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KELOWNA: A small number of Traders Cove residents lined up their vehicles, awaiting this morning's return to their homes. With the lifting of the Evacuation Order at 8:00 am, an estimated 363 people are now heading back into the Traders Cove and north end of Bear Creek Road areas.

These areas remain on Evacuation Alert and returning residents must remain prepared to leave their homes with little notice should fire conditions change:

- Traders Cove
- 524 to 1075 Bear Creek Road north (north end of Bear Creek Road)
- Bear Creek Provincial Park

Residents returning this morning are reminded that if an Evacuation Order is re-issued for their areas, they will only be able to re-register for Emergency Social Services food and lodging assistance, not clothing aid. That's because as they're able to return to their home, they will have had additional time to take clothing with them in the event that they must leave the area.

At this time, all other Evacuation Orders and Alerts remain in effect. In conjunction with information and recommendations from the Fire Incident Command, each day the Emergency Operations Centre reviews the status of all orders and alerts.

Returning residents should be aware that trained volunteers with the Canadian Red Cross are offering services from a Recovery Centre located at 2760 Cameron Road at the District of West Kelowna municipal offices. The Centre phone number is 778-797-8802. Red Cross volunteers are available to assess the outstanding needs of returning residents while offering assistance with urgent basic requirements. These services are possible with the financial and volunteer support of our community and Central Okanagan residents are encouraged to support those affected by the fires by volunteering or making financial donations to: Red Cross BC Fire Response 2009. You may visit www.redcross.ca or phone 250-763-1859 ext. 205 or simply drop by their Regional office at 5-1414 Hunter Road, Kelowna.

The Emergency Social Services reception centre at Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary School, 2751 Cameron Road in West Kelowna remains open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm today to assist the estimated 2,150 residents who remain on Evacuation Order. The following areas of Westside Road are affected:

- Caesar's Landing
- Nahun
- Shelter Cove
- District lots off South Terrace Main
- Wilson's Landing
- Fintry Provincial Park
- Upper Fintry
- Fintry Delta/Muirallen Estates
- Valley of the Sun
- La Casa resort

The Emergency Social Services reception centre will be open tomorrow (Friday, August 7th) for extended hours from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm. Additional volunteers will be in place tomorrow to assist evacuees with emergency assistance referrals that will be good until early next week. Evacuees must re-register in person at the Mt. Boucherie Senior Secondary School reception centre, 2751 Cameron Road. Telephone referrals are not available.

Westside Road is now closed at the south end of the Evacuation area at the intersection of Bear Lake Main which includes the forest service road to the 13 kilometre marker. The northern boundary of the Evacuation area remains at Baziw Orchards, just south of Ewings Landing.

Bear Creek Provincial Park is again open for campers and visitors. Those in the park are being advised that they are in an Evacuation Alert area and must be prepared to leave with short notice.

The Ministry of Forests says there is 40 per cent containment on the Terrace Mountain wildfire which is estimated at approximately 8,345 hectares. More than 350 fire fighters along with 88 pieces of heavy equipment are working on the ground today while 16 helicopters are providing support from the air.

For the latest Emergency Operation Centre news releases, detailed maps and other information regarding the Terrace Mountain forest fire, visit the Regional District website 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 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.

Evacuation Order and Alert Information

There are approximately 2,150 residents on Evacuation Order between and including the following areas:

- Caesar's Landing
- Nahun
- Shelter Cove
- District lots off South Terrace Main
- Wilson's Landing
- Fintry Provincial Park
- Upper Fintry
- Fintry Delta/Muirallen Estates
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An estimated 2,526 residents living in the following areas 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
- Traders Cove
- North end of Bear Creek Road with addresses from 524 to 1075 Bear Creek Road north
- Bear Creek Provincial Park