



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Quesnel Fire Zone Wildfires— Fires West of the Nazko River Information Bulletin

The Cariboo Regional District has implemented an Evacuation Order, which includes: the Nazko Reserve, the Nazko Corridor and surrounding areas (but does not include Titetown). Please pay attention to the map from the Cariboo Regional District when it is released and direct all questions to the Regional District. Maps and the documentation for Orders will be available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca>. Included with the Order will be a map of the area, the best route out and where to register.



Safety Briefing on C10966

Police presence has definitely picked up as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are completing door to door notifications. Police will be setting up roadblocks. For more information about access contact the local detachment or the Cariboo Regional District.

Everyone not involved in fire suppression and working in a support position should stay away from this area.

Crews will NOT be conducting any burn-off operations on C10812 today but will continue planning for any necessary burn-offs in the coming days.

Conditions

Thursday: Sunny with smoke. Winds light and variable becoming north to northeast 10-15 km/hr gusts to 25 km/hr by midday and rising to north/northwest 20 km/hr, gusting to 30 km/hr in the late afternoon.

Friday: Sunny with smoke. Winds northwest 10 km/hr becoming northeast 15 km/h with gusts to 25 km/hr. Highs will be near 30 degrees.

If further information is required for the fires below or any fires in the Quesnel West Complex, please email Marg Drysdale at: QuesnelWComIN@gov.bc.ca or call reception in Nazko at 250-249-9654 (please leave a message).

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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C10812—4 km North of Baezaeko River and C11014—East of Toil Mountain

Location: 4 Km north of Baezaeko River, approximately 110 km west of Quesnel—Now includes fire C11010

Status: Estimated at 35,761 hectares

Resources: 37 firefighters, 2 line locators and 34 pieces of heavy equipment

Cause: Lightning

Objectives: Crews will be building guard on the northwest side. Crews and machinery will also concentrate on the protecting the eastern flank. This includes constructing guard for burn-off by widening the road using feller bunchers.

Evacuations: Evacuation Order implemented. Please go to: <http://cariboord.bc.ca>

C10966—Kluskoil Lake #2

Location: On the northern edge of Kluskoil Lake Park

Status: Estimated 259 hectares, 90% contained

Resources: 11 firefighters and 1 piece of heavy equipment

Cause: Lightning

Objectives: Mop-up and patrol.

C10830—Bishop Bluff

Location: 5 Km North of Bishops Bluff, approximately 130 km west of Quesnel, approximately 5 km SW of the community Kluskus

Status: Estimated 3036 hectares, 40% contained

Resources: 59 firefighters and 14 pieces of heavy equipment

Cause: Lightning

Objectives: Crews will complete guards along cut blocks in preparation for burn-offs.

Other: An evacuation order is in effect for Kluskus First Nation. For more information visit: <http://cariboord.bc.ca>

C10970—Kluskoil Lake #1

Location: West side of Kluskoil Lake Park, approximately 110 km northwest of Quesnel

Status: Estimated 3195 hectares, 0% contained

Resources: Helicopter bucketing and values protection equipment

Cause: Lightning

Objectives: Some spotting occurred on the south side of the fire and crews will work on containing those areas.

Strategic values protection is setup in the area on some cabins. Continue to review and conduct on-site monitoring of fire activity at the field level to ensure the appropriate response, tactics and strategies are utilized and maintained. Parks representatives have been engaged.

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C11058—Swede Creek

Location: Approximately 12 km southwest of Tite Town

Status: Estimated 144 hectares, 70% contained—Being Held

Resources: 18 firefighters

Cause: Lightning

Objectives: Crews will continue to work on spots and demobbing equipment.

C10967—Kluskoil Lake #3

Location: Approximately 5 km south of Kluskoil Lake Park

Status: Estimated 45 hectares

Resources: Fire is wrapped with hoselay

Cause: Lightning

Objectives: Scanned and demobbed.

Planned Ignition

The BC Wildfire Service uses controlled fire to help contain large wildfires. These tactics are used when the fire is beyond the initial attack stage.

The goal of controlled fire is to remove the majority of available fuels so there are no fire areas left to burn. Ignition is carried out on wildfires to promote safety on the fire line and to increase the effectiveness of forest fire fighting.

Planned ignition operations are used when attacking the fire directly, such as with water and removing fuels with equipment or by hand, is no longer effective or safe. Some factors that can limit the effectiveness of direct attack are lack of available water, extreme fire behaviour, unsafe conditions or inoperable terrain.

Safety is always a top priority for controlled burns and they always involve substantial planning that considers weather, terrain, fire behaviour, wind speed and wind direction.

Burn operations are only utilized when these factors are favourable under current conditions.



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Questions and Answers

Questions Regarding Evacuation Orders and Alerts

For information on Evacuation Orders and Alerts, please contact the Cariboo Regional District at

<http://cariboord.bc.ca/>

Or call the Cariboo Regional District Emergency Information Line at: 1-866-759-4977

Questions Regarding Road Blocks and Access

The public is encouraged to check DriveBC.ca for information regarding Road Blocks and access restrictions.

Recreation Sites and Recreation Site Closures

Until further notice, the public is advised to avoid **all** recreation sites and Provincial Parks in the Chilcotin and Cariboo regions, due to the severe wildfire hazard.

What about people with respiratory concerns who are having a hard time with smoke?

- Smoke concentrations will vary widely as winds, fire behaviour and temperatures change.
- Residents are advised to consider avoiding strenuous outdoor activities.
- For air quality conditions, visit: www.bcairquality.ca

Important links

Fire information: www.bcwildfire.ca

Evacuation Orders and Alerts: <http://cariboord.bc.ca/>

Road closures: <http://www.drivebc.com>

Preparedness: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/wildfires>

For more information about these or other fires in the Province go to:

Website: www.bcwildfire.ca

Facebook: BC Wildfire Service

Twitter: @BCGovFireInfo

Landline: 1-888-336-7378

BC Provincial Parks closed due to fire activity within the West Quesnel Complex include: Kluskoil Lake, Narcosli Ecological Reserve and Titetown Provincial Parks. Itcha Ilgachuz is also closed.

Go to: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/> for more information.

! All Recreation Sites and Trails are **closed** to the public in the **Cariboo Fire Centre** effective immediately until further notice. The public are advised not to access or use recreation sites and trails in the Cariboo Fire Centre until further notice.

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