



# Coastal Wildfire Bulletin

August 6, 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. Neither fire exhibited high or extreme fire behaviour yesterday, however it is expected that these fires will respond to daytime heating and wind.

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 50% contained, and the fire is 7 hectares in size (the fire did not grow in size—the fire was accurately mapped today).

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.

Both fires are currently generating smoke that may be impacting the valley when the inversion breaks and local winds move the fire toward the valley. For information about air health and venting indexes go to: [www.airhealthbc.ca](http://www.airhealthbc.ca).

For further information, please go to:

**BCWildfire.ca, Fires of Note**

