

Dean Complex

Wildfire Update

September 11, 2025

This community bulletin will be distributed every second day, however, daily updates will be available on the specific wildfire incident pages.

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On September 11, the current incident management team (IMT) is turning over with a new IMT. This turnover will not impact operations on the ground but you may see and interact with different folks as the current incident management team transitions out. All the same contact information can be found at the bottom of this bulletin to remain in contact for any updates regarding the Dean Complex.

Weather Update:

The very weak and disorganised pressure gradient continues over the fire zones this afternoon and persists Thursday providing poor guidance on wind direction. The upper ridge will maintain stable conditions Thursday suppressing venting conditions till mid-late afternoon. Generally clear skies with smoke/haze expected for the burning period.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Drones (or UAVs) near an active wildfire can completely shut down aerial fire-fighting efforts due to safety concerns.

This type of activity is extremely dangerous and poses a significant safety risk to personnel, if a drone collides with firefighting aircraft, the consequences could be deadly.

All unauthorized drones (including microdrones under 250 grams) continue to be banned within the restricted air space of 5 nautical miles (9.3 kilometres) and 3 000 feet above the ground level of active wildfires.

If you see a drone or UAV near a wildfire, call *5555 or 1 800 663 5555 IMMEDIATELY so our pilots can avoid the airspace and land safely.

Fire Number	Size	Status
C51503 Hotnarko Lake	58.1 hectares	Under Control
C51672 Beef Trail Creek	12,359.5 hectares	Out of Control
C51738	5,825.6 hectares	Out of Control
C51880 Dusty Lake	8389.9 hectares	Out of Control



For daily updates on the BC wildfire situation, including an update on resources, please visit [BCWildfire.ca](https://bcwildfire.ca), scan the QR code, or download the BC Wildfire Service mobile app.

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C51672 Update—12691.4 hectares

A planned aerial ignition was completed on September 8 on the south-eastern corner. The planned ignition removed unburned fuel up to control lines on the southeastern flank of the fire, helping prevent the fire from crossing the Beef Trail Creek FSR and Highway 20. Crews will be mopping up over the next few days to secure the line along Highway 20 and along the Beef Trail Creek FSR.

Resources have been deployed along the Beef Trail FSR to mop up and patrol for any spots across any guards.

Firefighters will continue to look for opportunities to build guard and conduct planned ignitions when conditions allow to bring fires edge into easier terrain for mop up. On the south flank, crews are building guard to push the fire away from Highway 20 and tie into an old burn. On the North flank, crews are building guard to flank the fire up and away from the Beef Trail FSR.

Heavy equipment has completed contingency guard along Beef Trail Creek FSR South of Highway 20 and on the Red Cariboo Road. Plans are in place for ignition operations on the along Highway 20 to prevent the fire from crossing Highway 20 to the south. Heavy equipment is working night shift with a crew to build guard.

Structure protection crews will be conducting assessments along Elsey Road working north and will set-up structure protection equipment as required.

When visibility allows, a night vision helicopter has been assessing overnight fire activity on this incident and is supported by a heavy-lift tanked helicopter dropping water on hotspots.

Watch for crews working on Highway 20 and please slow down.

Evacuations: Evacuations Alerts and Orders are in effect for this incident. Please visit: <https://www.cariboord.ca/en/emergency-and-protective-services/evacuation-orders-alerts-current.aspx>



C51672 Planned ignitions September 9, 2025.



Mop up operations on C51672

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C51738 Update- 5825.6 hectares

Structure protection has been deployed on properties in the surrounding area.

Contingency and control guards are being constructed using heavy equipment on the north and south flanks. Planned ignitions are being used to bring the fire to forest service roads on the western and northern flanks. Heavy equipment is working to construct guards on the south flank and reopen old forest service roads in the south. Mop up will begin on sections where the fire's edge is at constructed guard.

When visibility allows, a night vision helicopter has been assessing overnight fire activity on this incident supported by a heavy-lift tank helicopter that can drop water on hotspots.

C51880 Update - 8389.9 hectares

Crews continue to assess and construct indirect heavy equipment guard on the northwest and north flank where it is safe to do so. Crews will be reinforcing completed planned ignitions with mop up along the Dusty Dodge FSR on the northern flank.

Crews have built guard along the east flank and around the north-western head of the fire. Operations will continue on the north flank building containment further along the Dusty Dodge Road. On the south flank, crews and heavy equipment continue to work on containment lines. The primary area of spread is to the northeast and south-east. Crews will be mopping up on sections where the fire meets constructed guards along the southeast and northwest flank.

Structure protection equipment and structure defense teams will be working in Nimpo Lake, assessing properties and deploying structure protection sprinklers.



C51880 Fire behaviour on northeast flank September 10, 2025.

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