



WILDFIRE UPDATE

The fires in the VanJam Zone (Vanderhoof/Fort St. James) have been divided in to two branches:

- North Branch (G5 fires)
- South Branch (G4 fires).

North Branch

Purvis Lake (G51634), Prince George Fire Centre

Location: 22km east of Takla Lake

Discovered: July 30, 2018

Status: Out of Control

Cause: Under Investigation

Size: 1457.5 hectares

Resources: 39 firefighters, 24 pieces of heavy equipment

Objectives: Crews are completing contingency guard construction and looking for opportunities to establish tighter guards in safe locations. Crews will burn off from guards where safe to do so. The south flank and head of the fire have been secured but additional work needs to be completed to solidify these results.

Closures: The fire is exhibiting aggressive behaviour and is threatening the Driftwood FSR. As a result the road is CLOSED (with limited and/or sporadic access to some residents and industry) effective immediately south of Nation Lakes Park to the intersection of the Leo Creek FSR. The road closure may be in effect for several days.

Evacuations: Evacuation Order is in effect. The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has issued an Evacuation Order. More information can be found on their website here: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/> Evacuation Order issued by the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako.

Parks and Recreation Sites: In addition to the Evacuation Order there is a Partial Closure Order for Nation Lakes Park. This includes the Indata, Limestone, Tchentlo and Progress Point campsites.

North of Tezzeron Lake (G51632)

Location: 106 km NW of Vanderhoof

Discovered: July 30, 2018

Status: Out of Control

Cause: Lightning

Size: 2024.8 ha

Resources: 19 firefighter, 7 pieces of heavy equipment

Objectives: Crews will secure guard on the western flank and look for opportunities to solidify it by burning from the guard.

Other: The Hat Creek FSR, was burnt over 3 days ago and is currently closed, as is the Hat Creek Connector.

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South Branch

Chutanli Lake (G41607), Prince George Fire Centre

Location: 75km southwest of Vanderhoof, 106 km on Kluskus FSR

Status: 7184 hectares – Out of Control

Cause: Under Investigation – suspected industry start

Resources: 10 pieces of heavy equipment

Objectives: As crews reach their objectives on **South of Long Lake (G42036)** they will be cycled onto this fire.

The Kluskus FSR is currently CLOSED to traffic from the 70KM to the 113KM.

The Martin Road is also within the evacuation alert area and is closed.

Evacuations: For details on the Evacuation Alert please go to Cariboo Regional District www.cariboord.ca/EOC and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

South of Long Lake (G42036)

Location: 60 km southwest of Vanderhoof

Discovered: August 7, 2018

Cause: Lightning

Size: 224 hectares

Resources: 85 firefighters, 4 pieces of heavy equipment

Objectives: Crews are working on constructing guard, 100 feet of blackline, burning off if opportunity is presented and mopping up. Crews experienced some fire behaviour on the west flank of this fire yesterday but are making good progress.

Status: Out of Control

Vanderhoof MZOC – 71WG440

- An Incident Management Team (IMT) took over the management of the Vanderhoof Zone (VanJam) on August 8, 2018, and will be turning the Zone over to an Australian IMT on August 11, 2018.
- Conditions were extremely smoky in the Vanderhoof Zone yesterday due to the Babine Complex to the east of the zone. Fires from the Northwest Fire Centre have burned into the Zone but are being managed from the Northwest Fire Centre.
- The zone is maintaining initial attack capacity so any fires reported continue to be responded to as quickly as possible.
- Fires continue to challenge crews due to the dry conditions and abundant fuels.
- Current Fireload - 10 out of Control, 8 Under Control and 4 Being Held
- 15 helicopters are a part of this MZOC and will be distributed as needed
- A campfire prohibition is in place throughout the Prince George Fire Centre. For more information go to: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp>
To report a Wildfire call: **1-800-663-5555** or ***5555** on your cell
To call in a violation of the prohibition (if you do not consider the violation an immediate threat) you can call: Report all Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) at **1-877-952-7277** or **#7277**.

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

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

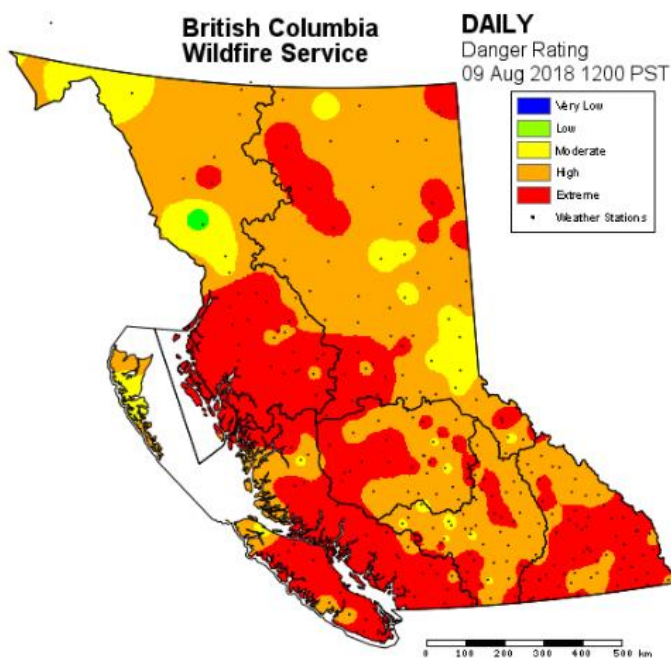
Drifting Smoke: www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html

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



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FIRE DANGER RATING:



North Branch Weather

SYNOPSIS: Upper ridge drifting east today as a cold front moves into Northwestern BC. High based cloud today with very warm and dry conditions expected to continue. Smoke and high cloud will likely keep temperatures a degree or two cooler than yesterday. Surface pressure gradients favour south to southwest winds this afternoon and evening with peak winds of 15-20 gusting to 30-35 km/h likely late this afternoon and through the evening. Winds will ease to SW 10-15 G 30 overnight hours and combined with the very dry airmass will adversely affect overnight RH recoveries. Partly cloudy skies and cooler temperatures Friday as the remains of the dying cold front stall just north of the area.. Winds will be slowly shifting from SW to W during the day at speeds of 15 G 25-30.

FORECAST: This afternoon – Sunny with cloudy periods. Winds SW 15-20 km/h gusting to 35 km/h. Min RH 22%. High 27.

Tonight – A few clouds. Becoming cloudy towards morning. Winds southwesterly 15 G 30 km/h this evening diminishing to SW 10 G 20 km/h overnight. Max RH 45-65%. Low 9.

Friday – Mainly cloudy in the morning with some afternoon sunny breaks. Winds southwesterly 10 G 20 km/h. Min RH near 25%. High near 23.

OUTLOOK: Saturday Weak high pressure passes to the north of the area on Saturday. Mainly sunny skies return with temperatures trending back up into the mid 20's. Winds light N in the morning becoming NE 10-15 G 25 km/h in the afternoon.

South Branch Weather

SYNOPSIS: Upper ridge drifting east today as a cold front moves into Northwestern BC. Bands of high based cloud today with hot and dry conditions expected to continue. Smoke and high cloud might keep temperatures a degree or two cooler than yesterday. Surface pressure gradients favour southwest winds this afternoon and evening with peak winds of 15-20 gusting to 30-35 km/h likely late this afternoon and through the early evening. Winds will ease to SW 10 G 20 later this evening and continue through the overnight hours combining with the very dry airmass to adversely affect overnight RH recoveries. Remaining dry with partly cloudy skies and cooler temperatures Friday as the remains of a dying cold front stall to the north of the area.

FORECAST:

This afternoon – A mix of sun and cloud. Winds SW 15-20 km/h gusting to 35 km/h. Min RH 24%. High 27.

Tonight – Cloudy periods. Winds easing to W-SW 10-15 km/h G20-25 by late evening. Max RH 55-65%. Low 10.

Friday – Partly cloudy in the morning becoming mainly sunny in the afternoon. Winds SW 10 km/h gusting to 20 km/h in the morning becoming W 10-15 km/h with gusts to 25 in the afternoon. Min RH near 28%. High near 24.

OUTLOOK: Saturday Weak high pressure passes to the north of the area on Saturday. Mainly sunny with light north winds and a high in the mid 20's.

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Best Information Sources

For information about Evacuation Orders and Alerts:

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

Cariboo Regional District: www.cariboord.ca/EOC

BC Parks: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/wildfire/>

Sites and Trails: <http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/closures.aspx>

Report a wildfire:

1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on a cell

Fire information line: 1 888 336-7378

Burn registration line: 1 888 797-1717

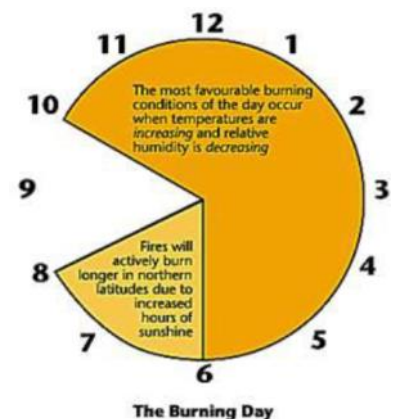
Twitter: [@BCGovFireInfo](https://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo)

Facebook: [BC Wildfire Service](https://www.facebook.com/BCWildfireService)

Information about Fire Rank: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/wildfire-response/fire-characteristics/rank>

The Burning Day

The **burning day** refers to the period of the day that comprises the best burning environment. During this period, wildfires usually exhibit the most active fire behaviour of the day. Through most of Canada, the burning day runs from approximately 10 am to 6 pm local time. In the Northwest Territories and Yukon, the burning day often extends for several hours into the evening due to the extended period of daylight. Eventually, even in areas of 24-hour daylight, temperatures will fall in the evening as daytime heating weakens. This allows the relative humidity to recover – prompting a decrease in fire activity.



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