



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Alkali Lake Wildfire (R91947)

Name: Alkali Lake fire Complex—referring to fires in the Telegraph Creek & South Stikine area.

Location: Alkali Lake fire is 50km south west from Dease Lake, Buckley Lake fire is 30km of West of Iskut

Fire size: 39,000ha **Resources:** 92 ground crew plus additional support staff, 11 aircraft and 19 units of heavy machinery

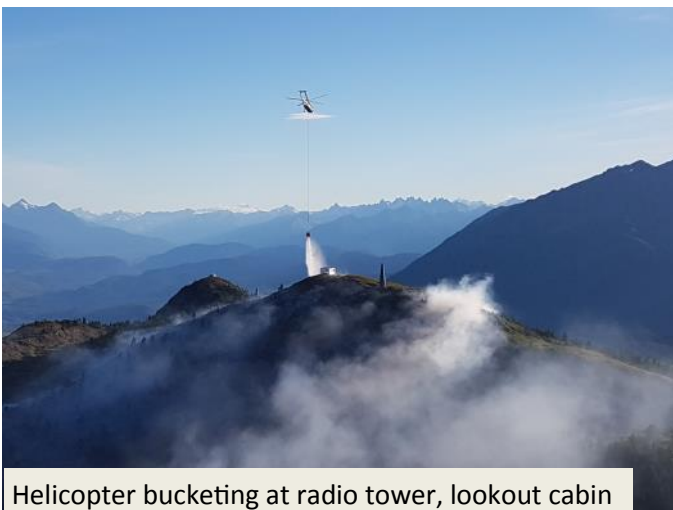
Current Situation: Winds over the weekend have been mild and easing, and fire crews and Tahltan nation staff are still working hard to create fire guards throughout Telegraph, Tahltan and Tuya River areas, and focusing on protection to life and property. Southwesterly winds will return on Tuesday, and these are forecast to increase with gusts of up to 35-40km/h. This will be closely monitored for changes in fire behaviour. BC Hydro crews have cleared up most of the damaged line and have nearly completed installation of new poles and line. An accurate line scan of the fire boundary is due to be undertaken early this week which will likely result in an increase in reported fire area. Updated maps will be available when this is completed.

Telegraph Creek: Damage assessment is underway. **Dease Lake, Iskut & Glenora:** Continue to be smoke impacted.

The days ahead: Winds were calm over the weekend, however we are watching for increased wind and fire activity for Tuesday PM when stronger winds are forecast. For additional smoke info : firesmoke.ca/forecasts/

An evacuation order and alert, issued by the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine is still place. They include Telegraph Creek, Glenora and the area along the Highway 51 corridor to the edge of Dease Lake. There are no evacuation orders or alerts for the community of Dease Lake at this time. Information and map of the impacted area, please visit: www.rdks.bc.ca

The BC Wildfire Service is working closely with the Tahltan First Nation, the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine and Emergency Management BC. An Emergency Operations Centre has been established at the ServicesBC Office in Dease Lake on Highway 57. Drop in or call 250-771-5050.



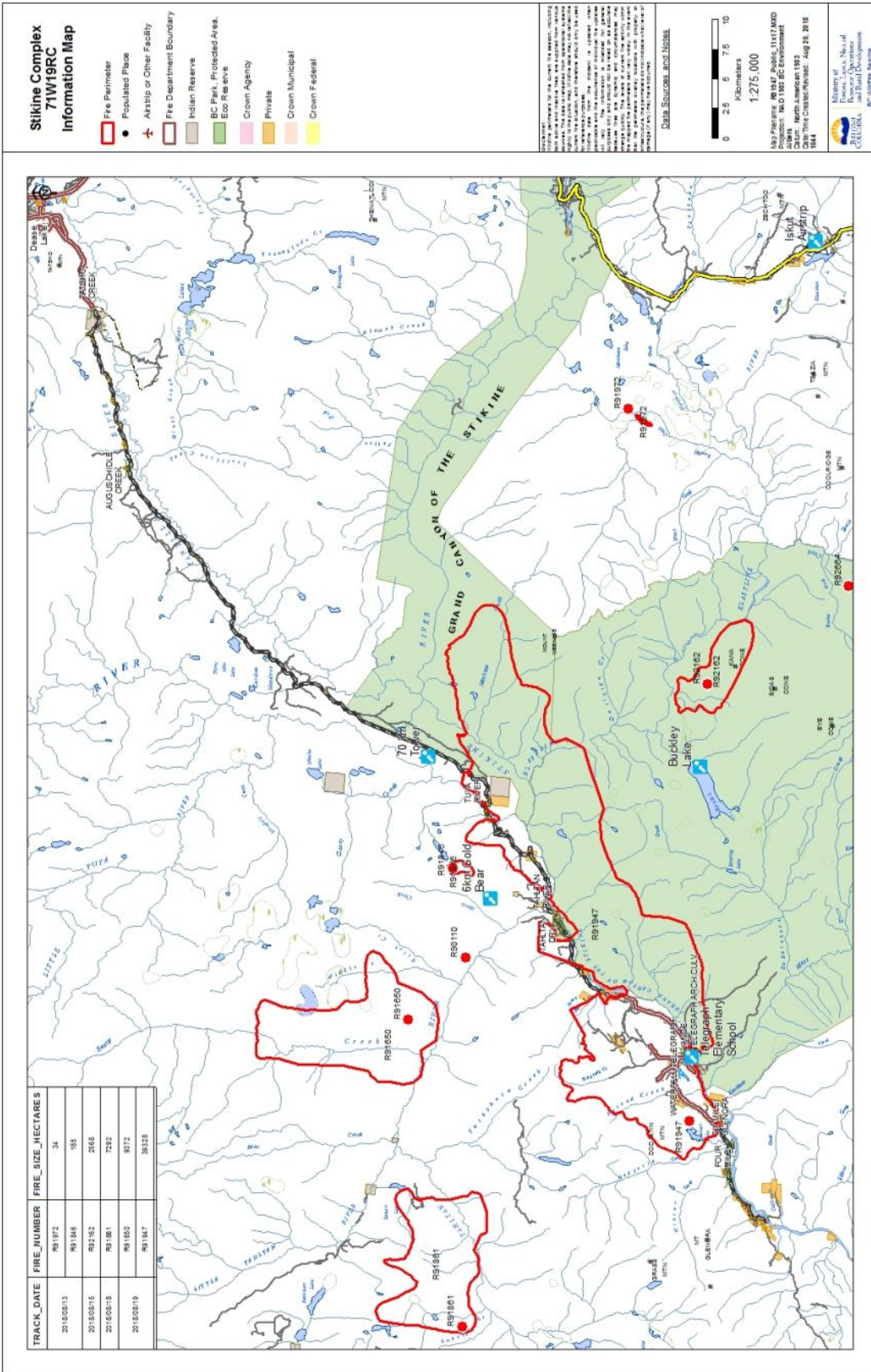
Helicopter bucketing at radio tower, lookout cabin



Retardant (red) line behind Telegraph

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