



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Placer Mountain Fire (K61241)

Location: Approx. 37 km south of Princeton.

Following increased fire activity on July 25th, an aerial survey will be carried out to determine a more accurate fire location in relation to the Ashnola River and Cathedral Park.

Date of Discovery: July 17, 2018

Fire Size: 520 ha Fire size is being reassessed.

Status: Out of control.

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 54 firefighters, 5 helicopters, 9 pieces of heavy equipment and industry personnel.

Objectives: Crews will continue with suppression and containment operations. Young Road east of the fire will be examined as an access route from the Ashnola to Windy Creek Forest Service Road.

Evacuations: No current evacuation orders or alerts. A road closure of the Ashnola Forest Service Road will be implemented today, July 26th.



Placer Mountain Fire (K61241) - July 25, 2018

Snowy Mountain Fire (K51238)

Location: Approx. 14 km south of Keremeos

Date of Discovery: July 17, 2018

Fire Size: 1,530 ha Fire size is being reassessed.

Status: Out of control.

Cause: Lightning

Resources: The fire continues to be monitored. A remote camera has now been set up and is providing real time imaging.

Objectives: Land managers have been consulted and trigger points have been set to determine at what point this fire will be actioned. The fire is burning at a high elevation and is visible to Cawston and Keremeos.

Other: This fire is located in the Snowy Protected Area. BC Parks has closed Ewart and Wall Creek trails pending further assessment of the fire. For more information go to: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/wildfire/>

Evacuations: There are no current evacuation orders or alerts.



Snowy Mountain Fire (K51238) - July 26, 2018

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Modified Response

Modified Response fire - A wildfire that is allowed to burn within set policy and management guidelines or may be actioned in such a manner as to bring the wildfire back within those guidelines.

Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre
2003 Glossary of Forest Fire Management Terms

Fire is increasingly identified as desirable, not solely as a destructive force, for ecosystem restoration and because of this, a more strategic approach to wildfire management is being used instead of simply putting out every fire.

Since fire is a natural component of the ecosystem, the land management or fire management plan in some areas may specify that natural fire is appropriate when human or natural resource values are not at risk. Accordingly, when a wildfire does occur in these areas, careful consideration is given to potential wildfire spread and impacts on identified values. When it is determined that allowing natural wildfire is appropriate, a 'Modified Response' strategy may be determined.

'Modified Response' is a fire management strategy that involves monitoring the fire's activity within set policies and management guidelines. In consultation with land managers and other stakeholders identify specific areas that require full response and other areas where modified response may be considered. Land managers and stakeholders determine specific values that, if threatened, will trigger an altered response to the fire. These are called "trigger points". Trigger points indicate where greater risks may develop, and if the fire begins approaching these points, resources will be allocated to manage the fire. Sometimes a series of trigger points are set and different actions taken at each stage. The area is carefully monitored and resources allocated as necessary as directed by a fire management plan.

In areas sensitive to human disturbance such as wildlife habitats, BC Wildfire Service may utilize response activities that minimize the disturbance to the natural environment. This type of response may avoid the use of heavy machinery and the construction of roads which may put the natural environment at risk. If a situation occurs where it becomes necessary to use heavy equipment or machine-constructed fireguards in order to suppress the fire, it is normal to follow-up to ensure that the disturbance is rehabilitated. This would include ensuring that natural water sources are not impeded and fireguards are seeded with grass.

BC Wildfire Service seeks to protect BC's forests from unwanted wildfires and reducing the impact of wildfires on communities and natural resource values but our first priority is always to protect life and property.

Spot a wildfire, smoke or illegal fire activity?

Call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell phone

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Link to Wildfire of Note: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp?ID=699>

Drifting Smoke: www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html

Smoke Health Concerns: HealthLink BC | dial 8-1-1 | www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp



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KAMLOOPS - Effective at noon on Thursday, July 26, 2018, campfires will be prohibited throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre's jurisdiction.

The BC Wildfire Service is dealing with several large fires in the Kamloops Fire Centre as a result of lightning storms that moved through the Okanagan last week. Hot and dry conditions are expected to continue. The fire danger ratings in the Kamloops Fire Centre are now generally "moderate" or "high", but these ratings will likely increase this week.

A map of affected areas is available here: <http://ow.ly/4Qs830l6oQZ>

Prohibited activities will also include the use of:

- * fireworks (including firecrackers)
- * sky lanterns
- * burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description
- * binary exploding targets (pre-packaged or homemade explosives, such as Tannerite, Thundershot, Gryphon, Firebird SS65, Sure Shot or similar products)
- * tiki torches and similar kinds of torches
- * chimineas, outdoor stoves and other portable campfire apparatuses that are not CSA-approved or ULC-approved

These prohibitions apply to all public and private land unless specified otherwise (for example, in a local government bylaw). Please check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any fire.

These prohibitions do not apply to CSA-rated or ULC-rated cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to a portable campfire apparatus that uses briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel, so long as the height of the flame is less than 15 centimetres.

Prohibitions on Category 2 and Category 3 open burning remain in effect throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre's jurisdiction. The campfire prohibition will remain in effect until Oct. 15, 2018, or until the public is otherwise notified.

Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be issued a ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

The Kamloops Fire Centre would like to thank the public for its continuing help in preventing wildfires. To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone.

For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, go to: bcwildfire.ca

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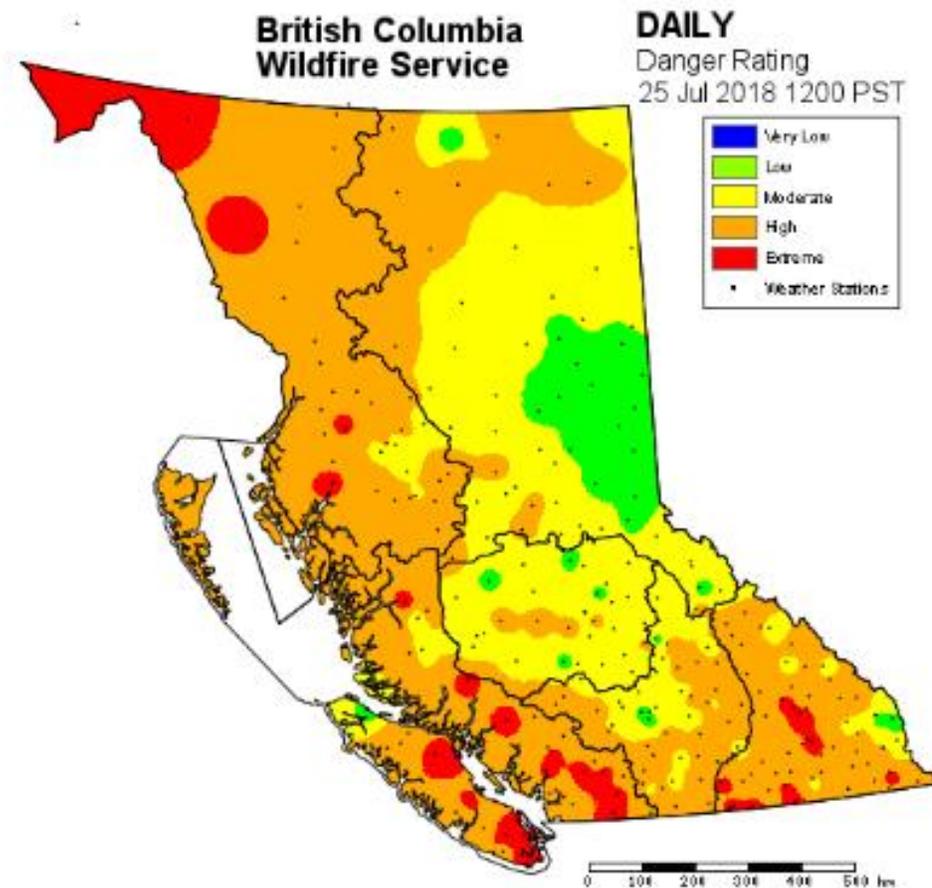
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Fire Danger Rating:



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