



# WILDFIRE UPDATE

## Alkali Lake Wildfire (R91947)

**Location:** The Alkali Lake fire is 50km southwest of Dease Lake

**Fire size:** Muddy Lake (R91846), Tahltan River (R91650) and Lovell Creek (R91861) fires have now merged with the Alkali Lake fire. Much of the area has been blanketed with smoke, making it difficult to map. The combined size estimate for the newly merged fire is a very rough 100,000 hectares.

(One hectare is equal to 100 square metres. It is approximately the size of a standard football field.)

**Resources:** 149 personnel, 10 helicopters and 18 pieces of heavy equipment. Structural protection units are also on site. Hugh Murdoch's B.C. incident management team has returned to oversee the response, and we thank the outgoing team from Australia and New Zealand for their efforts on this fire.

**Current Situation:** This fire continues to be driven by wind, fuel and steep slopes. Strong winds challenged firefighting efforts on August 21 and resulted in aggressive fire behaviour on several areas of the fire. The fire has crossed the Stikine River east of its junction with the Tanzilla River. The fire growth at this site has been minimal. Crews continue to focus their efforts on protecting life and property. Hand and machine fire guards are being built and/or reinforced, danger trees are being cleared and structure protection units continue to be deployed in areas where they minimize the fire's impact on property. Sprinklers are being used to protect wooden bridges in the area of the fire and, to date, those efforts have been effective.

Smokey conditions have resulted in reduced visibility on the fire and in nearby communities.

**Evacuation:** An evacuation order and alert, issued by the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine remains in 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](http://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 Service BC office in Dease Lake on Highway 37. Drop in seven days a week between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 250-771-5050.

## Schaft Creek Wildfire (R92303)

The Schaft Creek wildfire is burning on the west side of Mess Creek, approximately 20 kilometres south of Telegraph Creek. The fire has grown substantially with windy dry conditions in the area over the last 48 hours. Please contact an Information Officer at the Northwest Fire Centre at 250 847-6639 for more information about this fire.

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