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EOC Update

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White Rock Lake fire update @ 12:30 PM

Way' Members,

Just a small update for this morning, the wind is expected to continue northwesterly this afternoon and decrease this evening, which means that it is blowing away from the southern OKIB reserve area. Winds will likely to blow towards us northeasterly Thursday and Friday. Friday temperatures are expected to drop into the 20's, which means more cloud and humidity, which will likely to stick around for the weekend.

We are still waiting for more updated maps however; we have further updates from BC Wildfire and EMBC expected later today. For structural protection there are 117 structural protection personnel active from 25 different fire departments, and three structural protection unit trailers. Structural Protection teams continue remain on site throughout the night to conduct 24/7 patrols with in the Evacuation order and alert area This team is supported by 17 fire engines and 14 water tenders as well as 5 mass water delivery systems.

Currently there are 136 Wildland firefighters, 14 support staff, 10 danger tree assessors/fallers, 11 helicopters assigned, 43 pieces of heavy equipment for fire guard creation and the incident management team.

The White Rock lake fire and safety of our community continues to be a priority and the unit and equipment numbers listed above point to the **substantial** resources assigned to our protection. The order area continues to be closed to outside traffic and RCMP have continued to have 24/7 roving patrols within the area.

The OKIB EOC will continue to monitor the situation closely with local government agencies and BC Wildfire. The next fire update will continue later this afternoon.