

WILDFIRE UPDATE

August 17, 2018 13:00

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 <u>www.bcwildfire.ca</u>

Other fires

The Chilcotin Fire Zone currently has nine active wildfires. Six fires are Out of Control and three fires are in Under Control status.

Bald Face Mountin Fire (C52606):

Size: 300 hectares (estimated)

<u>Resources:</u> There are 47 firefighters and nine pieces of heavy equipment working to establish guard on these fires <u>Update:</u> There are two fires located near Bald Face Mountain, east of the Itcha Ilgachuz Park. The northern fire is estimated at 1232 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):

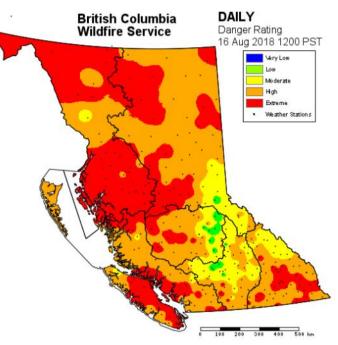
<u>Size:</u> 4.1 hectares (estimated) <u>Update:</u> This fire is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.

South of Bull Canyon (C52653):

<u>Size:</u> Five hectares (estimated) <u>Update:</u> The fire south of Bull Canyon is estimated at five hectares. There are 21 ground personnel on site this today and equipment is working to build a machine guard.

South of Alexis Lake (C52651):

<u>Size:</u> 70 hectares (estimated) <u>Update:</u> There are 32 personnel, one water tender and two pieces of heavy equipment on site today.



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Information Bulletin

Over the last week, much of the Cariboo Fire Centre experienced some reduced fire activity. We want to remind everyone that fires are still burning on the landscape. We expect to see the weather return to warmer and drier conditions in the coming week and that could cause an increase in fire behaviour again. For homes within the evacuation alert areas, please remain prepared for the potential increase in fire activity. We encourage everyone to take the necessary precautions to protect their homes and communities by participating in the FireSmart program.



This photo is of the Young Lake fire yesterday afternoon (C42331).

More information about the program can be found at https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/

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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 <u>http://tnrd.ca</u> 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 <u>DriveBC.ca</u> for information regarding Road Blocks and access restrictions.

Recreation Trail and Campsite Closures:

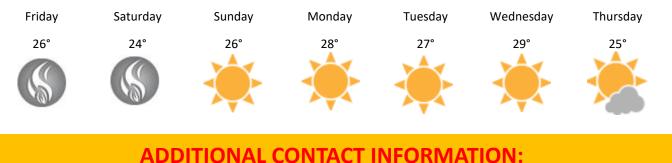
For information on recreational campsite and trail closures go to: <u>http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/</u>

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 and widespread smoke can be expected with a high of 26 degrees. The smoke will continue into the evening with a low of 10 degrees.



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