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Mandatory Evacuations Issued

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USPA NEWS - If a wildfire prompts an evacuation order in your area, what are the implications for you? It signifies an immediate threat to life and safety in your area, necessitating immediate departure, as any delay could jeopardize your safety and that of first responders.

If you are in the impacted area: Depart immediately and refrain from gathering additional belongings. Bring your emergency kit, including medications, vital documents, phone/charger, clothing, pet supplies, and identification.

Check in on neighbouring residents to verify their well-being and provide assistance to those requiring help with evacuation. Follow designated evacuation routes, eschewing shortcuts that may be blocked or pose a safety risk.

Registration at the designated reception centre is essential to ensure your access to support and safety.

Refrain from returning home until officials confirm it is safe, even if the fire appears to have moved away. Your safety is paramount. Evacuation orders are only issued when the threat is severe and immediate. Please comply with the instructions without delay.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY, AUGUST 25, Noon Update:
The Long Lake wildfires complex remains uncontained. Numerous homes have been preserved, but despite concerted efforts, some have sustained damage. A thorough assessment is required to provide an accurate count. Once the information is verified, affected residents will be notified promptly. Please respect their confidentiality.

The wildfire grew to an estimated 7,780 hectares due to yesterday's extreme conditions. The size estimate may be adjusted as more precise measurements become available. Please note that size estimates from other sources are not considered official and may be less accurate.

At first light, crews began clearing downed trees from roadways. Aircraft: six helicopters, six planes plus bird dogs. Firefighters: 56 from the Department of Natural Resources, 62 from Ontario, and 54 local. Heavy machinery is still in operation. All efforts continue to save homes and other structures are being implemented.

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