



# WILDFIRE UPDATE

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

While Division Bravo (C10812) spent the day reassessing and regrouping, for Division Alpha it was a productive few days with containment being solidified on many of the fires on the north of the Complex.

Challenged by wind over the last two days Fire C10812—4km North of Baezaeko River has grown to approximately 35,980 hectares in size. Crews will now refocus their energies on building new control lines and looking for opportunities to burn off areas to remove forest fuels.

Crews will only conduct a burn-off if conditions are absolutely right. If conditions appear right but anyone involved raises objections due to conditions they encounter then the operation is stopped. 'One no is a no-go'. Crews, however, may conduct burn-outs which is the lighting and burning of small pockets of fuel. This is necessary to solidify a line.

There was some confusion yesterday about who was on an Evacuation Order and who was on an Evacuation Alert. Please read any notices carefully and thoroughly to understand the difference. For any questions about an Order or an Alert please go to: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca> for the most up-to-date information.

### Conditions

**Today:** Sunny with smoke in some areas. Winds will be from the Northwest at 5-10 km/hr. The late afternoon will see some gusts of 20 km/hr. Temperatures will be up to 26 degrees.

**Tomorrow:** Sunny and very warm. Winds again will be from the Northwest through to evening. Highs will be in the upper 20s.

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](mailto:QuesnelWComIN@gov.bc.ca) or call reception in Nazko at 250-249-9654 (please leave a message).



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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 35,980 hectares—please see map

**Resources:** 33 firefighters and 20 pieces of heavy equipment

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Objectives:** Operations will be reassigning crews and machinery concentrating on the eastern flank.

**Evacuations:** Evacuation Order and Evacuation Alert in place

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:** 28 firefighters and 1 piece of heavy equipment

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Objectives:** Mop up along north flank, Assess burn opportunities along areas on the north flank and mop up on the southeast 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 3195 hectares, 0% contained

**Resources:** Helicopter bucketing and values protection equipment

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Objectives:** Some spotting occurred on the south side of the fire and crews will work on containing those areas.

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:** 21 firefighters

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Objectives:** Some spotting occurred on the northeast and northwest flanks. Crews will work on those areas. Danger Tree Assessment and Falling will continue.

### 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 Triangle

Three elements must be present for a fire to start and continue burning: **Oxygen, Heat and Fuel.**

Oxygen is present in the air, B.C.'s forests and grasslands provide the fuel (both light and heavy fuels) and heat is introduced through ignition.

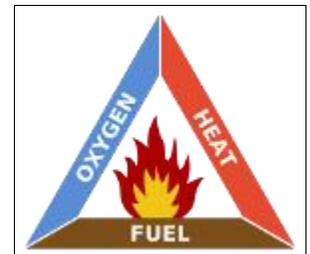
Light fuels include grass, dead leaves, brush and small trees and serve as kindling for larger fuels. They can ignite quickly and fire will spread rapidly through them. Heavy fuels include logs, stumps and trees, which generally burn slower and for a longer period.

All fire suppression efforts are based on the “fire triangle” principle. When a firefighter reduces any of these three elements, combustion slows, the fire movement stalls, and the fire eventually consumes the fuel and the fire peters out. When any of these elements is removed completely, the fire will go out quickly. In the case of a wildfire, it's often the removal or management of fuels that retard the growth and vigour of the fire and allow firefighters to make progress extinguishing it.

Crews work hard to reduce the heat of the fire, which allows firefighters to work closer to the flames. Any change in weather that creates cooler, damper conditions (including nighttime and morning) is also welcome, as it will reduce, but not eliminate, the fire's activity. (That's why we always say, “Aircraft don't put out fires, ground crews do.”) Conversely, an increase in air temperature will also increase fire behaviour.

Crews also attempt to keep the flames away from other available fuel sources by creating a “break” to separate the fire from nearby fuels such as a constructed fire guard or by using and strengthening a natural fire break such as a road, river or lake.

The decision to manage a fire or to have crews fully extinguish it is based on the fire's size, location and proximity to identified values, such as populated areas, natural resources and infrastructure. Safety of people is always the primary consideration. Other factors include weather conditions and forest health in the area.





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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](http://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](http://www.bcairquality.ca)

### Important links

Fire information: [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://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 about other fires in the Province go to:**

**Website: [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)**

**Facebook: BC Wildfire Service**

**Twitter: @BCGovFireInfo**

**Landline: 1-888-336-7378**

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## Photo Gallery



A few photos taken over the last few days by our crews. The photo to the left is the Nazko Firecamp from the air. Other pictures include a crew briefing and we asked crews for a few photos.



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

### Fires of Note

C10812—4 km North of Baezaeko River

C10830—Bishop Bluff

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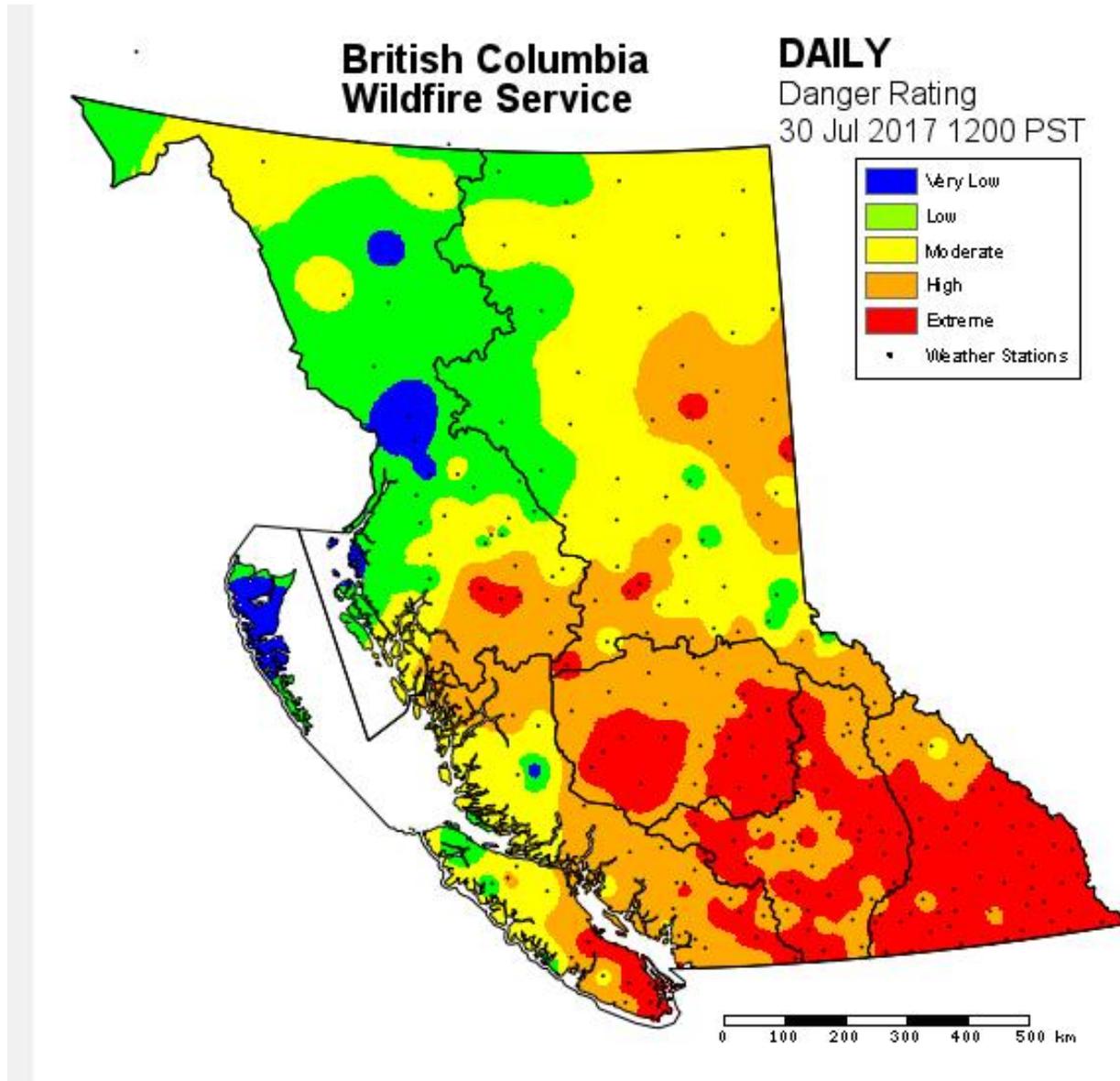
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