

## Dean Complex

# Wildfire Update

**September 9, 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.**

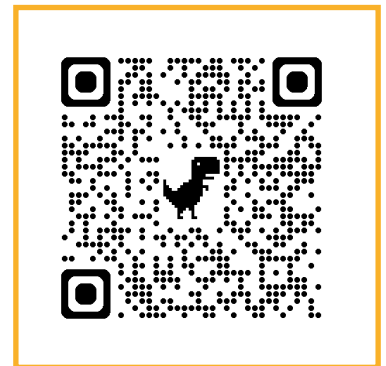
### Dean Complex and Puntzi Creek Complex

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	12,359 hectares	Out of Control
C51738	5,825 Hectares	Out of Control
C51880 Dusty Lake	6,118 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:

Somewhat more humid conditions and near seasonal temperatures are expected this burning period under scattered cloud. The highest risk of late afternoon and early evening wet thundershowers is expected with a lower risk expected in the northwest. Winds should favour light westerly however the weak gradient will add variability to the wind direction. Smoke will continue to hinder visibilities and temperatures. For Wednesday more stable conditions are seen as the upper ridge pattern begins to re establish. Light winds and slightly higher temperatures are forecast under mostly clear, stable skies and moderate drying.

### C51672 Update—12,359.5 Hectares

The fire is still holding on the Beef Trail Creek FSR and Highway 20.

A planned aerial ignition was completed on September 8 on the southeastern 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.

Hot and dry conditions are contributing to large fire growth during the day that is challenging firefighting efforts on the southern flanks.

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 and on the southeastern flank.

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 Elsey Road working north and will set-up structure protection equipment as required.

When visibility allows, a night vision helicopter has been assessing over-night fire activity on this incident.



C51672 Planned ignitions September 8, 2025.



Crew conducting planned ignitions on C51672

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### **C51738 Update-** 5,825 hectares

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

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

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.

When visibility allows, a night vision helicopter has been assessing over-night fire activity on this incident.

### **C51880 Update** - 6118 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 northwestern 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 southeast.

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

**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>



C51738 Planned ignitions on September 7, 2025

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