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WILDFIRE UPDATE

Plateau Fire—South Information Bulletin

Shared amongst the Plateau Fire – South are 272 firefighters, 10 available helicopters, an Incident Management Team (IMT Team - 12 personnel), 7 contract medic personnel, 1 danger tree assessment specialist, 10 contract fallers, and 43 pieces of heavy equipment and support staff.

The south flank runs approximately 125 kilometres from Arc Mountain to Webster Creek. Updated mapping has the fire size at 519,915 hectares (5199 km²) and the perimeter length of the fire is 823.3 km long. For reference, the Province of Prince Edward Island is 5660 km²

The wet and cold weather has decreased fire behaviour and allowed for crews to make progress.

South East Division (C10784)

Location: South of Palmer Lake Area

Status: 170 firefighters have been working in the southeast part of the Plateau Fire with heavy equipment and air support. Crew and equipment continue to build guard and use parallel attack along the south. Crews are also completing guard for direct attack operations. Danger tree fallers will be in the southeast area assessing the northern perimeter of the fire.

South Area (formerly C50952)

Location: SW of Nazko Lake Park

Status: 27 firefighters, heavy equipment and helicopters worked on the fire today. Crews are working on patrolling this area of the fire for hotspots. Scans have been done and crews are targeting known hot spots.

Southwest Area (formerly C50952 and C51171)

Location: Chezacut/Arc Mountain Area

Status: 75 firefighters and heavy equipment along with helicopter support, continue to fortify control lines. Infrared scanning has been completed in many areas and crews have been working to extinguish the identified hotspots.

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Precipice Fire (VA0778)

Size: 7368 (est.) 52Km E of Bella Coola.

Containment: 40% contained on areas on the eastern flank outside South Tweedsmuir Provincial Park, the area in the park is being allowed to burn as per the Park's Fire Management Plan.

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 24 firefighters, 1 helicopter with additional air support as needed.

Status: This fire is not expected to grow past it's current boundaries.

Objectives: Crews continue to work on hotspots but the majority of the action is patrolling the fire. Crews will continue to monitor.

Kleena Kleene Fire (C50774)

Size: 25,557 (est.) 200 Km E of Williams Lake.

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 122 fire fighters, 7 helicopters and 34 pieces of equipment.

Status: This fire consists of two branches, the Colwell Branch and the Kleena Kleene Branch.

Objectives: On the Colwell Branch (934) crews are continuing to do patrol and mop-up along most of the perimeter. The area due south of One Eye Lake that has been the focus of a lot of the crews time and attention is now in the stage of being patrolled and mopped up. The area around the Coleman-Flyshaker Trail continues to be an area of focus as crews continues to be an area of focus as crews continue to work in the ravine.

On the Kleena Kleene Branch (744) crews are patrolling from the south end of Big Bear Lake south. Mop up and patrol continue particularly down the east and west sides of the northern finger. There was a escape on the east side of the finger but crews were able to contain it .

A Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) remains in place for the area around the Kleena Kleene fire at:

North corner 52°4'34.26" N 125° 0'9.94"W
East corner 51°53'45.86" N 124° 39' 18.52"W
South corner 51°44'34 79" N 125° 7'18.00"W
West corner 51°57'54 70" N 125° 26'4160"W

We are using **VHF frequency 122.9** for traffic in the area of the fire.

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Today (Saturday): Cloudy with afternoon sunny periods. Scattered showers with a slight risk of afternoon thunder showers. Winds becoming southwest 15-25km/h gusts 35km/h. Min RH near 40%. Highs near 15C.

Tomorrow (Sunday): A flat upper ridge will give a mix of sun and cloud. No showers are expected with moderate and gusty winds developing by midday. Min RH near 30%. Highs near 20C.

Sat Sep 9	Sun Sep 10	Mon Sep 11	Tue Sep 12	Wed Sep 13	Thu Sep 14	Fri Sep 15
Risk of a thunderstorm	A mix of sun and clouds	Mainly sunny	Chance of a shower	A Few showers	A mix of sun and clouds	A mix of sun and clouds
16 °C	17 °C	23 °C	24 °C	14 °C	17 °C	18 °C

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HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES

Where applicable, a person conducting an “industrial activity” within one kilometre of forest or grassland must do so at a time and in a manner that they can reasonably be expected to prevent wildfire from starting, as a result of their activity (*Section 6, Wildfire Act*).

As many “industrial activities” are also defined as a “high-risk activity”, those conducting “high-risk activities” within 300 meters of forest or grassland may have further restrictions placed on their activity (*Section 6, Wildfire Regulation*).

Given the extremely dry forest conditions throughout the province and the unprecedented number of wildfires this season, it is imperative that those conducting either industrial or high-risk activities are aware of the forest conditions and their requirements under the Wildfire Act and Regulations.

What is a high-risk activity?

Many of the activities associated with timber harvesting or mechanical land clearing are defined as high risk. A complete list of high-risk activities are available for your reference online. Please see the link below.

I would like to conduct a high-risk activity. What do I need to know?

Anyone conducting high-risk activities (as defined under the *Wildfire Act*) must adhere to the obligations. There are three steps to determine your obligations around high risk activities:

Step 1: Find out if your proposed activity is considered a high-risk activity. If it is, Step 2: Find out what the fire danger rating is at your proposed location of operation. Then, Step 3: Based on what the fire danger rating is, determine whether there are restrictions on high-risk activities.

I'd like to talk to someone about high-risk activities. Who do I talk to?

If you have questions about high-risk activities please contact the Coastal Fire Centre:

☎ Phone: 250-951-4229

✉ Email: FORHPRP.INFOCO@gov.bc.ca

For more information online, including the complete list of high-risk activities, visit: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/wildfire-management/prevention/for-industry-commercial-operators/high-risk-activities>



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