

Dean Complex

Wildfire Update

September 5, 2025

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Drones (or UAVs) near an active wildfire can completely shut down aerial firefighting 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.

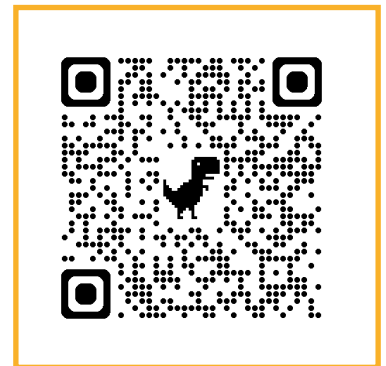
Dean Complex and Puntzi Creek Complex

On September 5, the West Chilcotin complex has been divided between 2 incident management teams. The Puntzi Creek Complex will be based out of the Puntzi Airport and will manage fires around Tatla Lake. The Dean Complex is remaining in command of 3 out of control wildfires noted in the table on the right.

The Puntzi Lake Complex will be managing the following fires formerly under the Dean Complex:

- C11659
- C51730
- C51704
- C51874

Fire Number	Size	Status
C51503 Hotnarko Lake	58.1 hectares	Under Control
C51672 Beef Trail Creek	10278 hectares	Out of Control
C51738	3213 hectares	Out of Control
C51880 Dusty Lake	5241 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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Weather Update:

The upper ridge has shifted eastwards today bringing a southerly flow aloft to the western Chilcotin.. This will inject instability into these zones generating likely dry thundershower activity during the late afternoon and early evening. Little change in RH/temperatures and winds are forecast as the weak pressure gradient persists. On Saturday the upper ridge pattern continues to shift eastward increasing the risk of more widespread thundershowers across the region. Temperatures will reach near 30 deg with slightly improved

C51672 Update—10278 hectares

Hot and dry conditions are contributing to large fire growth during the day that is challenging firefighting efforts on the northern and south-western flanks. The fire is still holding on the Beef Trail Creek FSR.

Ground crews and heavy equipment will be strategically positioned and supported by helicopters providing cooling action to reinforce efforts along the Beef Trail Creek FSR. Crews will continue to work along the Southeast flank reinforcing preconstructed machine line.

Firefighters will continue to look for opportunities to conduct planned ignitions when conditions allow to bring fires edge to preconstructed guards and the Beef Trail Creek FSR.

Heavy equipment is building contingency guard along Beef Trail Creek FSR South of Highway 20 and on the Red Cariboo Road. Plans are being developed for ignition operations on the southwest corner and along Highway 20 to prevent the fire from crossing Highway 20 to the south.

Structure protection crews will be conducting assessments along the Dean River Road and will establish structure protection sprinklers where they deem necessary.

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 Crew member moves hose along fire guard.



Mop up operations on C51672

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C51738 Update- 3213 hectares

BC Wildfire Service is currently assessing this fire daily.

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

The fire has progressed quickly to the west driven by dry fuels.

C51843 Update—384 hectares

This fire is now under command of the Puntzi Creek Complex.

On the west flank, crews have successfully established water delivery and are mopping up. On the east flank, crews were able to complete hand ignitions to reinforce previously constructed machine line. Today, crews will begin mopping up and securing the hand ignition work from yesterday.

Crews are working on Highway 20 protecting the power poles. Please slow down and watch for workers along Highway 20.

C51880 Update - 5241 hectares

Crews have established machine guard on the west flank of the fire. Hand ignitions will be used to bring fire's edge to previously constructed lines on the northwest flank. The fire continues to grow to the north, south and east.

On September 4, the fire crossed the Dusty Dodge FSR and has been moving in a northwest direction. Smoke is reducing fire behaviour on Sept 5.

This fire will be highly visible from Highway 20 and Nimpo Lake.

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



Planned ignitions on C51843 September 4, 2025

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