



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Chilcotin Fire Zone Wildfires

Wildfires of Note

There are currently no Wildfires of Note in the Chilcotin Zone. Up to date information on all Wildfires of Note can be found at www.bcwildfire.ca

Other fires

There are eight active fires burning in this zone. Four fires are Out of Control , three fires are Under Control and one fire is Being Held. Below is a summary of fires over four hectares and are in Out of Control status.

Bald Face Mountain Fire (C52606):

Size: 300 hectares (estimated)

Resources: There are 47 firefighters and nine pieces of heavy equipment working to establish guard on these fires

Update: There are two fires located near Bald Face Mountain, east of the Itcha Ilgachuz Park. The northern fire is estimated at 300 hectares and the southern fire is estimated at 110 hectares. **Please note one of these fires is located within the Quesnel zone***

Wilderness Lake (C52646):

Size: 4.1 hectares (estimated)

Update: This fire is being monitored closely by the BC Wild-fire Service.

South of Bull Canyon (C52653):

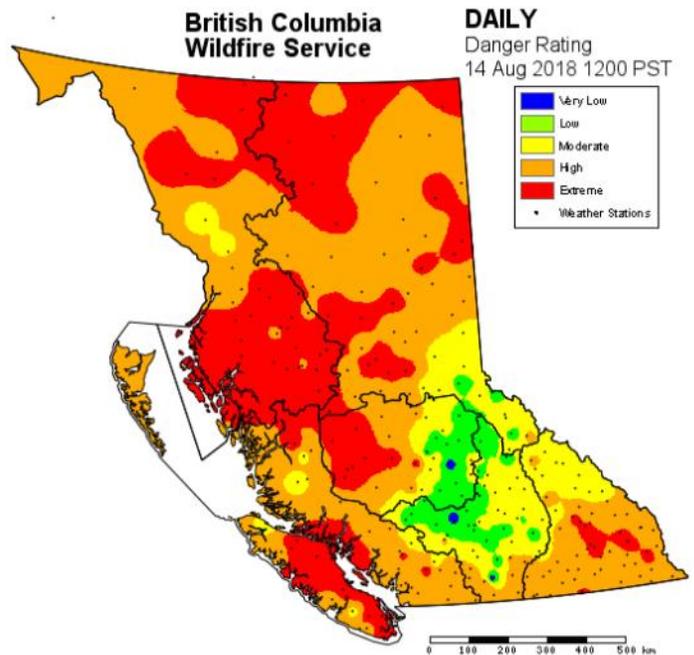
Size: Five hectares (estimated)

Update: The fire south of Bull Canyon is estimated at five hectares. Airtankers actioned the fire yesterday, and 16 ground personnel are on site this today and equipment is working to build a machine guard.

South of Alexis Lake (C52651):

Size: 70 hectares (estimated)

Update: Helicopters bucketed this fire yesterday and there are 30 firefighters on site today.



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Northeast of Chilcotin Lake (C52652):

Size: 0.1 hectares (estimated)

Update: The initial attack crew was able to update the status to Being Held this morning.

Definitions

Contained - The status of a wildfire suppression action signifying that a control line has been completed around the fire, and any associated spot fires, which can reasonably be expected to stop the fire's spread. *(For example, if a fire is considered 50 per cent contained, this means that for 50 percent of the perimeter the guards have been strengthened by removing the fuels adjacent to the guard and associated hot spots have been extinguished.)*

Mop-up - Is when the crews look for remaining hot spots and then extinguish them with water or soil.

Being Held - Indicates that (with the resources currently committed to the fire) sufficient suppression action has been taken that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions.



This photo is of the fire south of Alexis Lake that was discovered yesterday afternoon (C52651)

Initial Attack - Is when crews first arrive on site, and are working to halt the spread or potential spread of the fire.

Fire Guard – A strategically planned barrier, either manually or mechanically constructed, to stop or retard the spread of a fire, and from which suppression action is carried out to control the fire.

Control Line – A comprehensive term for all constructed or natural fire barriers and treated fire perimeters used to control a fire.

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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**
Or contact the Thompson-Nicola Region District at <http://tnrd.ca> or call the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Emergency Operations Centre at **1-877-377-8673**

Questions Regarding Road Blocks and Access:

The public is encouraged to check DriveBC.ca for information regarding Road Blocks and access restrictions.

Recreation Trail and Campsite Closures:

For information on recreational campsite and trail closures go to: <http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/>

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
- To track smoke in the area: <http://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/viewer/run/ops/BSC-CA-01/current/>

Weather Forecast

A mix of sun and cloud, with a risk of thunderstorms in the late afternoon and evening. Widespread smoke can be expected throughout the day, clearing in the evening. A high of 23 degrees and a low of 10 degrees

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
23°	24°	22°	23°	21°	23°	23°

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