



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Philpott Road Wildfire Information Bulletin

Fire Size: 400 hectares (estimated)

Status: Cause under investigation, Out of Control, 0% contained

Resources: 30 personnel (both BCWS and contract crews), 10 pieces of heavy equipment, 4 helicopters. Additional personnel and air support will be deployed to the fire today. Local fire departments are also on site.

Notes:

- This fire is burning in heavy timber and steep terrain
- The fire originated within the Joe Rich Fire Department's jurisdiction, but has spread to Crown Land. Agencies are working together in full response.
- Personnel remained on site throughout the night last night.
- One kilometre of machine guard has been established around the east flank of the fire.
- Last night, winds and temperatures dropped, fire behaviour decreased, and no significant spread was observed. The fire is currently displaying Rank 2 to Rank 3 behaviour (low to moderate surface fire with some visible open flame and candling).
- There is currently a closure on Highway 33 as a result of this wildfire. Please visit www.drivebc.ca for updates on road closures.



Aerial perspective of the Philpott Road wildfire.

Evacuation Order: The Central Okanagan Regional District has issued an evacuation order for the area of Joe Rich. For more information and a map of the affected area, please contact the CORD at <https://www.cordemergency.ca/>.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Information Officer: Justine Hunse | 250-819-4191



www.bcwildfire.ca



BC Forest Fire Info

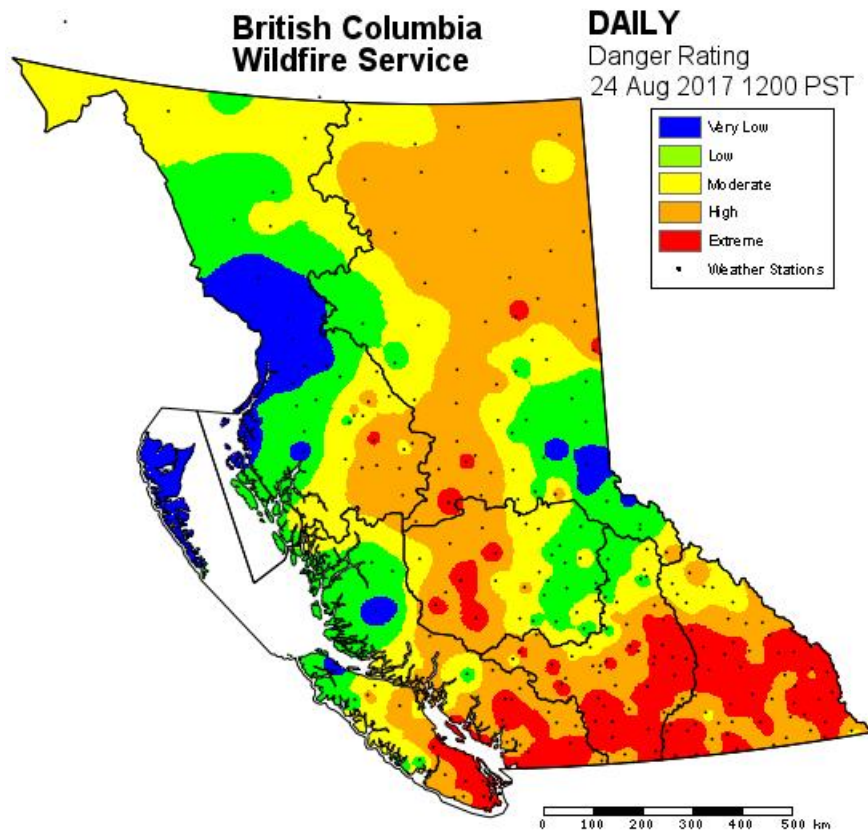


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Fire Danger Rating:



Spot a wildfire, smoke or illegal fire activity?

Call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell phone

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Drifting Smoke: www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html

Smoke Health Concerns: HealthLink BC | dial 8-1-1 | www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp