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**KELOWNA:** There is no change in the status of Evacuation Orders and Alerts as a result of the Terrace Mountain forest fire. All still remain in effect.

Approximately 2,500 residents from areas along Westside Road south of Baziw Orchards to just south of Traders Cove and Bear Creek Provincial Park and a section of the north end of Bear Creek Road remain under Evacuation Order. Another 2,200 people in the Westshore-Beau Park and Killiney Beach areas are on Alert and should be prepared to leave their homes with short notice.

The Emergency Operation Centre continues each day to assess the state of the Evacuation Orders and Alerts based on information and recommendations provided by the fire Incident Command team.

Boaters are again reminded that they must not get in the way of helicopters using Okanagan Lake to pick up water for the aerial fire attack. Please stay away from the middle of the lake to the western shoreline along the evacuated area. Boating activity should be kept to the area along the eastern shoreline to mid-lake.

No structures have been involved in any fires. 58 structural fire fighters, four BC Ambulance personnel and 17 pieces of fire equipment from Central Okanagan municipalities and paid-on call departments are on the scene in the event they are required.

The Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary School Emergency Social Services reception centre is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to assist evacuees with food and lodging needs. The centre is located at 2751 Cameron Road in West Kelowna.

The Ministry of Forests estimates the Terrace Mountain fire is 40 per cent contained. Today, 371 fire fighters and 88 pieces of heavy equipment are working on the ground while 16 helicopters are providing aerial support. Fireguards along the northern and western flanks are being strengthened today while the heavy equipment, bucketing helicopters and burnout operations are being focussed along the eastern and southern perimeters to prevent further encroachment from the fire.

## **Evacuation Alert and Order Information**

The estimated 2,163 residents living in the following areas of Killiney and Westshore-Beau Park remain on Evacuation Alert and must be prepared to leave on little notice:

- Ewings Landing
- Estamont
- Summersands
- Aspen Shores
- Killiney Beach
- Marchbank
- Wainman Cove
- Westshore-Beau Park
- Evely Forest Recreation site

At this time there are approximately 2,500 residents on Evacuation Order from the following areas:

- Caesar's Landing
- Nahun
- Shelter Cove
- District lots off South Terrace Main
- Wilson's Landing
- Trader's Cove
- Bear Lake Main to Kilometer 13 marker
- Bear Creek Provincial Park
- Properties with addresses ranging from 524 to 1075 Bear Creek Road north (north end of Bear Creek Road)
- Fintry Provincial Park
- Upper Fintry
- Fintry Delta/Muirallen Estates
- Valley of the Sun
- La Casa resort

For the latest Emergency Operation Centre news releases, maps and other information regarding the Terrace Mountain forest fire, visit the Regional District website [www.regionaldistrict.com](http://www.regionaldistrict.com) and click on the Terrace Mountain Fire icon.

For more information on other forest fires in the Province visit [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca) or call 1-888-3 FOREST (1-888-336-7378)

**Anyone looking for any information on the Terrace Mountain or any other major fires in the Province should now phone 1-888-350-6070. This call centre is based**

**out of the Red Cross BC Disaster Response Centre in Burnaby and is staffed between 7:00 am and 11:00 pm.**

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