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**KELOWNA:** There is no change in any of the Terrace Mountain wildfire Evacuation Orders and Alerts. Approximately 2,150 people remain out of their homes because of the still active forest fire which grew another 200 hectares last night. An estimated 2,526 residents are still on Evacuation Alert and must be prepared to leave their homes on short notice.

Evacuees that require Emergency Social Service assistance are asked to appear in person today at the reception centre in Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary School, 2751 Cameron Road in West Kelowna. The centre will be open until 7:00 pm this evening and additional ESS volunteers are on hand to help those evacuees requiring referral extensions. The one week extensions will run until next Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. As of today, only permanent residents are eligible for these extensions under the Provincial Emergency Program and they must appear in person at the reception centre.

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
- Valley of the Sun
- La Casa resort

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

The Ministry of Forests says the Terrace Mountain wildfire remains active with a flare up last night fanned by northerly winds along the eastern slopes of the mountain. No structures were threatened by the approximately 200 hectare flare up. The fire is now estimated at 8,550 hectares. Last evening, air tankers laid retardant and bucketing helicopters dropped Thermo-Gel along the southern flank.

With the weekend approaching and the anticipated increase in boat traffic on Okanagan Lake, RCMP have provided marina and boat rental companies with maps asking that they advise customers to keep boat activity from the centre of the lake to the eastern shoreline, away from the evacuation area so that fire fighting air crews have clear access for water pickups. Similar information is also available at local boat launches.

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](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 now staffed between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm.