



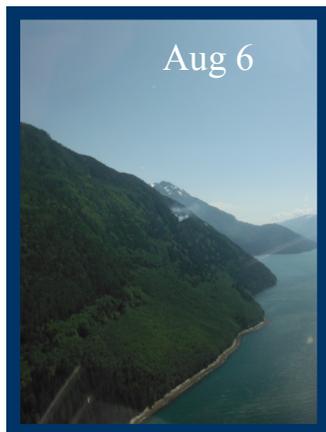
Coastal Wildfire Bulletin

August 8, 2013

A series of lightning storms in the Bella Coola area from July 31—Aug 2, have resulted in forest fires within the Bella Coola Valley. Two fires are highlighted below, however more are being discovered and responded to. We ask the public to report any columns of smoke to the numbers below.

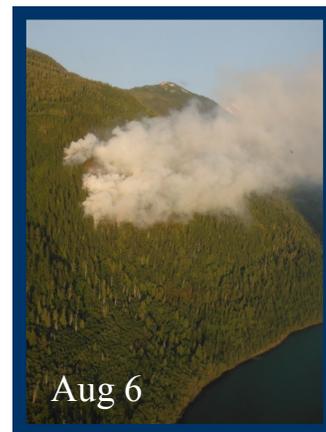
Fires in the area are not exhibiting high or extreme fire behaviour, however it is expected that these fires will respond to daytime heating and wind. The fires do not currently pose safety concerns to residents. There are no structures threatened by these fires and Highway 20 remains open. Both fires below are currently generating smoke that may be impacting the valley when the inversion breaks and local winds move the smoke toward the valley.

For information about air health and venting indexes go to: www.airhealthbc.ca.



VA0359 South Bentinck

The largest is the South Bentinck fire, located approximately 16 kilometres southwest of Bella Coola, below 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 and steep slopes. The fire is being carefully monitored, and plans are in place should



the fire reach areas that can be worked. The fire is currently stationary and does not pose a threat to any structures or homes.

The Clayton Falls Forest Service Road has been closed by the District from approximately 500 metres past the Clayton Falls generating station to protect public safety.

VA0343 Horsetail (formerly Talchako River)

This small fire is located approximately 41 kilometres east of Bella Coola. This 100% contained, and is mapped at 4.5 hectares in size.

For further information, please go to:

BCWildfire.ca, Fires of Note

Facebook: BC Forest Fire Info

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

To report a forest fire: 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on cell