



INCIDENT UPDATE

Blackwater River (C12328)

This information is current as of:	August 24, 2018
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Fire camp	Location: Sylvia's Café on Nazko Road
Incident overview	<p><u>Status:</u> Out of Control <u>Size:</u> Mapped at 6127.7 hectares <u>Resources:</u> 42 fire fighters, 13 pieces of heavy equipment, 14 helicopters for Baezaeko Complex <u>Containment:</u> 0%</p>
Weather forecast	<p>Today: Mainly sunny with smoke. Increasing clouds in the late afternoon. Winds W-SW 8 to 15 km/h. Min relative humidity (RH) near 30%. Temperatures are expected to reach 22°C. Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Overnight Friday the next stronger upper trough brings a few showers to the area. The trough passes to the east late Saturday morning with some sunny breaks by late afternoon. Possible precipitation amounts 2 to 4 mm. Highs near 19°C with RH in the 40s. Winds S-SW 15 km/h gusts 25km/hr. Saturday night a weaker trough brings isolated showers to the area. Sunday the next trough brings scattered showers once again with potential for greater than 5 mm. Highs mid-teens with high RH. Winds W-NW 15 km/h gusts 25km/hr</p>
Fire behavior prediction	Smoke will remain to be an issue and if the smoke persists temperatures will likely be lower than forecast and RHs will be a bit higher. Expect fire behaviour to be aggressive still due to the winds. Watch for smoke clearing to indicate an increase in fire behaviour. Fire behaviour increases even when RH's are fairly high. Observations have shown that 45% RH, 15° C and light wind is all that it takes for increased fire behaviour.
Challenges	Current conditions are still favourable for potential increased fire behaviour. The wind direction and available fuels has driven this fire mainly to the east. Currently, there is no aerial support due to smoke.
Yesterday's achievements	The western flank along the Nazko River is looking good with no recent excursions
Today's objectives	Crews will continue with hand ignitions along the 51A road (contingency line) to make it secure as possible. A reconnaissance of a new containment from the 5100 road east will be looked at today. Crews will also maintain the structure protection units along the Nazko River.
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.