



WILDFIRE UPDATE

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

The BC Wildfire Information Hub will be at the Quesnel Farmer's Market from 8am-12noon today.

Today is a transition day in the Incident Command team with the Australian contingent, led by Incident Commander, Neil Brooksbank finishing their 14 day stint. They will hand over to incoming Incident Commander, Jim Richardson. Information Officer Rosalie MacAulay and Claire Allen will be available on 250-985-0731 or at QuesnelEComIN@gov.bc.ca.

Yesterday it was announced that recreational vehicle use on Crown land is prohibited throughout the Cariboo, Kamloops and Southern fire centres. 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>

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. 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.

As we enter into the long-weekend, we remind all people headed to recreational pursuits to call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cellphone if they witness illegal campfires, or spot any potential new fires. To report suspicious activities, environmental damage or a natural-resource violation, call 1 877 952-RAPP (7277) or *7277 on a cellphone.



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Green Mountain (C10683), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Green Mountain, just west of Dragon Mountain and approximately 25km southeast of Quesnel.

Status: 553 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Other: Twenty-five personnel and three pieces of heavy equipment. Crews are confident with the perimeter of the fire, with the exception of the North West corner. They will continue to focus their efforts in that corner. Crews will identify hot spots and extinguish. Large amounts of smoke was visible from the fire ground yesterday. **General public are still coming through the closed roads and several calls have been made to dispatch regarding smoke on the fire ground.**

Castle Rock/Twan Lake North (C10740) and South (C10921), (previously known as the Tingley Creek fire)

Location: Approximately 4km south of the Alexandria IR 3 and IR 1, approximately 45km NW of Williams Lake.

Status: 5,787 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Other: Seventy personnel and eight pieces of heavy equipment were on site today. The fire has currently not moved any closer to the Alexandria IR 3 and IR 1. Crews continue to make good progress with this fire, but dry weather is creating more fuel in unburnt patches within the perimeter. There was increased smoke in the area yesterday, with some active flame at the point where the previous two separate fires joined. This was extinguished by bucketing and a Large Air Tanker drop. Crews will monitor this today.

Tautri Complex (C50784)

Location: Just north of Rosita-Meldrum Forest Service Road and approximately 80km northwest of Williams Lake.

Status: Estimated 67,005 hectares (after more accurate perimeter scan was established)

Cause: Under Investigation

Other: One hundred and forty four personnel and twenty eight pieces of heavy equipment were on site today. Heavy equipment and crews continue to work on establishing guard on the flanks and tie into pre-existing roads and natural land features. Crews have installed water sources and are continuing to secure the perimeter. Crews and aerial support are in this area and have information on known structures, and will continue to monitor and action this fire as needed. Strategies are being implemented to coordinate this fire growth and protect life and structures in the area. Crews will look to burn out sections of the perimeter to prevent further growth, this activity will not be undertaken unless conditions are appropriate on the ground. Structure Protection Crews were on site at Alexis Lake to install protection systems on local homes.

Wentworth Creek (C11053)

Location: Just East of Nazko River approximately 80km northwest of Williams Lake

Status: 2,542 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Other: Forty personnel and fifteen pieces of heavy equipment were on site today. There was increased smoke in the area yesterday. Crews worked to secure the western guard and southern tip, which is showing hot spots. Crews used burnout techniques to help tie in the perimeter of the fire to natural landscape features in an effort to halt it's spread.

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Bowron Lake Park (C11081 & C10822)

Location: Near Isaac River in the Bowron Lake Provincial Park

Status: 226 hectares (estimated) and 587 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Other: Continues to be monitored by fire officials. The Wildfire Service is in close communication with BC Parks about the status of this fire.

West Fraser Road Complex (C10701), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: On the west side of Highway 97, approximately 6km southwest of Australian and 30 km south of Quesnel.

Status: Out

Cause: Under Investigation

Other: West Fraser Road Complex has been successfully put out.

Sovereign Lakes Fire (C10764), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Approximately 23 km SE of Cottonwood House Historic Site and 43km E of Quesnel.

Status: Out—monitoring

Cause: Under Investigation

Other: Sovereign Lakes fire has been successfully put out.

Hush Lake Fire (C10832), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: 2km NE of Hush Lake

Status: Out

Cause: Under Investigation

Other: The Hush Lake fire has been successfully put out.

If you do see new fire starts, please report by calling 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 from a cell phone.

For all inquiries regarding road access permits and authorization please call the CRD EOC: 250-398-5581

More updates on fires in the province?

Visit <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/>



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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 Closures 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

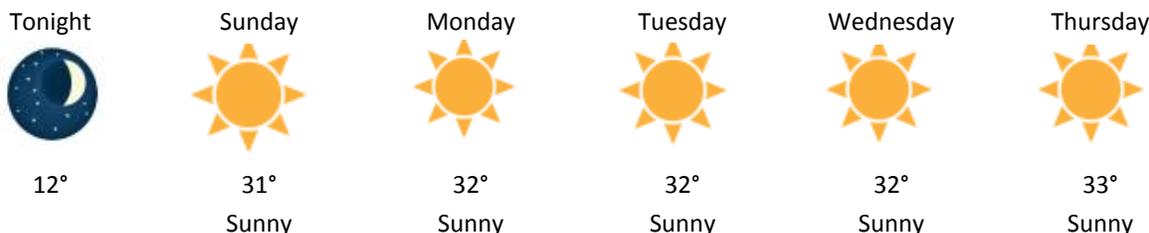
Fire information: <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>

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

Wildfire Prevention: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-prevention>

FireSmart Canada: <https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/>

Weather Forecast



Government of Canada Weather Forecast http://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/bc-64_metric_e.html

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