



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Quesnel Fire Zone Wildfires— Fires West of the Nazko River Information Bulletin

Fires C10812—4 km North of Baezaeko River now includes C11014—East of Toil Mountain. Go to the 'Wildfires of Note' page at www.bcwildfire.ca.

Crews are looking for opportunities to conduct burn-offs particularly on C10812 and those will go ahead as soon it is safe and practicable to do so.

A map has been posted, July 28, 2017, and we hope to update it every few days unless there are notable changes to the fires.

There has been some question as to why the West Quesnel Complex of fires has been divided into two sections—Division Alpha and Division Bravo. This is done to help streamline crew assignments. Two Division Supervisors have been assigned to oversee a specific group of fires.

When these fires are reassessed and considered 'Under Control' then resources can be reassigned to another fire.

Conditions

Today: Mainly sunny at first with increasing convective cloud by late afternoon. Winds will be from the south/southwest—15-20 km/hr by the afternoon Winds will gust to 30 km/hr later in the day. Temperatures up to 27 degrees.

Tomorrow: Lingering cloudiness from the weak trough that moves through the area Saturday night. Becoming mainly sunny in the afternoon. Winds will be West/Southwest at 15-20 km/hr for the afternoon with gusts of 30 km/hr in the late afternoon.

An existing Evacuation Alert has been expanded and an Evacuation Order has been implemented for two properties. For more information, visit: <http://cariboord.bc.ca>.

If further information is required for the fires below or any fires in the Quesnel West Complex, please email Marg Drysdale at: QuesnelWComIN@gov.bc.ca or call reception in Nazko at 250-249-9654 (please leave a message).



C10812—July 28, 2017

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Wildfire Updates

C10812—4 km North of Baezaeko River and C11014—East of Toil Mountain

Location: 4 Km north of Baezaeko River, approximately 110 km west of Quesnel—Now includes fire C11010

Status: Estimated at >20,000 hectares

Resources: 23 firefighters and 21 pieces of heavy equipment

Cause: Under Investigation

Objectives: Crews will establish dozer lines on the north and eastern flanks, looking for and creating burn-off opportunities.

Evacuations: Evacuation Order—2 properties

Evacuation Alert—The existing Alert has been expanded please go to: <http://cariboord.bc.ca>

C10966—Kluskoil Lake #2

Location: On the northern edge of Kluskoil Lake Park

Status: Estimated 279 hectares, 70% contained

Resources: 23 firefighters and 5 pieces of heavy equipment

Cause: Under Investigation

Objectives: Continue to establish hoselay along the west and north flank.

C10830—Bishop Bluff

Location: 5 Km North of Bishops Bluff, approximately 130 km west of Quesnel, approximately 5 km SW of the community Kluskus

Status: Estimated 2,525 hectares, 80% contained

Resources: 25 firefighters

Cause: Under Investigation

Objectives: Mop up along north and southeast flanks, supported by helicopters bucketing. Assess burn opportunities and machine line on southwest corner.

Other: An evacuation alert has been expanded by the Cariboo Regional District for Kluskus First Nation. For more information visit: <http://cariboord.bc.ca>

C10970—Kluskoil Lake #1

Location: West side of Kluskoil Lake Park, approximately 110 km northwest of Quesnel

Status: Estimated 2747 hectares, 0% contained

Resources: Helicopter bucketing and values protection equipment

Cause: Under Investigation

Objectives: Monitor only.

Strategic values protection is setup in the area on some cabins. Continue to review and conduct on-site monitoring of fire activity at the field level to ensure the appropriate response, tactics and strategies are utilized and maintained. Parks representatives have been engaged. This strategy is as per the Parks fire management plan.

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C11058—Swede Creek

Location: Approximately 12 km southwest of Tite Town

Status: Estimated 144 hectares, 70% contained

Resources: 23 firefighters

Cause: Under Investigation

Objectives: Fire crews continue to establish hoselay using pumps and hose on west and north flanks with bucketing support.

C10967—Kluskoiil Lake #3

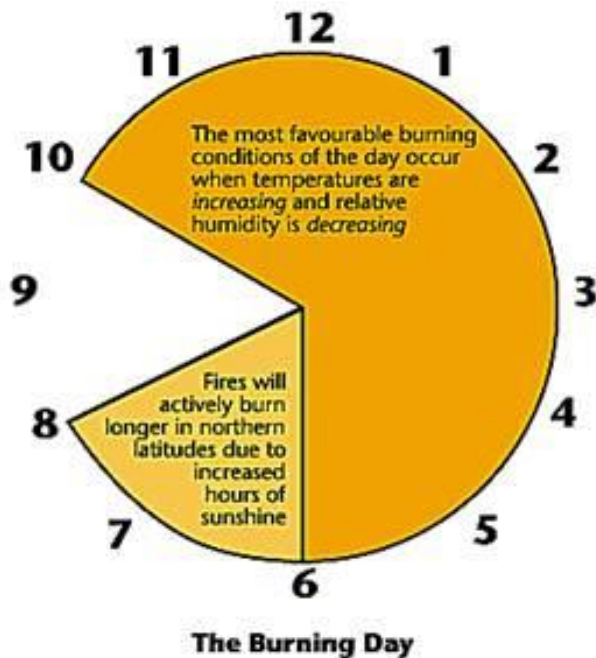
Location: Approximately 5 km south of Kluskoiil Lake Park

Status: Estimated 45 hectares

Resources: Fire is wrapped with hoselay

Cause: Under Investigation

Objectives: Continue to review and conduct on-site monitoring of fire activity at the field level to ensure the appropriate response, tactics and strategies are utilized and maintained. Monitor fire and extinguish hotspots. Determine long-term strategy.



You may have heard firefighters talk about the ‘witching hour’ or see more activity in the vicinity of the fire around 6 pm. The reason for this is that fire behaviour will generally decrease overnight due to cooling temperatures, rising humidities and overall cooling, then during the day temperatures slowly increase, and winds may help dry fuels throughout the day. By late afternoon conditions will be at their peak for increased fire behaviour and it is during this period that fires will often become most active.

Crews prepare throughout the day knowing that this period will often mean more vigorous burning with fires potentially moving faster and farther during this time.

Residents may notice increased smoke, more active columns and potentially open fire in the vicinity of the fire at this time of day.

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Questions and Answers

Questions Regarding Evacuation Orders and Alerts

For information on Evacuation Orders and Alerts, please contact the Cariboo Regional District at

<http://cariboord.bc.ca/>

Or call the Cariboo Regional District Emergency Information Line at: 1-866-759-4977

Questions Regarding Road Blocks and Access

The public is encouraged to check DriveBC.ca for information regarding Road Blocks and access restrictions.

Recreation Sites and Recreation Site Closures

Until further notice, the public is advised to avoid **all** recreation sites and Provincial Parks in the Chilcotin and Cariboo regions, due to the severe wildfire hazard.

What about people with respiratory concerns who are having a hard time with smoke?

- Smoke concentrations will vary widely as winds, fire behaviour and temperatures change.
- Residents are advised to consider avoiding strenuous outdoor activities.
- For air quality conditions, visit: www.bcairquality.ca

Important links

Fire information: www.bcwildfire.ca

Evacuation Orders and Alerts: <http://cariboord.bc.ca/>

Road closures: <http://www.drivebc.com>

Preparedness: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/wildfires>

For more information go to: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp>

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