

Dean Complex

Wildfire Update

September 7, 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.

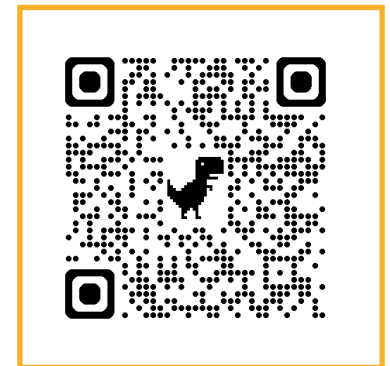
Dean Complex and Puntzi Creek Complex

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	10642 hectares	Out of Control
C51738	6118 hectares	Out of Control
C51880 Dusty Lake	5802 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:

Fuels continue to be highly sensitive to minor changes in wind speed as excellent drying conditions continue. Expect strong downdrafts near thundershowers this burning period. For today widespread unstable conditions are expected to develop however higher RH values will likely generate wetter thundershowers. Temperatures will also trend lower temperatures and with higher RH values and light westerly winds. On Monday increasing cloud, shower and some wet thunder-shower activity advancing from the south is seen during the late afternoon and overnight with some with possible periods of light rain.

C51672 Update—10642 hectares

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 continue to use direct and indirect attack methods on the south flank and northeastern flank to reinforce work completed over the past days.

Firefighters will continue to look for opportunities to conduct planned ignitions when conditions allow to bring fire's 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 Planned ignitions September 6, 2025.



Mop up operations on C51672

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C51738 Update- 4638 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.

C51880 Update - 6118 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.

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.

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>



C51880 Planned ignitions on Dusty Dodge FSR
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