported by over 90 pieces of heavy equipment working on the ground with the goal of achieving 100 per cent containment. An additional 176 support personnel are assisting with the fire operation. The Ministry says fire specialists conducted burning off operations yesterday in order to remove unburned fuel between the fire guard and the fire.

The Emergency Operation Centre reminds that all previous Evacuation Orders and Alerts remain in effect. Just over 1,000 residents between La Casa, Valley of the Sun and the Fintry area remain on Evacuation Order. An estimated 1,200 residents of the Killiney and Caesar's Landing Short Notice Evacuation Alert areas must be prepared to leave their homes on short notice. Another 2,508 residents are still on Evacuation Alert in the Westshore-Beau Park, Wilson's Landing – Trader's Cove and Bear Creek Main to Bear Lake Evacuation Alert areas and should be ready to leave their home should that status change.

All orders and alerts are assessed on a daily basis by the Emergency Operation Centre with information and recommendations provided from the West Kelowna Complex fire incident command.

Westside Road remains closed at the south of La Casa resort and Baziw Orchards on the north side of the Fintry and Fintry High Farm evacuation order area.

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](http://www.regionaldistrict.com) by clicking on the Terrace Mountain Fire icon.

Those residents receiving assistance from the Emergency Social Services Vernon reception centre should note that the operation in the Vernon Recreation Centre on 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue is open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm in order to accommodate work schedules of those people who have been evacuated and may require extensions on their

Emergency Social Services referral forms. There is no longer any phone registration so affected residents must appear in person at the Vernon reception centre, 3310 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

For those receiving assistance at the Mount Boucherie Emergency Social Services reception centre, 2751 Cameron Road, its hours continue from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm daily.

For information regarding other forest fires in British Columbia is available online by visiting the Ministry of Forests webpage [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca) or call 1-888-3FOREST that's 1-888-336-7378.

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