



WILDFIRE UPDATE

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

Fires C10812—4 km North of Baezaeko River experienced substantial growth last night as a result of aggressive fire behaviour caused by winds gusting to 50-60 km/hr during the hottest part of the day. Rank 5/6 was exhibited on some areas of the fire.

Operations are reassessing the fire and will provide updated information on new perimeters.

An updated map will be posted once a complete assessment of the burned area can be accomplished.

Crews did NOT conduct burn-off operations yesterday due to the windy conditions.

The BC Wildfire Service has made recommendations to the Cariboo Regional District to increase or upgrade some of the Evacuation Alerts and Orders. Please go to: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca> for the most up-to-date information.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner has set up Structural Protection Units on those homes under Evacuation Order.

Other fires within the Complex remained relatively stable.

Conditions

Today: Mainly sunny if/once the smoke lifts. Winds will be from the Southwest at 15 km/hr with gusts to 30 km/hr by the afternoon. Temperatures in the mid-20s.

Tomorrow: Mainly sunny and warmer. Air mass becomes quite stable so venting will decrease. Smoke could thicken. Variable wind direction. Gusty late afternoon and early evening winds.

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).



Fire C10812—July 29, 2017

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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 23,163 hectares—this estimate was produced prior to 1300 yesterday. Assessments are still being made.

Resources: 17 firefighters and 21 pieces of heavy equipment

Cause: Under Investigation

Objectives: Operations will be reassessing this fire and reassigning crews and machinery once that assessment is complete.

Evacuations: Evacuation Order—to be updated

Evacuation Alert—to be updated

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: 18 firefighters and 2 pieces of heavy equipment

Cause: Under Investigation

Objectives: Continue to establish hoselay along the west and north flank. Begin to demob (remove) equipment.

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: 40 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—Being Held

Resources: 17 firefighters

Cause: Under Investigation

Objectives: Fire crews continue to establish hoselay using pumps and hose on west and north flanks with bucketing support. Danger Tree Assessment and Falling to be conducted.

C10967—Kluskoil Lake #3

Location: Approximately 5 km south of Kluskoil 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.

Fire Rank

	<p>Rank 1 is a smoldering ground fire. There is no open flame and it produces white smoke.</p>		<p>When a fire gets to Rank 4 the smoke changes to grey or black, and the rate of spread continues to pick up along the ground. We will also start to see some spotting ahead of the fire.</p>
	<p>Rank 2 is a surface fire. These fires produce visible open flame and are either moving slowly or not at all. The head of the fire is typically erratic.</p>		<p>Rank 5 fires will produce black to copper smoke, and we will see the entire fire moving forward together. The rate of spread increases as does the distance of spotting.</p>
	<p>Rank 3 is a more vigorous surface fire and the rate of spread starts to increase. This is when we might see candling (tree's fuels ignite and flare up) in the trees.</p>		<p>Rank 6 fires exhibit violent fire behaviour. If the fire behaviour is too extreme fire suppression efforts will be halted and the fire allowed to run its course, as these types of conditions can be very unsafe. Indirect firefighting methods from a distance.</p>



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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>

Fires of Note

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