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March 8 Update: St. Anne Camp Evacuation

Maple Ridge, BC: The Maple Ridge Fire Department and Bylaws Department will continue their work to address the fire safety of the St. Anne site under the terms of the Fire Evacuation Order through the upcoming weekend.

Thus far, a total of 800 cubic yards of debris have been removed from the site which is the equivalent to over 80 dump truck loads. Trees and shrubs damaged by fires have been cut down and removed from the site.

Reports that the structures on the site were being boarded up are incorrect. City staff added bracing on one of the structures on the site in order to move it to a location permitted by the Order to ensure that it was not damaged. That move was successful and the structure was undamaged.

All work carried out on the site has been done under the terms of, and respecting, the Fire Safety Evacuation Order. Suggestions that work is occurring outside this mandate is inaccurate.

Security patrols will remain in place 24 hours a day supported by the police.

The evacuees continue to be provided with meals and a safe warm place to sleep while work continues to address the safety risks at the St. Anne site.

BC Housing's contractors are working to restore power and heat to the site in anticipation of the Evacuation Order being rescinded once the immediate fire safety risks are addressed.

Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.