



# WILDFIRE UPDATE

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

Fire behaviour was extreme yesterday and no ignition operations took place. Crews focused on setting up and testing structural protection units on buildings in the Nazko area. The weather is forecast to be similar to yesterday but the winds are going to be somewhat lighter. Winds will be out of the northeast and fires are predicted to grow to the south again. The fire is 12 km from Nazko and 12 km from Titetown. The 3900 road has been breached at a few spots but the 4000 road and Baezaeko Road have not been breached.



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.

Police presence in the area continues as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are patrolling the area. Police have also set up roadblocks. Residents should be aware if they leave their private property, they can be removed from the area. For more information about access contact the local detachment or the Cariboo Regional District.

We will not condone anyone returning to their property once they have been evacuated due to extreme fire behaviour and hazardous conditions. Everyone not involved in fire suppression and working in a support position should stay away from this area.

*Saturday: Sunny with thin smoke. Winds will be out of the northeast 8 to 12 km/hr. There will be brief afternoon gusts 20 to 25 km/hr. Highs near 30 degrees.*

*Sunday: Light winds will prevail with brief afternoon gustiness. Highs will be in the low 30's.*

*If further information is required for the fires below or any fires in the Quesnel West Complex, call reception in Nazko at 250-249-9654 (please leave a message for Jonathan Scott).*

### ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

For Fires [east](#) of the Nazko River, Information Officer: Alison Martin | [250-617-7890](tel:250-617-7890)  
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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 55,000 hectares

**Resources:** 106 firefighters and 22 pieces of heavy equipment

**Cause:** Lightning

**Objectives:** DIV-A crews to work 15 km to 30 km on the 3900 road

DIV-B crews to work 30 km to 40 km on the 3900 road

**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

**Resources:** none

**Cause:** Lightning

**Objectives:** Monitor

### **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 16000 hectares

**Resources:** none

**Cause:** Lightning

**Objectives:** Monitor

**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 15000 hectares

**Resources:** None

**Cause:** Lightning

**Objectives:** Monitor

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### C11058—Swede Creek

**Location:** Approximately 12 km southwest of Tite Town

**Status:** Estimated 3200 hectares,

**Resources:** None

**Cause:** Lightning

**Objectives:** Monitor

## Off-road vehicles restricted in backcountry

Effective at noon (Pacific time) on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, the operation of any off-road vehicle for recreational purposes on Crown land will be prohibited throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre, Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre. In addition, all on-highway vehicles must remain on defined road surfaces.

This step is being taken to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. The operation of any off-road vehicles in these regions during the current wildfire situation creates a potential wildfire risk. While jeeps, trucks and other on-highway vehicles are permitted on designated roads, they are not allowed off-road.

The prohibition of off-road vehicles and on-highway vehicles does not apply to private lands or national parks. It also does not apply to emergency responders or to agriculture or commercial/ industrial users who operate vehicles for farming, emergency response or business purposes. A map of the affected areas is available online at: <http://ow.ly/QTm330e9G5n>

August is traditionally the most active part of the wildfire season. Given the number of fires currently burning in B.C., the elevated fire danger ratings and the extremely dry conditions in many parts of the province, the BC Wildfire Service is strongly urging British Columbians and visitors to stay out of the backcountry in these regions.

The BC Wildfire Service is continually monitoring conditions and this prohibition may be expanded or rescinded as needed. In addition, the public is reminded that almost all provincial parks and all recreation sites and trails within the Cariboo Fire Centre are closed due to wildfire risk. The travelling public should visit "safety tips for B.C. travellers" at: [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca).

Anyone found in contravention of this off-road vehicle prohibition may be issued a violation ticket in the amount of \$767. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

To report an off-road violation, call the RAPP line at: 1 877 952-7277.



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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](http://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](http://www.bcairquality.ca)

### Important links

Fire information: [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://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](http://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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