



Coastal Wildfire Bulletin

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A series of lightning storms in the Bella Coola area from July 31—Aug 2 have resulted in multiple forest fires. These fires are not exhibiting high or extreme fire behaviour and do not currently pose safety concerns to residents, no structures are threatened, and Highway 20 remains open. Local fires are currently generating smoke in the Bella Coola Valley, especially with inflow winds that travel from the ocean to the interior. Smoke in the Dean and Burke channels is a result of fires in the North West Fire Centre in the Kitlope Heritage Conservancy. The Horsetail wildfire and the two wildfires in the Swallow area are now out. Isolated showers are expected in the area over the next few days.

For information about air health and venting indexes go to: www.airhealthbc.ca.



VA0359 South Bentinck Wildfire

The largest fire is the South Bentinck fire, located approximately 16 kilometres southwest of Bella Coola, below the Blue Jay Lake Recreation Site. Due to favorable weather conditions, fire activity has significantly decreased for the South Bentinck wildfire. Yesterday the fire did receive 6mm of rain. The fire is approximately 130 hectares in size. The fire is burning in steep and rocky ground that is not safe for wildfire crews to work due to rolling debris and steep slopes. The fire is being actively patrolled several times a day, and we will continue

to do so until there is a dramatic change in weather, or the fire moves into ground that crews can safely work. The Clayton Falls Forest Service Road has been closed by the District from approximately 500 metres past the Clayton Falls generating station to protect public safety.

If you spot a column of smoke or a fire, please report it calling 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell.

For further information, please go to:

Website: BCWildfire.ca, Fires of Note

Facebook: [BCForestFireInfo](https://www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo)

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Or call: Coastal Fire Centre Information at 250-951-4209