



Coastal Wildfire Bulletin

August 4, 2013

VA0359 South Bentick/VA0343 Talchako River

A series of lightning fires in the Bella Coola area on August 2, 2013, have resulted in two fires which are very visible and of particular concern within the community.



The larger of the two fires is the South Bentick fire (VA0359). The South Bentick fire is located approximately 16 kilometres southwest of Bella Coola, near the Blue Jay Lake Recreation Site. This fire is currently estimated to be 100 hectares in size. This fire is burning in steep and rocky ground that is not safe for wildfire crews to work due to rolling debris, active fire behaviour and strong winds.

The Clayton Falls FSR has been closed by the District from approximately 500 metres past the

Clayton Falls generating station.

The smaller fire is the Talchako River fire (VA0343) and is located approximately 41 kilometres east of Bella Coola. This fire is 4 hectares in size.

The fires do not currently pose safety concerns to residents. There are no structures threatened by these fires. Highway 20 remains open.

*A NOTAM is in place for aircraft. This is flight restricted space of within 5 nautical miles, at an altitude of less than 3,000 ft AGL.

While both fires are currently generating smoke that may be impacting the valley, strong winds from the North tomorrow will push the smoke in a southerly direction. For information about air health and venting indexes go to: www.airhealthbc.ca.

For further information, please go to:

<http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp>

Or Call: Coastal Fire Centre Information at 250-951-4209

