



# INCIDENT UPDATE

## Blackwater River (C12328)

<b>This information is current as of:</b>	August 23, 2018
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<b>Fire camp</b>	Location: Sylvia’s Café on Nazko Road
<b>Incident overview</b>	6127 hectares in size – Mapped Stauts: Out of Control 33 Personnel, 13 pieces of heavy equipment, 14 helicopters for Baezaeko complex Fire is 0% contained
<b>Weather forecast</b>	<p><u>Today:</u> Variable clouds becoming early afternoon sunny with a few cumulus clouds. Winds NW 15 to 20 km/h with brief gusts 30 late afternoon. Min RH near 35%. High near 19.</p> <p><u>Outlook for Friday and Saturday:</u> Friday a NW flow. Sunny with afternoon cloudy periods. Winds SW-W 10 to 15 km/h. Highs near 16 with humidity near 40%. Chance of overnight isolated showers. Saturday cloudy skies continue with clearing in the evening. Any chance of showers moves to the east so a dry day forecast. Winds SW-W 10 to 15. Highs 15 with humidity in the 40s.</p>
<b>Fire behavior prediction</b>	Hard to predict if smoke will clear with the change in wind direction, as there are fires all around the area that could smoke out the fires. If smoke persists temperatures will likely be lower than forecast and humidity’s will be a bit higher. Expect fire behaviour to be aggressive still due to the winds.
<b>Challenges</b>	Yesterday, crews focused on small areas for all the wildfires within the Baezaeko Complex. This was to ensure their safety due to limited visibility resulting from heavy smoke. Aerial support was also grounded due to smoke.
<b>Yesterday’s achievements</b>	Crews were successful burning out along the 51A contingency line to reinforce this line in anticipation of the shifting winds from a forecasted cold front. Overnight these winds were light.
<b>Today’s objectives</b>	Crews will continue with hand ignitions along the 51A road (contingency line). They will also maintain the structure protection units along the Nazko River.
<b>Other</b>	An Evacuation Alert and Order has been implemented by the Cariboo Regional District. For more information, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website: <a href="http://www.cariboord.bc.ca">www.cariboord.bc.ca</a>

**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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