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KELOWNA: The Emergency Operation Centre advises that all Evacuation Orders and Alerts remain in effect as a result of the Terrace Mountain forest fire. An estimated 2,150 people remain on Evacuation Order and approximately 2,526 residents remain on Evacuation Alert and must be prepared to leave their homes on short notice.

Each day, in conjunction with information and recommendations from the Fire Incident Command, the Emergency Operation Centre reviews the status of all Evacuation Orders and Alerts.

The Emergency Social Services reception centre at Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary School has set its operating hours for the next week. It's open at 2751 Cameron Road in West Kelowna today (Saturday) until 3:00 pm. Tomorrow (Sunday) through Thursday, August 13th volunteers will be on hand from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. If referral extensions are required next Friday, August 14th, the centre volunteers will be available from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Yesterday 178 families representing approximately 534 people received ESS referral extensions and assistance.

The State of Emergency for the Regional District of Central Okanagan has been extended by the Provincial Government. The declaration gives the Regional District special powers to deal with the emergency posed by the Terrace Mountain forest fire in order to ensure public safety.

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

Boaters are reminded to keep their activities on Okanagan Lake from the middle to the eastern shoreline. As required, air support involved in fighting the Terrace Mountain fire will be using the area from the middle of the lake to the western shoreline to pick up water.

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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