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KELOWNA: It's been a busy day for volunteers staffing the Emergency Social Services reception centre at Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary School, 2751 Cameron Road. As of 4:30 this afternoon, about 200 families representing approximately 500 evacuees have been through the West Kelowna centre receiving extension referrals for emergency assistance.

The reception centre is open until 7:00 pm tonight to process referrals and extensions for permanent residents only. These will be good until next Friday, August 14th at 11:00 am should they remain out of their homes because of the Terrace Mountain wildfire.

The ESS reception centre will be open tomorrow (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Sunday through Thursday the centre will have volunteers in place from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and next Friday the 14th it will operate from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

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

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

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

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