



INCIDENT UPDATE

Blackwater River (C12328)

This information is current as of:	August 17, 2018
Incident Commander (IC)	Reg Trap
Contact information	Information Officer: Ellie Dupont Email: Ellie.Dupont@gov.bc.ca Phone: 250 713-1846 Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. only
Fire camp	Camp will be set up by August 19, 2018
Incident overview	4,519 hectares in size - Mapped 24 Personnel, four helicopters, eight pieces of heavy equipment BCWS personnel on site today. Fire is now 75% contained This fire is part of the Baezaeko Complex of Fires which also include Narcosli Creek and North Baezaeko wildfires.
Weather forecast	TODAY: Sunny with cloudy periods. Smokey. Winds becoming southwest 8 to 15 km/h. Local afternoon gusts to 25 km/h. Min rh 20 to 35%. Highs 23 to 28 C. Higher readings in the south. TONIGHT: Patchy cloud. Smokey. Winds variable 4 to 8 km/h. Max rh 70 to 95%. Local fair overnight recoveries. Lows 5 to 10 C.
Fire behavior prediction	A light and fairly dry westerly flow aloft across the fire today. Sunny with cloudy periods. Smoke persisting over the area but looks a bit thinner today allowing temperatures to rise to the low to mid twenties this afternoon. Rh's dropping to near 30%. Winds light and variable this morning, some increase in speed but staying light this afternoon. Brief gustiness. A WNW flow aloft will give mainly sunny skies on Friday. Smoke persisting. Temperatures slightly cooler. Similar Rh values. Winds a bit stronger than today with occasional gustiness during the afternoon.
Challenges	Running heavy machines through the night and operating equipment in poor visibility and difficult terrain.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews established guard on north flank and were successful on completing guard on the west flank, fire is now at 75% guarded.
Today's objectives	Reinforce machine guards. Burn off operations if weather conditions are favorable.
Other	An Evacuation Alert and Order has been implemented by the Cariboo Regional District. For more information, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website: www.cariboord.bc.ca

Definitions: Stages of Control

- Out of Control:** Describes a wildfire that is not responding (or only responding on a limited basis) to suppression action, such that the perimeter spread is not being contained.
- Being Held:** Indicates that (with the resources currently committed to the fire) that sufficient suppression action has been taken that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions.
- Under Control:** Indicates that the fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.
- Out:** Indicates that the fire has been extinguished.

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