



Coastal Wildfire Bulletin

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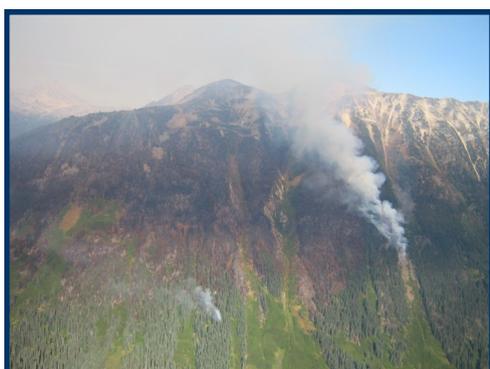
Public Notice Update

Two fires burning within the Pemberton fire zone area may periodically produce smoke visible to the public. Both lighting caused fires are modified response fires burning in steep and mountainous terrain in remote areas on BC Parks land, and are continuing to burn within parameters set within the BC Parks fire management plan. Both photos are from October 3.



V30363 Culliton Creek

This fire was located on August 15 in the Culliton Creek drainage within Garibaldi Park, 15 km northeast of Squamish, and is currently 46 hectares in size. The smoke from this fire is visible from the town of Squamish and the Sea to Sky highway. Wildfire Management Branch crews and aircraft successfully worked this fire in the initial stages to prevent its spread outside the park.



V30416 Birkenhead

This fire was located on August 19 on conservancy land managed by BC Parks. It is located 12 kilometers northwest of Birkenhead lake, and is currently 136 hectares in size. It is burning on steep mountainous terrain in a remote area. The smoke from this fire is periodically visible from Pemberton Meadows, and the Birkenhead and Hurley FS roads.

In consultation with BC Parks, the Wildfire Management Branch is managing these fires to ensure the natural ecological processes within the park are maintained, and public and firefighter safety is safeguarded. In addition, the Wildfire Management Branch utilizes the most up-to-date fire management tools that monitor fire behaviour, weather, topography, and vegetation, which are all considered in fire management.

Weather forecasts for these areas are for continued dry and unseasonably warm weather, especially at high elevations. The fire is being monitored and action will be taken as appropriate. The fire poses no immediate threat to public safety or infrastructure, but the public is reminded that wildfire areas can pose risks to hikers, including weakened root systems that can cause tree instability, sudden changes in fire behaviour, and smoke.

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