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Hours Extended for Dakota Dunes Residents in Evacuated Areas

DAKOTA DUNES, S.D. – Hours for re-entry for residents of the evacuated area of Dakota Dunes are being extended to 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. The new schedule will continue indefinitely, says Ray Roggow, Union County Emergency Management Director.

“But those hours will be contingent on residents and their contractors being completely evacuated by eight o’clock each night,” Roggow said. “If there’s a failure to voluntarily comply with the new schedule, we’ll be forced to re-evaluate the extension decision.”

Roggow said the residents asked for extended hours during a property owner meeting Thursday night.

“So we’re doing what we can to meet their needs as they work to prepare for the long road ahead,” he said. “We’re just asking that homeowners and their contractors get in, get their work done and then get out as quickly as possible.”

Anyone entering the evacuated area will still need an operation-issued ID badge. Badges may be obtained at the Emergency Operation Center, at the Liberty Bank building from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.