



**LITTLE FORT COMPLEX: INFORMATION UPDATE**

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**5:00 PM**

The wildfires known as the Little Fort Complex are expected to grow due to an incoming cold front. With gusty winds in the weather forecast as early as this evening and continuing into Sunday, the BC Wildfire Service is encouraging people to remain vigilant and avoid going into the backcountry to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires. The wind may also cause increased fire activity and smoke visibility in areas near wildfires.

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD), has released new evacuation orders and alerts. **Please refer to the TNRD for details at <http://tnrd.ca/>**

The District of Clearwater has released an evacuation alert. **Please refer to the District of Clearwater for details at <http://www.districtofclearwater.com/2017/07/>**

Fire personnel are working on the Little Fort Complex situation with day and night shifts and are working closely with provincial partners as this situation develops.

**For information on air quality**, as well as smoke forecasts for Western Canada, visit the BC Air Quality website: [www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html](http://www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html)

**For the latest information on current wildfire activity**, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)

You can also follow the latest wildfire news **on Twitter at:** <http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo> **on Facebook at:** <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

**For information on preparing for evacuation, visit:** <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/get-prepared-in-high-risk-communities>

There are 227 personnel supporting the Little Fort Complex:

- 199 firefighting personnel
- 10 helicopters
- 13 pieces of heavy equipment
- five water tenders and
- an incident management team located in Clearwater, BC.

**Please note that a public access area restriction is in effect for the Little Fort Complex wildfires.**

If you see a new fire or hazard, call the BC Wildfire Service (\*5555 on cell phone or 1-800-663-5555) or local emergency services. **Do not** attempt to access the site.