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KELOWNA: The Emergency Operation Centre reminds Westside Road residents that all Evacuation Orders and Alerts pertaining to the Terrace Mountain forest fire remain in effect. The estimated 2,526 residents on Evacuation Alert must remain prepared to leave their homes on short notice.

Emergency Social Services is preparing for a busy day tomorrow as those residents who remain on Evacuation Order, will have to visit the Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary School reception centre in person to receive an extension on their ESS assistance. The centre will be open Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and additional ESS volunteers will be on hand to assist with processing the referrals which will be extended until next Friday, August 14th at 11:00 am.

The Provincial Emergency Program has advised that effective tomorrow, Emergency Social Service extensions are being extended for permanent residents only.

Evacuees with permanent residences must visit the reception centre in person for referral extensions. No telephone referrals will be available.

An estimated 363 residents of the Traders Cove and north end of Bear Creek Road areas were allowed to return to their homes this morning. They 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.

Bear Creek Provincial Park also reopened this morning and visitors and campers are reminded that they too are within an Evacuation Alert area and must be prepared to leave on short notice.

Trained volunteers with the Canadian Red Cross are providing services for returning residents 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 will help assess the outstanding needs of returning residents and be available to offer 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 following areas of Westside Road remain under an Evacuation Order:

- 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

Motorists should be aware that Westside Road is closed at the intersection of Bear Lake Main, including 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.

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

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