



News Release No. 88
Date: August 14 2009
Time: 3:00 p.m.

KELOWNA: The Regional Emergency Operation Centre advises that effective immediately, all Evacuation Orders and Alerts pertaining to the Terrace Mountain forest fire are rescinded.

Excellent work by ground and air crews over the past few days combined with today's rain have lead to today's lifting of all outstanding Evacuation Orders and Alerts.

The Emergency Operation Centre thanks all those residents living in various communities adjacent to Westside Road for their cooperation, patience and support during the recent emergency response to the fire.

With the lifting of the final Evacuation Orders today, the estimated 18 residents of the Fintry High Farm and District lots off South Terrace Main areas may return to their homes. These residents who may have received extensions on their Emergency Social Services aid vouchers are asked not to redeem these vouchers.

While there was no structural damage reported as a result of the forest fire, returning residents may wish to utilize some important information provided on the Provincial Emergency Program website regarding Returning to your home and Recovery. You will find this booklet at the following link:

www.pep.bc.ca/floods/docs/recoveryguide.pdf

Interior Health also provides some useful information for residents returning to their homes. It deals with exposure to smoke from forest fires, food safety, water quality and septic tanks and disposal fields. As well, information is also available on how to deal with stress and anxiety as a result of the fires: www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-safety.aspx?id=464

Trained volunteers with the Canadian Red Cross are offering services for returning residents at a Recovery Centre located at 2760 Cameron Road at the District of West Kelowna municipal offices. You may visit in person or call 778-797-8802.

With today's order and alert rescinds, the Central Okanagan Emergency Operation Centre will remain set up and on standby for the remainder of the fire season.

The State of Emergency for the Regional District of Central Okanagan is being cancelled.

Even though the Evacuation Order and Alerts have been rescinded Fintry Provincial Park remains closed as it's still being used as a fire fighting staging and equipment area.

The Regional District of Central Okanagan Emergency Response program encourages all citizens and their families to become prepared and able to care for themselves for at least 72 hours in any emergency. For detailed information on how to prepare by making an emergency plan for your family visit the following websites:

- www.getprepared.ca
- www.regionaldistrict.com/departments/crime/crime_prepared.aspx

Information on the status of Evacuation Orders, Alerts and news releases is available at www.regionaldistrict.com and selecting the Terrace Mountain Fire link.

Information on the Terrace Mountain and other wildfires in BC is available by visiting www.wildfirebc.ca or calling 1-888-336-7378.

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Updated Evacuation Order and Alert Information

Effective 3:00 pm Friday, August 14th, the Evacuation Order is rescinded for approximately 18 people in the following areas:

- Fintry High Farm
- District lots off South Terrace Main

The Evacuation Alert affecting the estimated population of 4,658 people in the following areas is also no longer in effect:

- Ewings Landing
- Estamont
- Summersands
- Aspen Shores
- Killiney Beach
- Marchbank
- Wainman Cove
- Westshore-Beau Park

- Evely Forest Recreation Site
- Caesar's Landing
- Cinnabar Creek
- Nahun
- Shelter Cove
- Fintry Provincial Park (Closed)
- Upper Fintry
- Fintry Delta
- Muirallen Estates
- Valley of the Sun
- La Casa Resort
- Traders Cove
- Bear Creek Provincial Park
- Bear Creek Road north (addresses from 524 to 1075)
- Lake Okanagan Resort
- Wilson Landing
- Pine Point subdivision
- Bear Lake Main to Kilometre 13 marker (remains under Ministry of Forests Restricted Area Access Order)

Population Estimates by Area effective Friday, August 14th 3:00 pm

TERRACE MOUNTAIN FIRE

| <u>Area</u> | <u>People</u> | <u>Status</u> |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| Fintry High Farm | 13 | Order Rescinded |
| District Lots off South Terrace Mountain | 5 | Order Rescinded |
| Main | | |
| Caesar's Landing | 400 | Alert Rescinded |
| Cinnabar Creek | 99 | Alert Rescinded |
| Wilson Landing | 633 | Alert Rescinded |
| Killiney Beach | 800 | Alert Rescinded |
| Westshore – Beau Park | 1363 | Alert Rescinded |
| Trader's Cove | 363 | Alert Rescinded |
| Total on Alert | 0 | |
| Total on Order | 0 | |
| Total on Order or Alert | 0 | |