



WILDFIRE UPDATE

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

We would like to let the public know that behind the scenes, there are Fire Behaviour Specialists, Weather Forecasters and Ignition Specialists who look at current and forecasted conditions in the vicinity of the fires. This includes access roads, smoky conditions, incoming weather, fires outside the complex which may impact the area, as well as the fires in the region. The priority for all first responders is the safety of the public.

The BC Wildfire Service has recommended to the Cariboo Regional District that an Evacuation Order be implemented for the some areas previously on Evacuation Alert within the complex. This includes: the Nazko Corridor and surrounding areas (but does not include Titetown). Please pay attention to the map from the Cariboo Regional District when it is released and direct all questions to the Regional District. Maps and the documentation for Orders will be available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca>. Included with the Order will be a map of the area, the best route out and where to register.

Yesterday crews conducted a burn-off on the northwest side of fire C10812.

Fires C10830 and C10970 experienced some aggressive fire behaviour yesterday, producing several columns when the fire moved into areas of heavy fuels. Crews will NOT be conducting any burn-off operations on C10812 today but will continue planning for any necessary burn-offs in the coming days.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have closed the road at 6km on the 3900 Road until 3965km. We ask that everyone who is not involved in fire suppression stay away from this area. Equipment and crews are being moved, or conducting operations along this road, and we would not like to have cease operations if someone encroaches on this worksite.

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

or call reception in Nazko at 250-249-9654 (please leave a message).



Burn-off on the Northwest side of C10812



Column on C10830

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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

Resources: 19 firefighters and 40 pieces of heavy equipment

Cause: Lightning

Objectives: Crews will be building guard on the northwest side. Crews and machinery will also concentrate on the protecting the eastern flank.

Evacuations: Evacuation Order recommended

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: Lightning

Objectives: Continue to establish hoselay along the west and north flank.

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: 18 firefighters and 1 piece of heavy equipment

Cause: Lightning

Objectives: Mop up along north flank. Assess burn opportunities to tie in guard.

Other: An evacuation order is in effect 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: Lightning

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.

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C11058—Swede Creek

Location: Approximately 12 km southwest of Tite Town

Status: Estimated 144 hectares, 70% contained—Being Held

Resources: 18 firefighters

Cause: Lightning

Objectives: Some spotting occurred. Crews will work on those areas. Equipment will be demobbed.

C10967—Kluskoil Lake #3

Location: Approximately 5 km south of Kluskoil Lake Park

Status: Estimated 45 hectares

Resources: Fire is wrapped with hoselay

Cause: Lightning

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.

Conditions

Today: Sunny with smoke. Winds will be from the Northwest 10 km/hr, shifting midday to Northeast 10-15 km/hr. Temperatures will be up to 28 degrees.

Tomorrow: Sunny with smoke. Winds will be from the North/Northeast at 10-15 km/hr. Temperatures will be up to 30

CRD – Evacuation Orders and Alerts

<http://cariboord.bc.ca/>

<http://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/>

Emergency Info Line:

1-866-759-4977

Emergency Preparedness:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/wildfires>

Road Closures

<http://www.drivebc.com>



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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 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

Important links

Fire information: 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 these or other fires in the Province go to:

Website: www.bcwildfire.ca

Facebook: BC Wildfire Service

Twitter: @BCGovFireInfo

Landline: 1-888-336-7378

BC Provincial Parks closed due to fire activity within the West Quesnel Complex include: Kluskoil Lake, Narcosli Ecological Reserve and Titetown Provincial Parks. Itcha Ilgachuz is also closed.

Go to: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/> for more information.

! All Recreation Sites and Trails are **closed** to the public in the **Cariboo Fire Centre** effective immediately until further notice. The public are advised not to access or use recreation sites and trails in the Cariboo Fire Centre until further notice.

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