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WILDFIRE UPDATE

Plateau Fire—South Information Bulletin

Shared amongst the Plateau Fire – South and Kleena Kleen fires are 427 personnel, 9 available helicopters, a Command Team, 29 pieces of heavy equipment, and support staff.

The south flank runs approximately 125 kilometres from Arc Mountain to Webster Creek. Updated mapping has the fire size at 519,915 hectares (5199 km²) and the perimeter length of the fire is 823.3 km long.

The wet and cold weather has decreased fire behaviour and allowed crews to make good progress. Some of the terms that will be common in the next few days/weeks are:

Mop-up—The act of extinguishing a fire after it has been brought **under control**.

Patrol—(1) To inspect a section of a **control line** or portion of the **fire perimeter** to prevent escape of the fire.
(2) To travel a given route to inspect, prevent, detect, and suppress fires.

Demob—The act of removing (Demobilization) from the fireline equipment and crews that can be utilized elsewhere on a fire, or removed from a fire due to decreased need.

South East Division (C10784)

Location: South of Palmer Lake Area

Resources: 121 firefighters, 17 pieces of heavy equipment and air support as needed.

Status: Fire behaviour has dropped significantly due to the cooler weather. Crews are working on mopping up, patrolling and demobbing equipment when/where possible. Crews are using thermal imaging scans to locate hotspots.

South Area (formerly C50952)

Location: SW of Nazko Lake Park

Resources: 27 firefighters, heavy equipment and helicopters worked on the fire today.

Status: Crews are working on patrolling this area of the fire for hotspots. Scans have been done and crews are targeting known hot spots.

Southwest Area (formerly C50952 and C51171)

Location: Chezacut/Arc Mountain Area

Resources: 82 firefighters and heavy equipment along with helicopter support, continue to fortify control lines.

Status: Infrared scanning has been completed in many areas and crews have been working to extinguish the identified hotspots.

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Precipice Fire (VA0778)

Size: 7368 (est.) 52Km E of Bella Coola.

Containment: 40% contained on areas on the eastern flank outside South Tweedsmuir Provincial Park, the area in the park is being allowed to burn as per the Park's Fire Management Plan.

Cause: Lightning

Status: This fire is not expected to grow past it's current boundaries.

Objectives: This fire is being monitored and will be taken off the fire of note list as of Monday, September 11, 2017.



Kleena Kleene Fire (C50774)

Size: 25,557 (est.) 200 Km E of Williams Lake.

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 137 fire fighters, 7 helicopters and 18 pieces of equipment.

Status: This fire consists of two branches, the Colwell Branch and the Kleena Kleene Branch.

Objectives: On the Colwell Branch (934) crews are continuing to do patrol and mop-up along most of the perimeter. The area around the Coleman-Flyshaker Trail continues to be an area of focus as crews continue to be an area of focus as crews continue to work in the ravine.

On the Kleena Kleene Branch (744) crews continue to solidify the northern finger. A small escape halfway up the east side of the finger was dealt with by crews.

Smoke from the Kleena Kleen fire was highly visible from the highway yesterday. Some Rank 2 was visible in slash. This fire continues to be active and crews continue to work on guards and actively work this fire.

A Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) remains in place for the area around the Kleena Kleen fire at:

North corner	52°4'34.26" N	125° 0'9.94"W
East corner	51°53'45.86" N	124° 39' 18.52"W
South corner	51°44'34 79" N	125° 7'18.00"W
West corner	51°57'54 70" N	125° 26'4160"W

We are using **VHF frequency 122.9** for traffic in the area of the fire.

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Weather

Today (Monday): An upper ridge moves eastward while an upper trough starts to form offshore causing increasing cloudiness. Temperatures are forecasted to be 20oC with the abnormal trend of an early daytime high; relative humidity is forecasted to be 35%. Winds are forecasted to be southeasterly then southwesterly throughout the day blowing 15 to 25 km/hr and gusting to 40 km/hr at higher elevations. As a coldfront approaches, winds should shift to northwesterly and ease with cooler temperatures.

Tuesday: An upper trough moves across the province and then stalls, bringing variable clouds and rain showers in the South Plateau fire throughout the afternoon and evening. Winds should be light with lower relative humidity values, mid-teens for daytime temperatures and possible freezing temperatures at night.

Long Term: Minor winds, temperatures will remain seasonal, and no relative humidity issues forecasted.

Venting: No venting issues are anticipated with the limited smoke production from the fire activity.

Bella Coola

Mon 11 Sep	Tue 12 Sep	Wed 13 Sep	Thu 14 Sep	Fri 15 Sep	Sat 16 Sep	Sun 17 Sep
16°C	16°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	18°C	16°C
Rain at times heavy	Cloudy	A mix of sun and cloud	Sunny	Sunny	A mix of sun and cloud	80% Chance of showers

Williams Lake

Mon 11 Sep	Tue 12 Sep	Wed 13 Sep	Thu 14 Sep	Fri 15 Sep	Sat 16 Sep	Sun 17 Sep
19°C	14°C	13°C	15°C	16°C	18°C	18°C
Rain	40% Chance of showers	30% Chance of showers	A mix of sun and cloud	A mix of sun and cloud	A mix of sun and cloud	A mix of sun and cloud

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Evacuation Order and Alert Information: The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) has made some alterations to the Evacuation Alert and Order areas. These updates can be viewed at the Cariboo Regional District website at <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/>

The CCRD **Evacuation Alert** is still in effect and can be viewed at the Central Coast Regional District website: www.ccrd-bc.ca.

Campfire Ban: The West Chilcotin is currently under a campfire ban that took effect on July 7, 2017.

Open Fire Prohibition: All open fire is currently prohibited. For more detail, go to <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp>

Road Closures: For more information about road closures, go to www.drivebc.ca.

Off-road vehicle restrictions due to wildfires—Effective at noon Pacific time on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, the operation of any off-road vehicle for recreational purposes on Crown land was prohibited throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre, Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre. In addition, all on-highway vehicles were required to remain on defined road surfaces. **ORV bans** still in effect and can be viewed at www.bcwildfire.ca.



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Also, sign up for the Cariboo Chilcotin Emergency Notification System on the CRD's website. This system will notify you through a variety of methods when an evacuation order or alert impacts the address you register. Register here: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612292#/signup>. If you have any difficulty registering online, you can call the CRD Williams Lake office during business hours to register over the phone at 250-392-3351.

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