



# INCIDENT UPDATE

## Blackwater River (C12328)

<b>This information is current as of:</b>	August 27, 2018
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<b>Fire camp</b>	Location: Sylvia’s Café on Nazko Road
<b>Incident overview</b>	<p><u>Status</u>: Out of Control  <u>Size</u>: Mapped at 8364.7 hectares  <u>Resources</u>: 45 fire fighters, 15 pieces of heavy equipment, 10 helicopters for Baezaeko Complex  <u>Containment</u>: 60% <u>Guarded</u> 100%</p>
<b>Weather forecast</b>	<p><b>Today:</b> A mix of sun and cloud with isolated showers ending in the morning. Winds expected to be W-N 20 km/h with gusts 30 to 40km/hr for eastern sections. Minimum relative humidity (RH) 35 to 55%. With temperature highs of 13 to 18°C.</p> <p><b>Outlook for Monday to Wednesday:</b> For Monday it is expected to be sunny with some high cloud moving through at times. With temperature highs near 20°C. RH in the 30s and 40s. Winds light. For Tuesday it is expected to be sunny with temperature highs of low to mid 20s. RH in the low 30s to 40s. Winds expected to be SW-SE 10 to 15km/h. For Wednesday as a low drifts into the central coast showers are likely. Temperature highs in the upper teens. Winds light SW-SE.</p>
<b>Fire behavior prediction</b>	Rain amounts varied between the fires. Fire is wicking along higher fuels and is finding pockets of fuel. Rank 2 and 3 has been observed in fuel loaded areas and the same is expected for today. Rank 2 is a low vigorous surface fire. Rank 3 is a moderately vigorous surface fire.
<b>Challenges</b>	The challenges crews face on this fire are difficult terrain and an extraordinary amount of danger trees.
<b>Yesterday’s achievements</b>	Crews now have this wildfire 100% guarded. The western flank along the Nazko River is looking good with no recent excursions. Crews have made progress on the 4 km contingency line.
<b>Today’s objectives</b>	Crews will concentrate on the southeast flank with direct attack and helicopters bucketing to aid the ground crews. They will complete a contingency line (guard) south of this wildfire (66A road) tying into the 2017 Plateau wildfire up to the Baezaeko River. Heavy equipment will continue daylighting (widening) the 6700 road to the Blackwater River. They will also work to complete the machine guard on the 6800 road.
<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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