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Noralta Lodge Evacuation Update and Current Capacities

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Noralta Lodge has been working through the night, and in coordination with municipal officials and other regional lodges to help provide shelter, necessities and support for people evacuated from Fort McMurray. We've been asked by municipal officials to shelter everyone in place for the next 24 hours while monitoring ongoing evacuee needs as the status of the emergency situation develops. Our priority is ensuring that all of those on our sites are cared for, and that the safety of residents is not compromised.

As of this morning, we had welcomed over 1,000 residents and emergency responders to our sites.

At this point, and as our clients evacuate their workforces, our lodges have capacity to house close to 1,500 additional residents and families still needing a shelter at our [Village site](#), and up to 6,00 at our [Grey Wolf site](#). Our [Firebag site](#) is also available and accepting evacuees. We are working with municipal officials to direct people to these target locations, as well as other providers with availability in the region.

Over the coming days, we will continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure we understand the ongoing risk and plan accordingly for additional needs.

In addition, we are in touch with officials from emergency organizations, such as Alberta Health Services. Any medical or other emergency needs on site will continue to be managed by the appropriate authorities.

As an organization, we are very grateful to all of our staff, first responders and community volunteers who have worked tirelessly to welcome and care for our important guests. We are so proud of the extra effort they all have extended at this time.

We're also receiving offers of supplies and assistance from across the country. This generosity is greatly appreciated and we ask that anyone looking to help can contact [Red Cross](#), who are coordinating a regional response.

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