# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## July 21, 2021
**Information current as of July 20, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,180 (+146) personnel, 1,080 (+12) contactors, and 135 (+3) out of province resources, and 178 aircraft
- Active wildfires: 294 (-4)
- Wildfires of note: 37 (0)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 13 (-4)
- PREOC Activations: 4 (0) (North, Central, Southeast, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Jul 20, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 21 (+6) | *+1* |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 8 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 44 (+9) | *+5* |
| Approx. properties on order | 3,078 (+474) | *+339* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 74 (+8) | *+3* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 16,225 (+321) | *+644* |

**NOTES:**
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- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

Overnight there were 5 evacuation orders issued affecting 339 properties and 3 evacuation alerts affecting 644 properties.

**Octopus Creek Wildfire – (N51800)** – Regional District of Central Kootenay

- Experienced rapid growth and aggressive fire behaviour during the evening.
- @1800hrs - Regional District of Central Kootenay issued an evacuation order for approximately 16 properties in Electoral Area “K”.
- Regional District of Central Kootenay conducted a Tactical Evacuation of approximately 162 properties.
- @2030hrs - Regional District of Central Kootenay issued an evacuation order for 162 properties (formalization of the tactical evacuation) in the area of Fauquier and Applegrove in Electoral Area “K”.

**White Rock Lake Wildfire – (K61884)** – Thompson-Nicola Regional District

- Evacuation alert issued for Electoral Area “L” affecting 165 properties.
- Evacuation order issued by TNRD for 32 properties in the vicinity of Westwold, in Electoral Area "L."

**Inkaneep Creek Wildfire – (K52061) –** Osoyoos Indian Band and Regional District Okanagan Similkameen – CTL – 19-July-2021

- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary declared a SOLE.
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary issued an evacuation order for 122 properties in Electoral Area "E"\West Boundary.
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary issued an evacuation alert for 304 properties.

**Sparks Lake Wildfire – (K21001)** – Thompson-Nicola Regional District – CTL – 20-July-2021

- Thompson-Nicola Regional District issued an evacuation order for 7 properties in Electoral Area “E” (Bonaparte Plateau) and “J” (Copper Desert Country).

**Lytton Creek Wildfire – (K71086)** – Thompson-Nicola Regional District – CTL – 20-July-2021

- Thompson-Nicola Regional District issued an evacuation alert for 175 properties in Electoral Area “I” (Blue Sky Country) in the vicinity of Spences Bridge.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 17 (+3)
    - City of Kamloops (at capacity - billeting only), City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Salmon Arm, Penticton, Oliver, Coldstream, Sicamous, Chilliwack, Hope, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Sts’ailes First Nation, City of Quesnel (mobile only), City of Prince George (mobile only), City of Williams Lake, 100 Mile House.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 3,776 (+0)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity 800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 197 (+77)

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.

## OVERVIEW:

- Provincial State of Emergency has been declared to support the province-wide response to the ongoing wildfire situation due to predicted changes in the weather

system over B.C. The declaration goes into effect today and will be in place for 14 days unless extended or rescinded.
- Tactical evacuation of 162 properties threatened by the Octopus Creek wildfire occurred overnight (Regional District of Central Kootenay).
- Currently, about 5 per cent of the 294 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 68 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 27 per cent have yet to be determined.
- Fire situation in the Central, Southeast and Cariboo regions is expected to worsen further. Wind event and dry lightning forecast for the next 3-4 days will likely result in significant fire growth and new starts.
- Good recoveries in the Northwest following precipitation.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Wednesday: Significant wind activity is forecast for today and to persist until Thursday, July 22, 2021, affecting the Interior, southern Interior and southeast regions of the province. This weather system is expected to impact direction and spread of current wildfires, potentially resulting in rapid fire growth.

- Widespread showers and scattered thunderstorms developing over coastal regions north of Port Alberni and across much of the central and northern interior regions. Rainfall amounts of 15 to 25 mm are possible in localized heavy downpours.

- There is also a risk of severe afternoon thunderstorms developing over parts of the Prince George Fire Centre. Mainly sunny and dry conditions over Southern regions but parts of the Kamloops and Southeast Fire Centres will continue to see local smoke near wildfires.

- Thursday: Wind event anticipated in the South region accompanied by hot, dry weather for 3-4 days.

- **Severe thunderstorm watch**: B.C. Peace River, Cariboo, McGregor, Prince George, Yellowhead.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 20): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, B.C. North Peace River, B.C. South Peace River, Boundary, Cariboo, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fort Nelson, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, McGregor, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

2 Mile Road Fire – Impacting multiple communities and First Nations. Approx. 1,000 residents evacuated. Hwy 97A closed.

Nk'Mip Creek Fire (K52061) - Search and Rescue assisted RCMP in conducting tactical evacuation for those in immediate risk. Properties in Oliver at risk. Alert area has been extended south to US border and east into the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

- Osoyoos Indian Band activated
    - Evacuation Alert issued July 19, 2021 at 1920 for 21 properties within the Osoyoos Indian Ban
    - Evacuation Order issued July 19, 2021 at 1920 for 189 properties within the Osoyoos Indian Band
    - Evacuation Order issued July 20, 2021 at 0500 for 6 Properties within the Osoyoos Indian Band
    - Issued State of Local Emergency July 19, 2021 and expires on Aug 2, 2021 for the Osoyoos Indian Band
- Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen issued
    - 2 Evacuation orders for Electoral Area "C"
    - 1 State of Local Emergency
- Town of Osoyoos activated and issued
    - 1 State of Local Emergency

Bunting Road Fire (K41561) - Regional District North Okanagan (RDNO)

- Evacuation Order and State of Local Emergency (SOLE) issued for Electoral Area "F" the 10000 – 17000 Block of Mabel Lake FSR aka Lumby Mable Lake Rd (Cottonwoods)

Lytton Creek Fire (K71086) – 4 (+1) alerts, 3 (+1) orders and 1 SOLE

July Mountain Fire (K61882) – 1 order and 1 SOLE for 25 properties (previously under evacuation alert)

Embleton Mountain (K21644) – 4 (+1) alerts, 3 (+1) orders and 1 SOLE

- Okanagan Correction Facility on evacuate alert and preparing to evacuate to Maple Ridge and Kamloops as needed.

Three Valley Lake Fire (K41807)

- Gateway Resort has issued a State of Local Emergency, July 19.
- Evacuation order and State of Local Emergency in place for Electoral Area "E", as of July 20.
- The Lodge is currently at capacity (200 guests). The fire continues to grow in very steep terrain, posing issues for slope stability above railway. MOTI is monitoring smoke levels in case the highway needs to be closed due to low visibility. The situation is being monitored closely.

*Northeast Region*

Flat Lake Fire (C41602)

- Continuing to grow. Approx. 2.1km from Hwy 97. EMBC has shared maps provided by Telus with BCWS, as it aims to hold fire at powerline.

Big Stick Lake fire (C51290)

- Fire activity continues to cause intermittent closures of Hwy 20, which also impacts Yekooche First Nation. Funeral procession back to Yekooche First Nation planned for Thursday. Cariboo Regional District has extended SOLE to July 29.

Deka Lake Fire Complex (C41102) - City of Quesnel

- SOLE extended for Dragon Hill Road to July 29, 2021

- SOLE extended for Panorama Ridge to August 2, 2021

Cariboo Regional District has extended SOLE to July 29, 2021

Valemount is opening up EOC in response to Provincial State of Emergency.

*Southwest Region*

Tremont Creek Fire (K21849)
- Tactical Evacuations of homes within the Evacuation Order area by BCWS following significant growth.
- 14 members of the Oregon Jack Creek Band are being supported at Camp Hope.

Squamish Lillooet Regional District SOLE expired at midnight July 20, 2021

**Wildfire Supports**

*Evacuation Support*
- Canadian Red Cross registration line is now active. People who are under mandatory evacuation in BC can register with Red Cross by calling 1-800-863-6582, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PST

- Commercial accommodation and group lodging to meet current and future evacuation needs remain limited. EMBC is block booking commercial accommodations where possible. EMBC is also engaged with Ministry of Health and BCWS in establishing a central capability for booking hotel rooms and post-secondary Institution lodging capacity.

- EMBC is developing 3 broad options in response to the large-scale evacuee sheltering. The advanced planning unit is looking at resource requirements, location requirements, estimated costing, and personnel requirements, legislative and regulatory requirements for (in order of priority):
  - o Large-scale indoor Group Lodging in convention centers, arenas, etc.
  - o Semi-permanent and soft structure camps (like work camps familiar to many BC residents)
  - o Other options including cruise ships, mobile fishing lodges, etc.

- StatsCan has offered statistical/data support to assist with evacuation planning.

*Staffing*
- Staffing of PREOCs and group lodging continues to be a challenge. EMBC is working with the PSA to recruiting government employees to support response.

*Partnerships*
- The Federal government will be providing approximately 200 Canadian Armed Forces personnel (accompanied by support personnel) to assist with monitoring and mop-up of fires under the most recent Request for Assistance (RFA). One half of the group is scheduled to arrive into Vernon on or about 23 July. The second half will arrive 3-4

days later.

- CRC personnel supporting Coldstream reception centre (RDNO) in support of those under evacuation order from the Bunting Road Wildfire

- First MLA briefing hosted by EMBC and BCWS was well received. Will be holding two per week to provide local governments with access to, and help establish government, as a trusted source of information.

- EMBC will be meeting with the First Nations Leadership Council on Thursday to share information and address any issues relation to emergency supports.

- Public Safety Canada (PSC) has indicated its desire to form a sub-working group of emergency management organizations which have contact with First Nations. EMBC will be participating.

- Canadian Red Cross is mobilizing field operations teams in Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and Central Region in preparation for support to response and recovery efforts.

- CAF aircraft used to transport firefighting equipment (Smithers to Kamloops) and BCWS personnel (Kamloops to Victoria).

- Starting Wednesday (July 21) EMBC will providing a daily information bulletin at 6am.

*Donations*

- ADRA and the Coldstream warehouse have been secured until Fall 2021 to deliver physical donation management program for the 2021 BC wildfire season.

- EMBC, with ADRA, is now in process of:
  o Equipping main warehouse
  o Training key volunteer roles
  o Opening warehouse for operation

- EMBC continues to monitor and respond to donations coming into PECC while delivering proactive messaging on financial donations, and logging and monitoring corporate donations in relation to recovery needs.

*Utilities*

- Number of properties currently without power due to fire related impacts: Ashcroft (24), Kamloops (78 homes), Lytton (309 (-13) homes)

*Agriculture*

- Staff from Ministry of Agriculture, food and Fisheries (AFF) and FLNRORD are directly supporting the PECC and PREOCs. Additional AFF staff are also providing support with advanced planning and related activities.

- AFF is liaising with Nicomen Band First Nation and Thompson Nicola Regional District to complete livestock relocation assistance requests and seek re-entry permission

- AFF is also working with the Cariboo Regional District to support relocation of cattle; Alex Fraser Park in Quesnel has been identified as a livestock relocation site if needed.

*Lytton*

- Stein Area Tower is operable but has no power. Working to install a temporary solar system to restore service.

- EMBC and Municipal Affairs staff working with Village of Lytton and Lytton First Nation to prepare for the transition from response to recovery.

- ICBC is assessing recovery/extraction of vehicles destroyed by the fire.

- Evacuation order may be lifted allowing the return of some residents EMBC is working closely with Lytton First Nation, the Village of Lytton and the TNRD to assess implications.

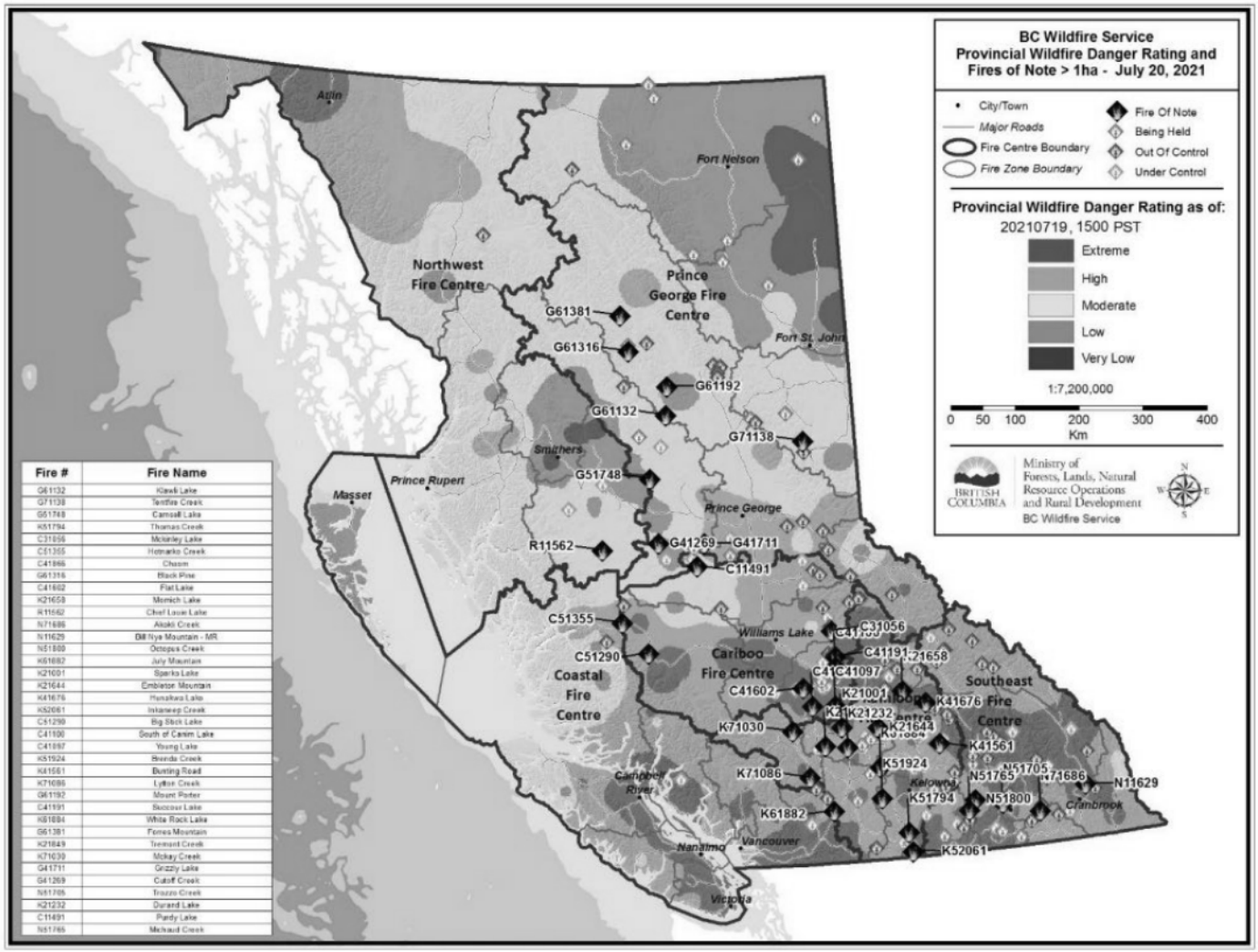
*Recovery*

- Canadian Red Cross is supporting the PECC and Central PREOC recovery sections.

- First meeting of cross-ministry ADM team for recovery, led by EMBC was held on July 20. Follow-up scheduled for next week.

# FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: BC Wildfire Service Daily Wildfire Situation Report – July 20, 2021 12:00 PT



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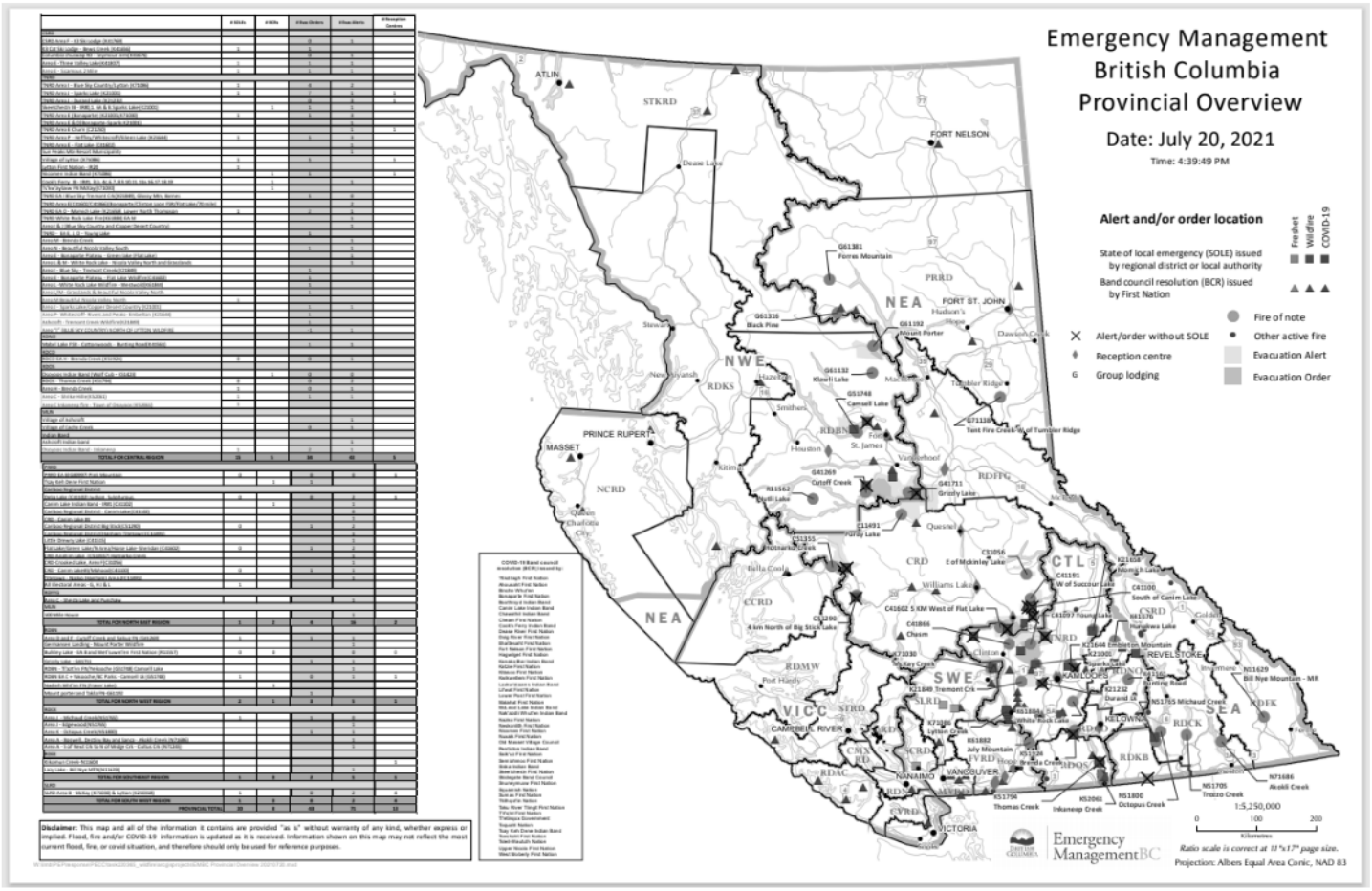

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| Approx. properties on order | 5,084 (+733) | *>112* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 78 (-1) | *-2* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 17,489 (-202) | *>148* |

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### Overnight Updates

Nk'Mip Creek Wildfire (K52061) - Osoyoos Indian Band – CTL Region
- The Osoyoos Indian Band reissued their Evacuation Order, affecting approximately 112 properties.
- Castanet news media is reporting some structure loss in the Shrike Hill area

Lytton Creek Wildfire (K71086) - Nooaitch Indian Band – CTL Region
- The Nooaitch Indian Band issued an Evacuation Order for the Nooaitch First Nations IR 10.

Embleton Mnt Wildfire (K21644) - Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality – CTL Region
- The TNRD *rescinded* an Evacuation Alert for 148 properties in the Heffley Lake area, Electoral Area P.
- The TNRD *downgraded* an Evacuation Order to an Alert for 139 properties in the Whitecroft area in Electoral Area P.

- Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality has *rescinded* the Evacuation Alert for all properties within their Municipality.

Trozzo Creek Wildfire (N51705) - Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) – SEA Region

- The RDCK has *reduced* a portion of the area currently under Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert. 32 properties in the area of Popou Road and Rooster Road will remain on Evacuation Order, while 142 properties will be reduced to an Evacuation Alert.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 21 (+3)
    - City of Kamloops (at capacity - unable to accept any additional evacuees at this time), City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Salmon Arm, Penticton, Oliver, Coldstream, Sicamous, Anglemont, Chilliwack, Hope, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Quesnel (mobile only), City of Prince George (mobile only), City of Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Nakusp, Castlegar, Midway.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 4,101 (+39)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity 800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 159 (0)

**NOTES:**

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## OVERVIEW:

- Today marks the 500th consecutive day of activation of the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC). At present the PECC is activated to Level 3 in support of the Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centres (PREOCs) that are activated in response to fire.
- Suppression efforts in the Southeast challenged yesterday by high winds, volatile fire behaviour and smoke which limited BCWS to ground response only.
- Weather forecasting is being hampered by ongoing GOES satellite outage. Expected to be resolved today.
- Hiker reported missing near Garibaldi on Jul 9. Not able to locate. BCWS responded to a new fire West of Garibaldi Prov Park, located hiker alive. May be some coverage in the media about SAR's search methods.

### Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- Friday: Clouds and showers will spread from the coast across central and northern BC. For southern regions, mainly sunny and dry conditions will prevail with near seasonal temperatures. However, local smoke near wildfires persists across most of the Kamloops and Southeast Fire Centres in a southwesterly to westerly general flow.

Gusty winds persist across the North and temperatures warm up again.

- Unable to provide outlook due to an ongoing GOES satellite outage currently impacting weather networks including imaging, weather forecasting and real-time weather data transmission. Expected to be resolved today.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 22): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Cariboo (South), Central Okanagan, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Okanagan, North Thompson, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Okanagan, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

Hunakwa Lake (K41676) – Regional District Columbia Shuswap

- 1 Order issued for all residences within the community of Seymour Arm in the neighbourhood of Tranquility Bay, all properties east of Seymour Arm Bay Road and Seymour River Road at Bughouse Bay and including Tipman Road, Bradley Road and the boat-in only properties.
- A tactical evacuation took place for a portion of the community of Seymour Arm overnight.
- Structure protection is in place as the nearest structure is approximately 100 meters from the fire's edge

Lytton Creek Fire (K71086) - Cook's Ferry Indian Band

- Evacuation Order issued for IR#1, 3, 4, 4b, 4c, 7, 16, 17, 19 Secondly
- Evacuation Alert amended to include IR#6, 8 ,9 ,10, 11, 11a, 18, 19 Firstly, 20 and 22

Nk'Mip Creek Fire (K52061) – Osoyoos Indian Band & Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)

Osoyoos Indian Band

- Evacuation Alert for 177 properties within the Osoyoos Indian Band
- Evacuation Order that was issued now only remains for 32 properties

RDOS

- 1 new evacuation order issued for Electoral Area A.

Shackan Indian Band

- 1 Band Council Resolution (awaiting formal notification)
- 1 Evacuation Order issued for Shackan Reserve IR#11

Thomas Creek Fire (K51794) - Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)

- 1 Alert issued July 21 for 1 property in Electoral Area D

Lytton Fire (K71086) – Cook's Ferry Band, Shackan Band, Nicomen Band, Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)

TNRD

- 6 (+1) alerts, 4 (+1) orders, 1 SOLE
    - Shackan Indian Band: Approx. 40 people
    - Cook's Ferry Indian Band: Approx. 90 people
    - Nicomen Indian Band: Approx. 10 people that stayed in Spence's Bridge area
    - Thompson-Nicola Regional District: Approximately 175 properties (not sure of total population or if some are secondary residences at this time)
- Evacuees will be stopping in Merritt to receive gas cards and will be directed to the Chilliwack Reception Ct
    - Chilliwack has ample staff to receive the evacuees
    - Lodging location will be determined once the evacuees have been registered

Three Valley Lake Fire (K41807) – Regional District of Columbia Shuswap

- Gateway Resort has issued a State of Local Emergency, July 19.
- 1 Alert
- Evacuation order and State of Local Emergency in place for Electoral Area "E", as of July 20.
- The fire continues to grow in very steep terrain, GeoTech is assessing slope stability above Lodge and railway. MOTI is monitoring smoke levels in case the highway needs to be closed due to low visibility. The situation is being monitored closely.

Wiseman Creek (K42078) - Regional District of Columbia Shuswap

- 1 Alert issued for community of Swansea Point including both sides of Highway 97A north to the District of Sicamous boundary.
- Tactical evacuation for 50 properties was conducted.
- 2 Alert, 1 Order, 1 SOLE

- Okanagan Correction Facility on evacuate alert and preparing to evacuate to Maple Ridge and Kamloops as needed.

*Northwest Region*

Camsell Lake Fire (G51748) - Tl'azt'en Nation, Yekooche First Nation & Regional District Bulkley Nechako

- Joint Evacuation Alert rescinded

Bulkley Nechako Regional District

- BCWS recommended Evacuation Order to be downgraded to an Alert and included in the existing Evacuation Alert area
- State of Local Emergency extended for Electoral Area F and C

*Northeast Region*

Punchaw Lake (G11935) and Shesta Lake (G11925) - Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Shesta Lake and Punchaw Area – Electoral Area C July 20, 2021

*Southwest Region*

South of Canim Lake (C41100) - Canim Lake Band

- 35 members of the Canim Lake Band are in commercial lodging in North Vancouver and are being supported by North Shore Emergency Management and Seabird Island First Nations

**Wildfire Supports**

*Evacuation Support*

- The Advanced Planning Unit (APU) is working on:
  - Identifying Indigenous security businesses to assist with site security at mass evacuation facilities
  - Seeking out assistance for Evacuation, Transportation, and Medical Health services from Indigenous organizations
  - Providing insight and guidance as plans are being developed with an Indigenous Cultural Safety & Humility perspective
- APU is also identifying hubs for mass lodging. The following targets have been identified but not confirmed or communicated to local authorities. They will be assessed by BCWS predictive services today:
  - CTL: 2
  - NEA: 1
  - SWE: multiple
  - SEA: discussions with Alberta for cross-border support underway

- Working with Strategic Partnerships to explore options for Indigenous host community hubs

- Emergency Management Mutual Aid (EMMA) request placed with Alberta to provide support of evacuation efforts at the PECC and CTL PREOC

- APU is also identifying subject matter experts from various Ministries to develop operational plans for mass/group lodging, additional sites and transportation options.

- Representatives from the Canadian Red Cross deploying to assist in mass/group lodging management.

*Partnerships*

- First group of 90 CAF personnel and their support team arrive in Vernon late today. Briefings and equipment will be provided over the weekend, ready for tasking by BCWS on Monday July 26. Second group of 90 due to arrive same day (July 26).

- Two Joint Task Force Pacific Regional Liaison Officers (RLOs) have deployed to the Central PREOC to provide in-person CAF liaison support. RLOs will remain embedded in the PREOC, rotating weekly.

- MIRR is working with available information products to update the Province's Profiles of Indigenous People (PIP) tool, to ensure information on impacted nations is available to broader government.

*Donations*

- ADRA and the Coldstream warehouse have been secured until Fall 2021 to deliver physical donation management program for the 2021 BC wildfire season. In the process of preparing facility and staff for opening.

*Agriculture*

- Throughout the Cariboo and Kamloops Fire Centres the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (AFF) Emergency Management desk has received a growing number of requests for emergency hay supplies to feed livestock

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 10,097 (+524) | 8 (+6) | 432 (+53) | 209 (+151) | 178 (+70) | 80 | 2,382 (+413) | 102 (+55) |
| Total Under Alert | 25,110 (+2,386) | 7388 | 737 (+58) | 605 (+206) | 477 (+44) | 336 | 6,333 (+1,627) | 702 (+548) |

- EMBC, AFF, BCWS and the Thompson Nicola Regional District are working together to assess best options for the evacuation/movement of livestock.

- In the Northeast Region, BCWS and AFF liaison working to inform producers of Evacuation Alerts, however, some producers are preferring to shelter in place and request re-entry permits for livestock care and feeding

- AFF is responding to information requests from First Nations, the BC Dairy Association (seeking contact details for all local authorities EOC's in order to expedite requests for support).

- Bulkley Lake Fire (R11557) - producers impacted by this fire with relocated livestock have been informed that they can now return

- Recovery program request from FLNRORD Range Officer to replace fence lines in range areas impacted by wildfire in Central Region

- Staff from Ministry of Agriculture, food and Fisheries (AFF) and FLNRORD are directly supporting the PECC and PREOCs. Additional AFF staff are also providing support with advanced planning and related activities.

*Utilities*

- Number of properties currently without power due to fire related impacts: 100 Mile House (77), Kamloops (78 homes), Lillooet (48), Lytton (277) homes.

*Lytton*

- Highway 1 through Lytton due to reopen soon.

- GlagNico telecommunications tower and equipment destroyed at repeater sites.

- EMBC and Municipal Affairs staff working with Village of Lytton and Lytton First Nation to prepare for the transition from response to recovery.

*Recovery*

- EMBC held initial call with Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC) - Provincial Disaster Psychosocial program to scope wellness supports available in recovery and share the Mental Health and Wellness Toolkit for community use

- Developing long term staffing strategy for sustained community recovery support at the Provincial and regional levels

- Developing inventory of potential provincial supports to community-led recovery, including a cross-ministry scan of available funding programs

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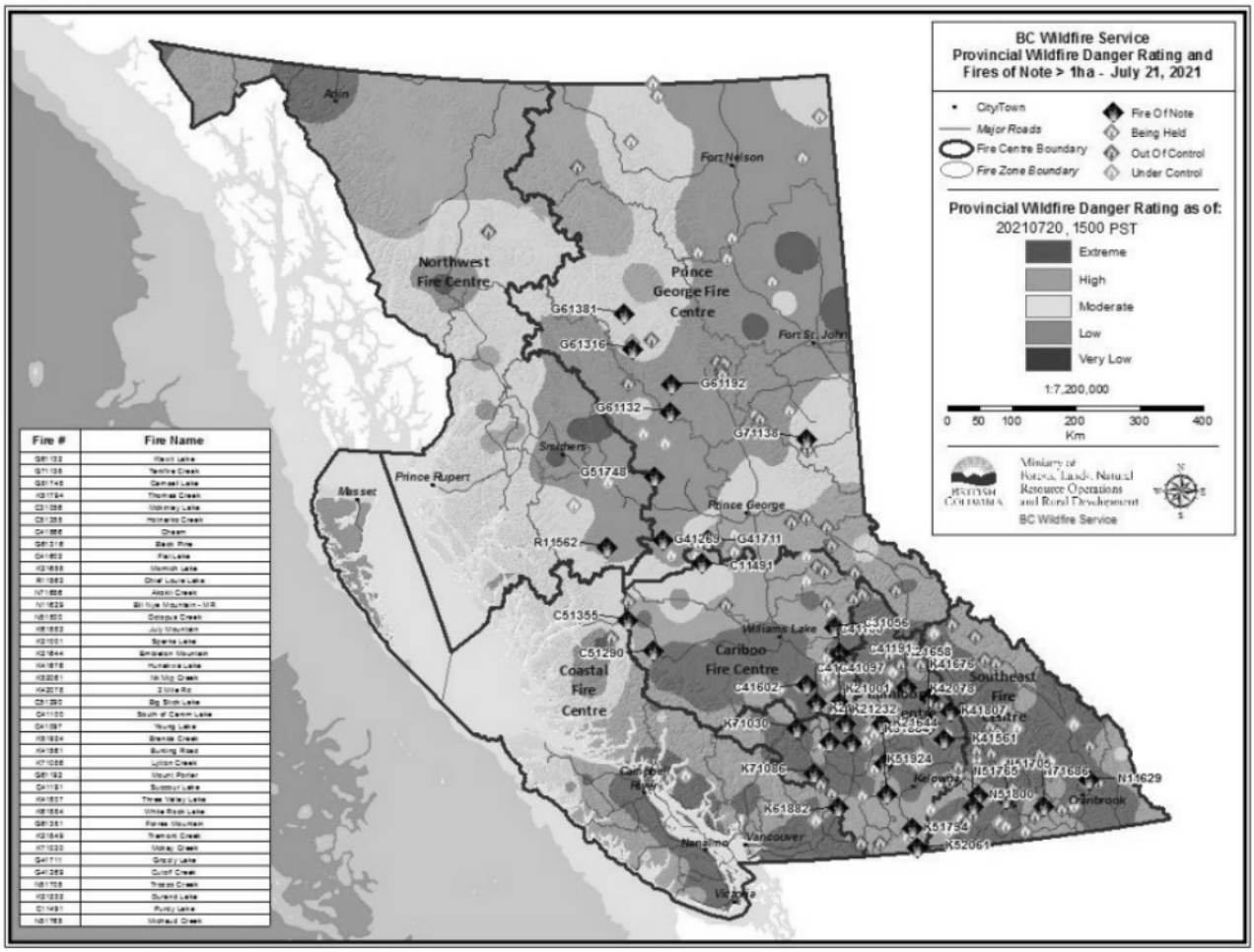

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- Castanet news media is reporting some structure loss in the Shrike Hill area

Lytton Creek Wildfire (K71086) - Nooaitch Indian Band – CTL Region
- The Nooaitch Indian Band issued an Evacuation Order for the Nooaitch First Nations IR 10.

Embleton Mnt Wildfire (K21644) - Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality – CTL Region
- The TNRD *rescinded* an Evacuation Alert for 148 properties in the Heffley Lake area, Electoral Area P.
- The TNRD *downgraded* an Evacuation Order to an Alert for 139 properties in the Whitecroft area in Electoral Area P.

- Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality has *rescinded* the Evacuation Alert for all properties within their Municipality.

Trozzo Creek Wildfire (N51705) - Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) – SEA Region

- The RDCK has *reduced* a portion of the area currently under Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert. 32 properties in the area of Popou Road and Rooster Road will remain on Evacuation Order, while 142 properties will be reduced to an Evacuation Alert.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 21 (+3)
    - City of Kamloops (at capacity - unable to accept any additional evacuees at this time), City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Salmon Arm, Penticton, Oliver, Coldstream, Sicamous, Anglemont, Chilliwack, Hope, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Quesnel (mobile only), City of Prince George (mobile only), City of Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Nakusp, Castlegar, Midway.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 4,101 (+39)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity 800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 159 (0)

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.

## OVERVIEW:

- Today marks the 500th consecutive day of activation of the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC). At present the PECC is activated to Level 3 in support of the Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centres (PREOCs) that are activated in response to fire.
- Suppression efforts in the Southeast challenged yesterday by high winds, volatile fire behaviour and smoke which limited BCWS to ground response only.
- Weather forecasting is being hampered by ongoing GOES satellite outage. Expected to be resolved today.
- Hiker reported missing near Garibaldi on Jul 9. Not able to locate. BCWS responded to a new fire West of Garibaldi Prov Park, located hiker alive. May be some coverage in the media about SAR's search methods.

### Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- Friday: Clouds and showers will spread from the coast across central and northern BC. For southern regions, mainly sunny and dry conditions will prevail with near seasonal temperatures. However, local smoke near wildfires persists across most of the Kamloops and Southeast Fire Centres in a southwesterly to westerly general flow.

Gusty winds persist across the North and temperatures warm up again.

- Unable to provide outlook due to an ongoing GOES satellite outage currently impacting weather networks including imaging, weather forecasting and real-time weather data transmission. Expected to be resolved today.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 22): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Cariboo (South), Central Okanagan, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Okanagan, North Thompson, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Okanagan, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

Hunakwa Lake (K41676) – Regional District Columbia Shuswap

- 1 Order issued for all residences within the community of Seymour Arm in the neighbourhood of Tranquility Bay, all properties east of Seymour Arm Bay Road and Seymour River Road at Bughouse Bay and including Tipman Road, Bradley Road and the boat-in only properties.
- A tactical evacuation took place for a portion of the community of Seymour Arm overnight.
- Structure protection is in place as the nearest structure is approximately 100 meters from the fire's edge

Lytton Creek Fire (K71086) - Cook's Ferry Indian Band

- Evacuation Order issued for IR#1, 3, 4, 4b, 4c, 7, 16, 17, 19 Secondly
- Evacuation Alert amended to include IR#6, 8 ,9 ,10, 11, 11a, 18, 19 Firstly, 20 and 22

Nk'Mip Creek Fire (K52061) – Osoyoos Indian Band & Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)

Osoyoos Indian Band

- Evacuation Alert for 177 properties within the Osoyoos Indian Band
- Evacuation Order that was issued now only remains for 32 properties

RDOS

- 1 new evacuation order issued for Electoral Area A.

Shackan Indian Band

- 1 Band Council Resolution (awaiting formal notification)
- 1 Evacuation Order issued for Shackan Reserve IR#11

Thomas Creek Fire (K51794) - Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)

- 1 Alert issued July 21 for 1 property in Electoral Area D

Lytton Fire (K71086) – Cook's Ferry Band, Shackan Band, Nicomen Band, Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)

TNRD

- 6 (+1) alerts, 4 (+1) orders, 1 SOLE
    - Shackan Indian Band: Approx. 40 people
    - Cook's Ferry Indian Band: Approx. 90 people
    - Nicomen Indian Band: Approx. 10 people that stayed in Spence's Bridge area
    - Thompson-Nicola Regional District: Approximately 175 properties (not sure of total population or if some are secondary residences at this time)
- Evacuees will be stopping in Merritt to receive gas cards and will be directed to the Chilliwack Reception Ct
    - Chilliwack has ample staff to receive the evacuees
    - Lodging location will be determined once the evacuees have been registered

Three Valley Lake Fire (K41807) – Regional District of Columbia Shuswap

- Gateway Resort has issued a State of Local Emergency, July 19.
- 1 Alert
- Evacuation order and State of Local Emergency in place for Electoral Area "E", as of July 20.
- The fire continues to grow in very steep terrain, GeoTech is assessing slope stability above Lodge and railway. MOTI is monitoring smoke levels in case the highway needs to be closed due to low visibility. The situation is being monitored closely.

Wiseman Creek (K42078) - Regional District of Columbia Shuswap

- 1 Alert issued for community of Swansea Point including both sides of Highway 97A north to the District of Sicamous boundary.
- Tactical evacuation for 50 properties was conducted.
- 2 Alert, 1 Order, 1 SOLE

- Okanagan Correction Facility on evacuate alert and preparing to evacuate to Maple Ridge and Kamloops as needed.

*Northwest Region*

Camsell Lake Fire (G51748) - Tl'azt'en Nation, Yekooche First Nation & Regional District Bulkley Nechako

- Joint Evacuation Alert rescinded

Bulkley Nechako Regional District

- BCWS recommended Evacuation Order to be downgraded to an Alert and included in the existing Evacuation Alert area
- State of Local Emergency extended for Electoral Area F and C

*Northeast Region*

Punchaw Lake (G11935) and Shesta Lake (G11925) - Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Shesta Lake and Punchaw Area – Electoral Area C July 20, 2021

*Southwest Region*

South of Canim Lake (C41100) - Canim Lake Band

- 35 members of the Canim Lake Band are in commercial lodging in North Vancouver and are being supported by North Shore Emergency Management and Seabird Island First Nations

**Wildfire Supports**

*Evacuation Support*

- The Advanced Planning Unit (APU) is working on:
  - Identifying Indigenous security businesses to assist with site security at mass evacuation facilities
  - Seeking out assistance for Evacuation, Transportation, and Medical Health services from Indigenous organizations
  - Providing insight and guidance as plans are being developed with an Indigenous Cultural Safety & Humility perspective
- APU is also identifying hubs for mass lodging. The following targets have been identified but not confirmed or communicated to local authorities. They will be assessed by BCWS predictive services today:
  - CTL: 2
  - NEA: 1
  - SWE: multiple
  - SEA: discussions with Alberta for cross-border support underway

- Working with Strategic Partnerships to explore options for Indigenous host community hubs

- Emergency Management Mutual Aid (EMMA) request placed with Alberta to provide support of evacuation efforts at the PECC and CTL PREOC

- APU is also identifying subject matter experts from various Ministries to develop operational plans for mass/group lodging, additional sites and transportation options.

- Representatives from the Canadian Red Cross deploying to assist in mass/group lodging management.

*Partnerships*

- First group of 90 CAF personnel and their support team arrive in Vernon late today. Briefings and equipment will be provided over the weekend, ready for tasking by BCWS on Monday July 26. Second group of 90 due to arrive same day (July 26).

- Two Joint Task Force Pacific Regional Liaison Officers (RLOs) have deployed to the Central PREOC to provide in-person CAF liaison support. RLOs will remain embedded in the PREOC, rotating weekly.

- MIRR is working with available information products to update the Province's Profiles of Indigenous People (PIP) tool, to ensure information on impacted nations is available to broader government.

*Donations*

- ADRA and the Coldstream warehouse have been secured until Fall 2021 to deliver physical donation management program for the 2021 BC wildfire season. In the process of preparing facility and staff for opening.

*Agriculture*

- Throughout the Cariboo and Kamloops Fire Centres the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (AFF) Emergency Management desk has received a growing number of requests for emergency hay supplies to feed livestock

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 10,097 (+524) | 8 (+6) | 432 (+53) | 209 (+151) | 178 (+70) | 80 | 2,382 (+413) | 102 (+55) |
| Total Under Alert | 25,110 (+2,386) | 7388 | 737 (+58) | 605 (+206) | 477 (+44) | 336 | 6,333 (+1,627) | 702 (+548) |

- EMBC, AFF, BCWS and the Thompson Nicola Regional District are working together to assess best options for the evacuation/movement of livestock.

- In the Northeast Region, BCWS and AFF liaison working to inform producers of Evacuation Alerts, however, some producers are preferring to shelter in place and request re-entry permits for livestock care and feeding

- AFF is responding to information requests from First Nations, the BC Dairy Association (seeking contact details for all local authorities EOC's in order to expedite requests for support).

- Bulkley Lake Fire (R11557) - producers impacted by this fire with relocated livestock have been informed that they can now return

- Recovery program request from FLNRORD Range Officer to replace fence lines in range areas impacted by wildfire in Central Region

- Staff from Ministry of Agriculture, food and Fisheries (AFF) and FLNRORD are directly supporting the PECC and PREOCs. Additional AFF staff are also providing support with advanced planning and related activities.

*Utilities*

- Number of properties currently without power due to fire related impacts: 100 Mile House (77), Kamloops (78 homes), Lillooet (48), Lytton (277) homes.

*Lytton*

- Highway 1 through Lytton due to reopen soon.

- GlagNico telecommunications tower and equipment destroyed at repeater sites.

- EMBC and Municipal Affairs staff working with Village of Lytton and Lytton First Nation to prepare for the transition from response to recovery.

*Recovery*

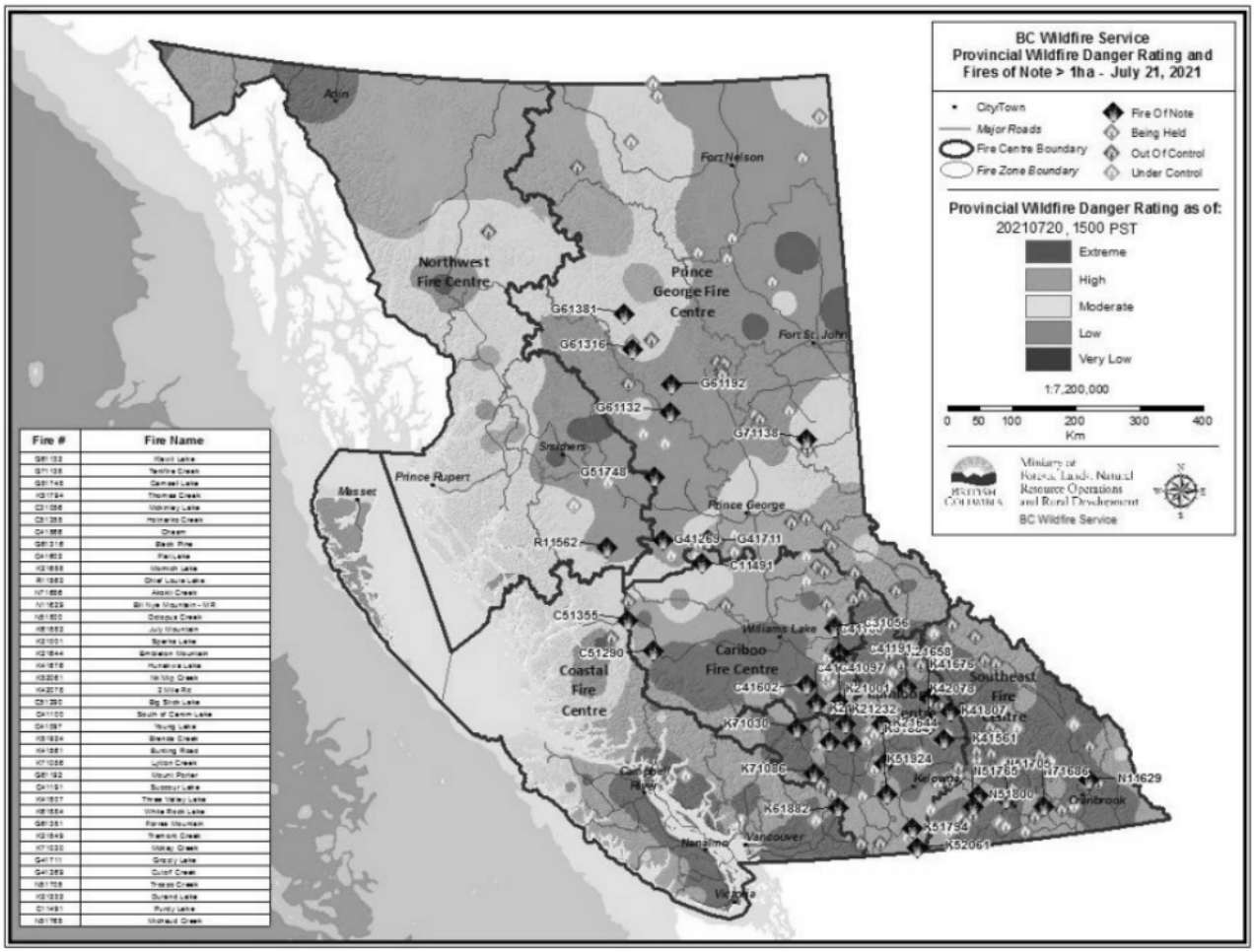
- EMBC held initial call with Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC) - Provincial Disaster Psychosocial program to scope wellness supports available in recovery and share the Mental Health and Wellness Toolkit for community use

- Developing long term staffing strategy for sustained community recovery support at the Provincial and regional levels

- Developing inventory of potential provincial supports to community-led recovery, including a cross-ministry scan of available funding programs

# FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: BC Wildfire Service Daily Wildfire Situation Report – July 21, 2021 14:00 PT



# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – July 22, 2021 17:00 PT

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## July 24, 2021
**Information current as of July 23, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,320 (+127) total personnel (including 1,159 (-26) contactors, and 94 (+30) out of province resources) and 200 (+2) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 277 (+2)
- Wildfires of note: 39 (0)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 21 (+8)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (North, South (Central and Southeast now combined) Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Jul 23, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 25 (-1) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 8 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 57 (-1) | - |
| Approx. properties on order | 4,923 (-161) | - |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 76 (-2) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 16,458 (-1,031) | *+141* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

Garrison Lake Wildfire (K62088) - Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) - CTL Region
- The RDOS issued an Evacuation Alert for 141 properties in Electoral Area H (southwest of Princeton)

Nk'Mip Creek Wildfire (K52061) - Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) - CTL Region
- Overnight evacuation of cattle
- Shaw Cable advised they have lost a fiber connector between Grand Forks and Penticton
- Reports of structures lost (in the process of confirming)

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 21 (0)
    - City of Kamloops (at capacity - unable to accept any additional evacuees at this time), City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Salmon Arm, Shackan Indian Band, Oliver, Coldstream, Sicamous, Anglemont, Chilliwack, Hope, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Quesnel (mobile only), City of Prince George (mobile only), City of Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Nakusp, Castlegar, Midway.

    - Plus, temporarily Penticton Indian Band – July 23

- Evacuees Registered Total: 4,121 (+20)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity 800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 159 (0)

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.

## OVERVIEW:

- Wildfire situation has (briefly) stabilized (albeit at 39 Wildfires of Note), before the return of high temperatures (35+ daytime, 18+ overnight) predicted for the latter part of next week.
- EMBC's success in securing accommodations has enabled BCWS to utilize 3 universities to house firefighters. However, pressure points remain around accommodation and security.
- Advanced Planning Unit is developing a Mass Lodging plan with a scope of capacity for 20,000 evacuees.
- Highway 1 through Lytton has reopened to allow transit of evacuees out of the Nicola Valley. Highway 8 and it is now closed from Spences Bridge to 17km west of Merritt, after fire crossed highway.

### Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- Saturday: Clouds and showers across the central and north coasts and the central and northern BC interior Saturday. For southern regions, mainly sunny and dry conditions will prevail with near seasonal temperatures anticipated Saturday. However, local smoke near wildfires will persist across most of the southern interior in a southwesterly to westerly general flow

- There is an ongoing GOES satellite outage currently impacting weather networks including imaging, weather forecasting and real-time weather data transmission. Plus, 5 weather stations in the Cariboo are currently offline due to wildfire.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 23): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Cariboo, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

- 30-40 inmates have been evacuated from the Okanagan Correctional Facility so far. The facility remains under Alert and the evacuation of additional inmates is possible should the fire threat increase (currently stable).

Osoyoos Indian Band – Nk'Mip Creek Fire (K52061)

- Issued two Evacuation Orders for 151 properties

Nooaitch First Nation – Lytton Creek Fire (K71086)

- Issued Evacuation Alert for IR10, number of properties unknown

Sun Peaks Mountain Resort

- *Rescinded* an Alert for 881 properties

Lytton Creek Fire (K71086) – Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD)

- Spence's Bridge - Evacuation Order for 169 properties issued July 22, 2021.
- Highway 8 closed in both directions due to fire activity.

**Wildfire Supports**

*Evacuation Support*

- 43 evacuees from the Canim Lake Band were in commercial lodging in North Vancouver due to the fire South of Canim Lake (C41100). It has been reported that 9 evacuees have returned home for services (confirmation pending). The remaining 34 evacuees are still being supported by North Shore Emergency Management and Seabird Island First Nations.

- While fire activity remains relatively low in the Southwest Region, Southwest PREOC is currently supporting evacuees from various areas as they arrive in the region; monitoring multiple fires with respect to evacuations and various infrastructure impacts; and, working with PECC Advance Planning Unit (APU) on group lodging planning.

- APU is developing a Mass Lodging plan with a scope of capacity for 20,000 evacuees.

- EMBC is working with MoTI to provide a generic advance plan and process to support community evacuations.

- EMBC is working to disseminate the Tsilhqot'in National Government hub plan with appropriate communication profile

*Partnerships*

- EMBC, acting in a coordination role, has released 3 universities that had been secured for accommodation to BCWS to house firefighters.

- First Nations Emergency Support Services (FNESS) is supporting training requests from Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation (SXFN) (formerly known as Canoe Creek

and Dog Creek) in response to Churn Creek Fire (C21250).

- The Canadian Red Cross is providing staff to support shelter planning (PECC) and recovery (PECC and Central PREOC).

- CAF aircraft used to relocate firefighting vehicles from Fort St. John to Vernon.

*Agriculture*

- AFF Labour Unit met with industry, provincial and federal agencies (including EMBC, WorkSafe BC, Western Area Labour Initiative, AgSafe BC, Service Canada and others) to discuss the issue of Temporary Foreign Workers impacted by Evacuation Alerts and Orders.

- Throughout the Cariboo and Kamloops Fire Centres the AFF EM desk continues to receive requests for an emergency hay supply program and a range rider program.

- Increasing number of requests in the Northeast Region for support for feed support and indicating a loss of pasture and rangelands due to wildfires and wildfire management.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 11,855 (+1,758) | 99 (+91) | 488 (+56) | 287 (+78) | 183 (+5) | 82 (+2) | 2428 (+46) | 102 |
| Total Under Alert | 21,693 (-3,417) | 7,300 (-88) | 684 (-53) | 459 (-146) | 474 (-3) | 332 (-4) | 6,382 (+49) | 702 (+2) |

- Evacuation order in Edgewood area impacting several livestock premises (milk pickup, feed delivery). AFF, SEA PREOC, Local Authority and other relevant agencies assessing options to address dairy producer sheltering in place who is having to dump milk since pickup service will not enter Evacuation Order area.

*Utilities*

- Number of properties currently without power due to fire related impacts: 100 Mile House (77), Kamloops (11 (-67)), Lillooet (48), Lytton (277) homes.

*Lytton*

- ADM Tara Faganello (MUNI) meeting with the Village of Lytton Mayor and Council to help support recovery efforts, including roles and responsibilities of local government.

- EMBC is establishing Lytton and Lytton First Nation specific Provincial Community Recovery Team to provide sustained support to community led recovery efforts.

- Canadian Red Cross personnel have joined Lytton First Nations EOC, Village of Lytton EOC and Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (Osoyoos First Nations) EOC.

- Highway 1 through Lytton has reopened to allow transit of evacuees out of the Nicola Valley.

- BC Hydro is currently rebuilding the power lines in the Botanie Area and should have power by Wednesday. Also, working to supply power to the sewer plant on the north end of Lytton.

# FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

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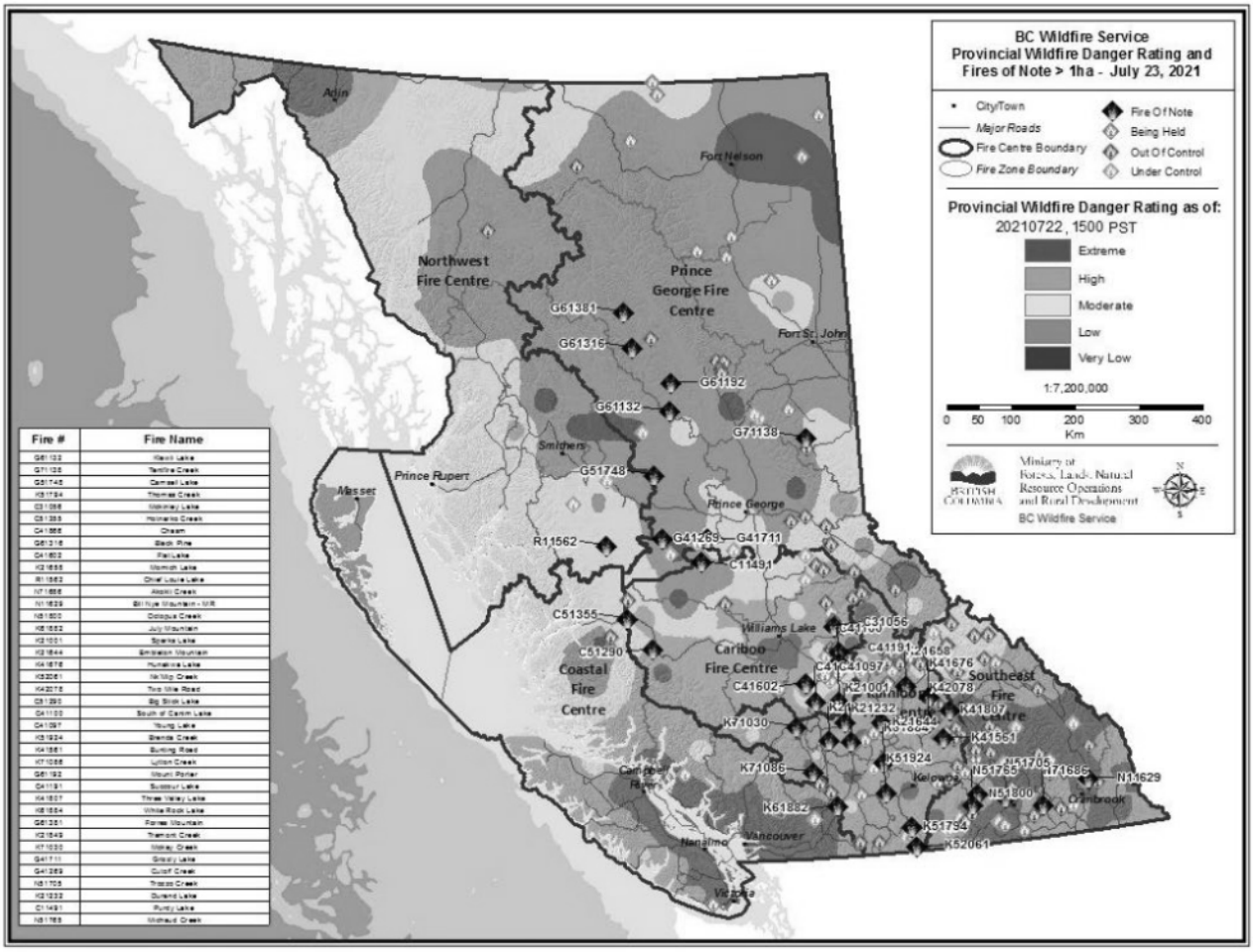


# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – July 23, 2021 17:00 PT

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## July 25, 2021
**Information current as of July 24, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,278 (-42) total personnel (including 1,131 (-28) contactors, and 72 (-22) out of province resources) and 191 (-9) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 261 (-16)
- Wildfires of note: 39 (0)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 11 (-10)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (North, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Jul 24, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 26 (+1) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 8 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 58 (+1) | *+2* |
| Approx. properties on order | 4,403 (-524) | *4* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 81 (-+5) | *+2* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 17,489 (+1,031) | *Unknown* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

Lytton Creek Wildfire (K71086) – Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) - CTL Region
- The TNRD issued an Evacuation Alert in Electoral Area I (Blue Sky Country). # of properties unknown.
- District of Logan Lake issued an Evacuation Alert. # of properties unknown.

McKay Creek Wildfire (K71030) – Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) - CTL Region
- The TNRD issued an Evacuation Order in Electoral Area E (Bonaparte Plateau) for 2 properties.

Garrison Lake Wildfire (K62088) – Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) - CTL Region
- The RDOS issued an Evacuation Order in Electoral Area H for 2 properties.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 21 (0)
    - City of Kamloops (at capacity - unable to accept any additional evacuees at this time), City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Salmon Arm, Shackan Indian Band, Oliver, Coldstream, Sicamous, Anglemont, Chilliwack, Hope, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Quesnel (mobile only), City of Prince George (mobile only), City of Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Nakusp, Castlegar, Midway.

    - Plus, temporarily Boundary – July 24, 2021

- Evacuees Registered Total: 4,121 (0)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 5 (+1) – max. capacity >800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 159 (0)

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.

## OVERVIEW:

- Wildfire situation has (briefly) stabilized (albeit at 39 Wildfires of Note), before the return of high temperatures (35+ daytime, 18+ overnight) next week.
- EMBC developing approach to directly support a Cultural Safety and Humility harm reduction approach during the Evacuation, Transportation, and Reception centres processes.
- The Chief Administrative Officer and Recovery Manager for the Village of Lytton have expressed their appreciation of EMBC's support.

### Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- Sunday: Showers continue over the central and north coasts and spread into the central interior. For southern regions, mainly sunny and dry conditions will prevail with near seasonal temperatures anticipated this weekend. However, local smoke near wildfires will persist across most of the Kamloops and Southeast Fire Centres.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 23): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Cariboo, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

### New Evacuations

*Central Region*

Regional District Central Okanagan – Brenda Creek Fire (K51924)

- Evacuation Order issued for Electoral Area C for 2 properties

Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen

- Issued an Evacuation Alert for Electoral Area H for 141 properties

Town of Osoyoos – Nk'Mip Creek Fire (K52061)

- Issued one Alert on July 20 for 240 properties

*Northeast Region*

- Rescinded Evacuation Order for Canim Lake South to Mahood Lake Area replaced by an Alert for the same area. Cariboo Regional District has been advised to complete geotech assessment of steep slope above houses. MOTI aware of risk to road.

*Southeast Region*

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Nk'Mip Creek Fire (K52061)

- Issued one Evacuation Order for properties in Electoral Area E at Mt. Baldy Ski Resort extending east to include Conkle Lake Provincial Park for 126 properties (~500 people) (with an estimated 20-30-year round homes at Mt. Baldy).

**Wildfire Supports**

*Evacuation Support*

- EMBC is developing an approach for an Indigenous Peace Officers Task Force (IPOTF) to meet the request of First Nations Leadership Council to seek out non-traditional peace officer services during evacuation requirements. Intent is for the IPOTF along with an Indigenous Ambassador Service and Indigenous Security Service to directly support a Cultural Safety and Humility harm reduction approach during the Evacuation, Transportation, and Reception centres processes.

*Partnerships*

- Federal RCMP resources have been released for assisting with ensuring security in communities under evacuation order or alert, including checkpoints. However, the RCMP will not be directly involved in responding to evacuation alerts at the time of implementation. An RCMP representative will be joining the PECC.

*Agriculture*

- Central Region has received, via FLNRORD, retroactive inquiries for evacuation support from cattle ranchers that evacuated cattle from Nk'Mip Fire.

- Increasing number of livestock operations impacted by fire and reports of livestock sheltering in place on farm/ranch properties or alternate range tenure areas.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 12,132 (+277) | 259 (+160) | 507 (+19) | 278 (-9) | 197 (+14) | 82 | 2,466 (+38) | 612 (+510) |
| Total Under Alert | 21,523 (-170) | 7,140 (-160) | 673 (-11) | 518 (+59) | 460 (-14) | 382 (+50) | 6,344 (-38) | 204 (-498) |

*Estimated numbers

- Evacuation order in Edgewood area impacting several livestock premises (milk pickup, feed delivery). AFF, SEA PREOC, Local Authority and other relevant agencies assessing options to address dairy producer sheltering in place who is having to dump milk since pickup service will not enter Evacuation Order area.

*Utilities*

- Shaw outage due to Nk'Mip Fire has disrupted internet services in the Regional District Kootenay Boundary, including the Midway reception centre. Evacuees being registered manually.

- Number of properties currently without power due to fire related impacts: 100 Mile House (77), Kamloops (11), Lillooet (48), Lytton (277), Lytton West (228), Cache Creek (<24) homes.

*Lytton*

- Partial outage of Lyttonnet telecoms – assessing damage and working to restore full services to Lytton.

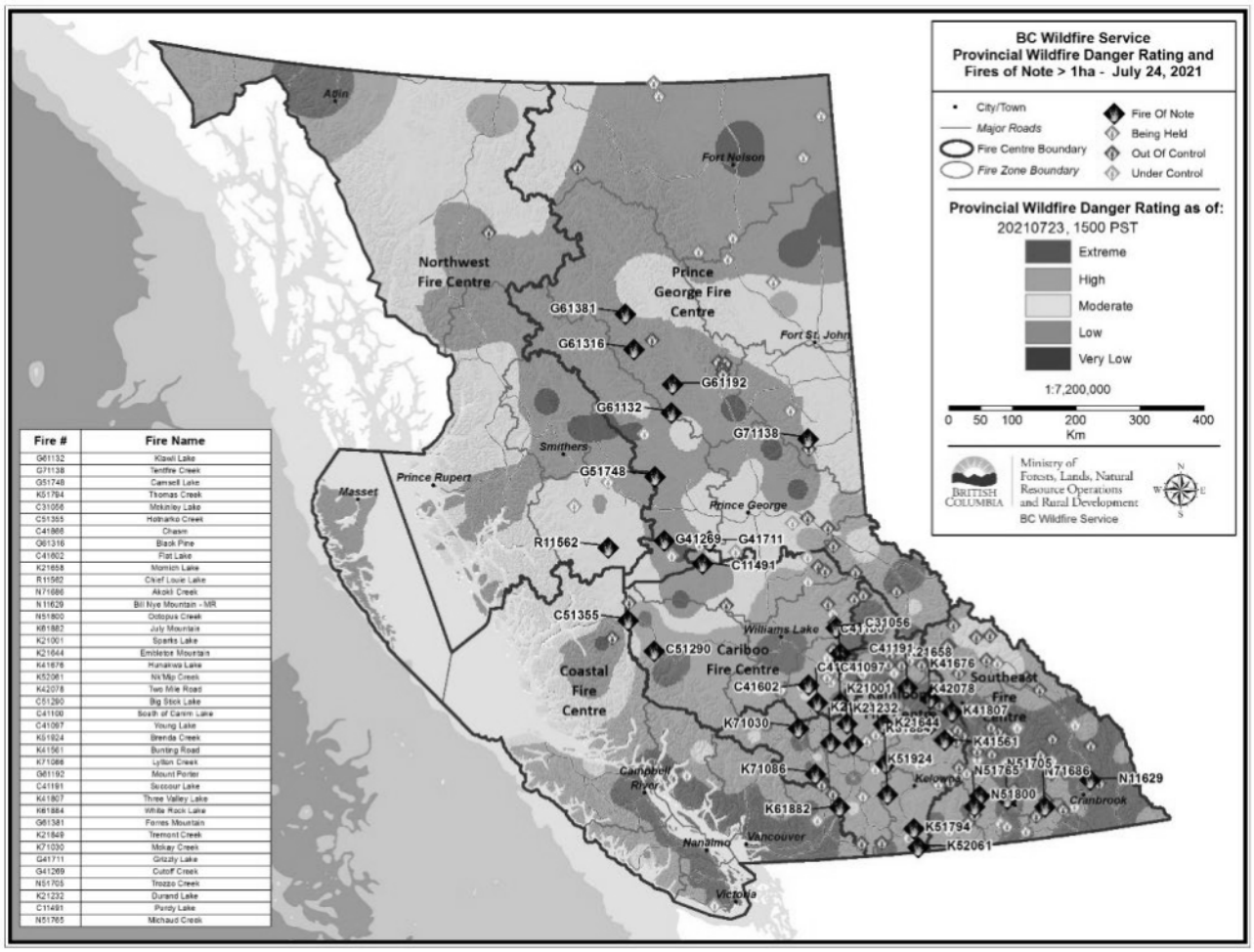
- ADM Madeline Maley (EMBC) met with Chief Administrative Officer and Recovery Manager for the Village of Lytton – expressed their appreciation for EMBC's supports.

- EMBC is establishing Lytton and Lytton First Nation specific Provincial Community Recovery Team to provide sustained support to community led recovery efforts.

- BC Hydro is currently rebuilding the power lines in the Botanie Area and should have power by Wednesday. Also, working to supply power to the sewer plant on the north end of Lytton.

# FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: BC Wildfire Service Daily Wildfire Situation Report – July 24, 2021 13:00 PT



# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – July 24, 2021 17:00 PT

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## July 26, 2021
**Information current as of July 25, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,466 (+188) total personnel (including 1,214 (+83) contactors, and 94 (+22) out of province resources) and 180 (-11) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 258 (-3)
- Wildfires of note: 40 (+1)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 9 (-2)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (North, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Jul 25, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 26 (0) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 8 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 58 (0) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on order | 4,260 (-143) | *+1* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 83 (+2) | - |
| Approx. properties on alert | 17,684 (+195) | - |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

Tremont Creek Wildfire (K21849) – Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) - CTL Region

- The TNRD issued an Evacuation Order in Electoral Area I (Blue Sky Country) for one property.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 20 (-1)
    - 100 Mile House, Anglemont, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Hope, City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Midway, Nakusp, Oliver, City of Prince George, City of Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Williams Lake.

- Evacuees Registered Total: 4,909 (+788)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 5 (0) – max. capacity >800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 196 (+37)

**NOTES:**
- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.

# OVERVIEW:

- The interface fire situation in the province is ongoing. There are now approximately 4,260 properties on Evacuation Order and 17,684 properties on Evacuation Alert.
- Due to volume of evacuees the City of Kamloops Reception Centre has, for the time being, switched to billeting only.
- The one hundred firefighters who arrived from Mexico on Saturday are expected join suppression efforts on the Nk'Mip Creek wildfire today.
- Increasingly high temperatures (35+ daytime, 18+ overnight) with possible heat warnings are anticipated this week, and likely causing an increase in fire activity.

### Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- A chance of lightning across the Prince George Fire Centre. Closer to the low, rain falls along the north coast. Little change in temperatures or RHs. On Tuesday, an upper low fills and ejects a trough across northern B.C., triggering scattered showers and possible lighting. The south remains hot and dry. Subtropical moisture may enter the picture in the Southern Interior.

- Models currently suggest a stable, high ridge is building across the southern half of the province. Though this stable system will likely result in fewer new ignitions, temperatures will remain high and existing wildfires will continue to burn steadily. The lack of wind may result in significant stagnant smoke.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 25): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Cariboo (South), Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Okanagan, North Thompson, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

### New Evacuations
*Central Region*

District of Logan Lake – Lytton Creek Fire (K17086)
- Issued an Evacuation Alert, number of properties unknown

Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)
- Issued an Evacuation Order in Electoral Area H for 2 properties

Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)

- Issued an Evacuation Order in Electoral Area E (Bonaparte Plateau) for 2 properties
- Issued an Evacuation Alert in Electoral Area I (Blue Sky Country), number of properties unknown
- Downgraded an Order to an Evacuation Alert in Electoral Area E (Bonaparte Plateau) for 5
- properties
- Rescinded an Evacuation Alert in Electoral Area M (Beautiful Nicola Valley – North) for 3 properties
- Rescinded all Evacuation Order & Evacuation Alerts for the Durand Lake Wildfire in Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country). The Durrand Lake Wildfire is no longer considered a Wildfire of Note.

*Southeast Region*

Two fires have been reclassed as Wildfires of Note -

- Cultus Creek (N71245) – Evacuation order already in effect (Regional District of Central Kootenay)
- Mineral Creek (N22147) currently subject only to an area restriction to support fire fighting efforts.

**Wildfire Supports**

*Evacuation Support*

- Nothing new to report.

*Partnerships*

- Approximately 180 members of the CAF Land Task Force (LTF) are on-site at Camp Vernon. 90 will soon be assigned through BCWS, the remainder are support and sustainment personnel who will prepare second group of 90 to join firefighting efforts early this week.

*Direct Relief*

- *Direct relief of $1000 per person will be provided to evacuees of the Village of Lytton and Lytton First Nation. In addition, $600 per person will be provided to evacuees under order for over 10 days. This funding will be administered by the Canadian Red Cross and will be announced early this week.*

*Agriculture*

- Fires near Osoyoos and Lytton spread somewhat overnight. Significant agriculture values in immediate proximity to alert/order areas in addition to within alert/order areas.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 12,132 | 259 | 507 | 278 | 197 | 82 | 2,466 | 612 |
| Total Under Alert | 19,710 (-1,813) | 7,140 | 622 (-51) | 518 | 458 (-2) | 382 | 6,292 (-52) | 174 (-30) |

*Estimated numbers

- Evacuation order in Edgewood area impacting several livestock premises (milk pickup, feed delivery). AFF, SEA PREOC, Local Authority and other relevant agencies assessing options to pick-up milk from dairy producer under Evacuation Order area. Milk transporter reiterated they will not risk trucks, staff and insurance coverage to enter evacuation order area

*Utilities*

- Shaw outage due to Nk'Mip Fire has disrupted internet services in the Regional District Kootenay Boundary, including the Midway reception centre. Evacuees being registered manually.

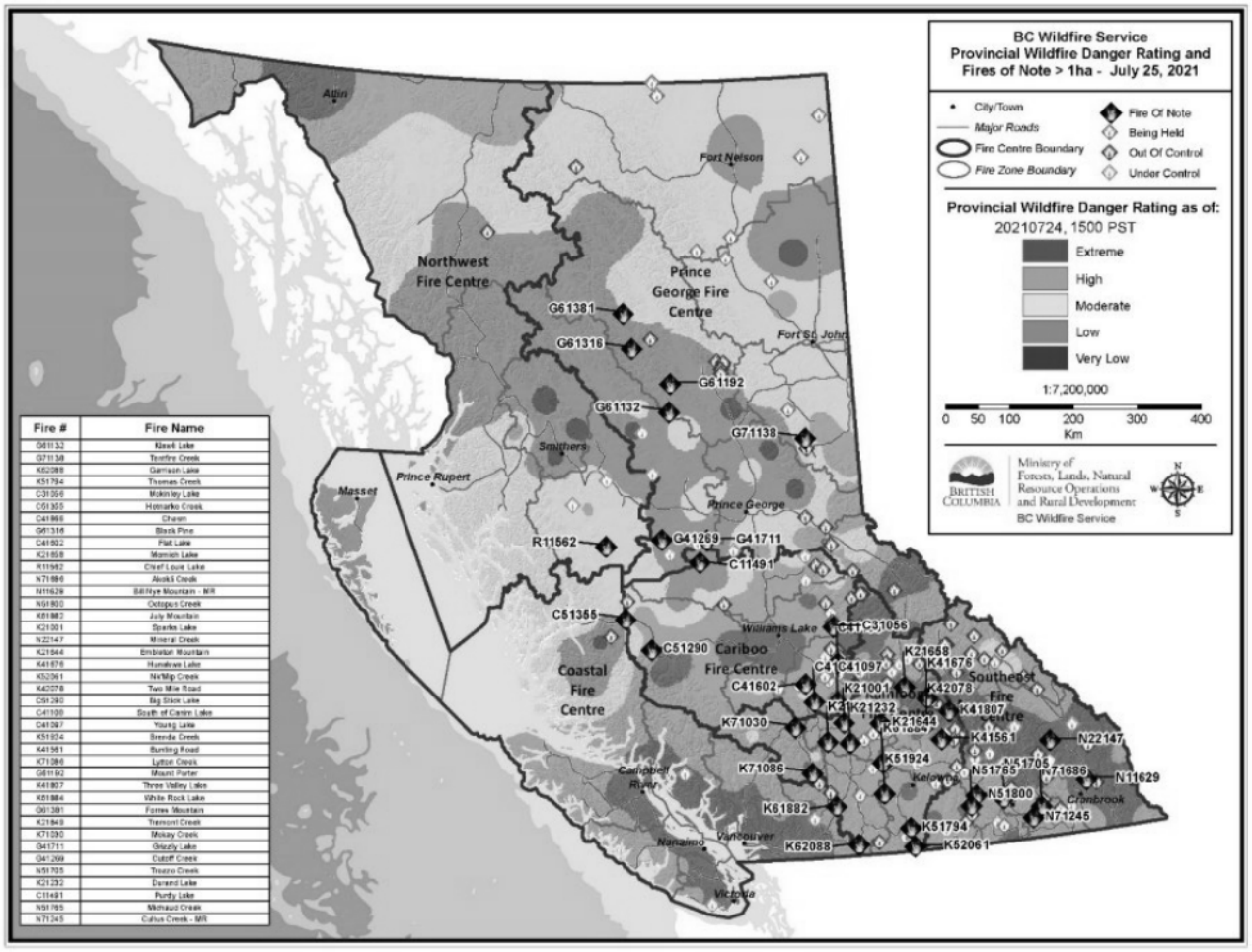
- Number of properties currently without power due to fire related impacts: 100 Mile House (77), Kamloops (11), Lillooet (48), Lytton (277), Lytton West (228), Cache Creek (<24) homes.

*Lytton*

- BC Hydro is currently rebuilding the power lines in the Botanie Area and should have power by Wednesday. Also, working to supply power to the sewer plant on the north end of Lytton.

# FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: BC Wildfire Service Daily Wildfire Situation Report – July 26, 2021 13:15 PT



# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – July 25, 2021 17:00 PT

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## July 27, 2021
**Information current as of July 26, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,558 (+92) total personnel (including 1,252 (+38) contactors, and 208 (+114) out of province resources) and 190 (+10) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 260 (+2)
- Wildfires of note: 39 (-1)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 15 (+6)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (North, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Jul 26, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 27 (+1) | *+1* |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 8 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 61 (+3) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on order | 3,713 (-547) | *Unknown* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 85 (+2) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 18,234 (+550) | *Unknown* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

Sparks Lake Wildfire (K21001) – Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) - CTL Region
- The TNRD issued an Evacuation Alert in Electoral Area I and J, in the Deadman-Cache Creek Road area.

Thomas Creek Wildfire (K51794) – Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) – NWE Region
- The RDOS declared a State of Local Emergency in Electoral Area D and issued an Evacuation Order.

Highway 1 Closure – From Lytton to 9km south of Cache Creek
- Highway is closed to facilitate BC Wildfire Service activities.
- To be reassessed in the morning, next update at 8:00.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 21 (+1)
    - 100 Mile House, Anglemont, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Hope, City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Midway, Nakusp, Oliver, City of Prince George, City of Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Williams Lake.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 5,086 (+177)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 6 (+1) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 237 (+41)

| | CTL | NWE | NEA | SEA | SWE | VICCR | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reception Centers | 10 (+1) | - | 4 | 3 | 4 | - | 21 (+1) |
| Evacuees Registered | 2,633 (+101) | 59 (+3) | 1,631 | 91 | 672 (+73) | - | 5,086 (+177) |
| Group Lodging Facilities | 4 | - | - | - | 2 (+1) | - | 6 (+1) |
| Evacuees in Group Lodging | 151 (+37) | - | - | - | 86 (+4) | - | 237 (+41) |
| Regional Max Group Lodging Capacity | 540 | - | - | - | 260 | - | 800 |
| Evacuees in Commercial Lodging | - | - | 6 (+6) | - | 306 (-4) | - | 312 (+2) |
| Commercial Lodging Rooms in Use | - | - | - | - | 222 (+1) | - | 222 (+1) |
| Evacuees Billeted | - | - | - | - | 51 | - | 51 |

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL – Prince George:

**City of Prince George -** Task #221506

- **Incident:** ESS activated for wildfires
- **Alerts:** 0
- **Orders:** 0
- **State of Local Emergency:** 0
- **Homes Alerted:** 0
- **Homes Evacuated:** 0
- **Reception Centre(s):** 1; (CN Centre - 2187 Ospika Blvd, Prince George)
- **Individuals Registered with ESS:** 9 (-20)
- ESS team will meet evacuees at CN Centre to register them
- Capacity available at reception centre

**Commented [LCE1]:** No new sites listed. Question with PECC Planning1.

## OVERVIEW:

- Thirty-four firefighting personnel from Australia will arrive in B.C. today to support wildfire suppression efforts.
- Precipitation in the north of the Province is offering 8-9 days of reprieve north of Quesnel. However, fire risk remains high to extreme over most of southern B.C.
- Increasingly high temperatures (35+ daytime, 18+ overnight) with possible heat warnings are anticipated this week, and will likely cause an increase in fire activity.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Tuesday: Scattered showers and possible lighting expected across Northern B.C. The south remains hot and dry. Subtropical moisture may enter the picture in the Southern Interior.

- Models currently suggest a stable, high ridge is building across the southern half of the province. Though this stable system will likely result in fewer new ignitions, temperatures will remain high and existing wildfires will continue to burn steadily. The lack of wind may result in significant stagnant smoke.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 26): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Cariboo, Central Okanagan, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Okanagan, North Thompson, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Okanagan, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)

- Issued an Evacuation Alert AND an Evacuation Order for Electoral Area L Grasslands for 3 properties
- Extended SOLE's for Electoral Area E, I, O until August 3, 2021
- Extended SOLE's for Electoral Area N, J until August 3, 2021

Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)

- Rescinded the Order for Electoral Area C and replaced with an Evacuation Alert
- Extended SOLE for Electoral Area C to August 2, 2021

Oregon Jack Creek - Tremont Creek Wildfire (K21849)

- Evacuation Order reduced to an Alert

Regional District Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)

- Evacuation Order for Electoral Area E was amended to keep 7 properties on Evacuation Order, and downgrade 527 properties to Evacuation Alert

Town of Osoyoos activated - Nk'Mip Fire (K52061)

- Extended SOLE to August 3, 2021

Village of Lytton – Lytton Fire Complex (K71086)

- Extended SOLE's for Electoral Area H to August 4, 2021, and for Electoral Area I to August 3, 2021

*Northeast Region*

Ulkatcho First Nation - Big Stick Lake Fire (C51290)

- Evacuees returning home July 26 and 27

*Southeast Region*

Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK)

- Extended a SOLE for EA E&C until August 3, 2021

*Southwest Region*

Cook's Ferry Band - Lytton Creek Complex Wildfire (K71086)

- Evacuated, registered with the Chilliwack Reception Centre and placed into commercial lodging

Nicomen Band - Lytton Creek Complex Wildfire (K71086)

- Evacuated, registered with the Chilliwack Reception Centre and placed into commercial lodging

**Wildfire Supports**

*Evacuation Support*

- Central PREOC engaging local governments to enhance understanding around the impacts of, and services that need to be in place when, rescinding/downgrading evacuation orders.

*Partnerships*

- Thirty-four firefighting personnel from Australia will arrive in B.C. today to support wildfire suppression efforts. Out-of-province firefighting personnel in B.C. as of today (July 27).
    - Australia: 34
    - Mexico: 101
    - Quebec: 134
    - Alberta: 61
    - Nova Scotia: one
    - Parks Canada: 17
    - Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC): one
    - Canadian Armed Forces: approximately 90 as of July 23 (increasing to 250 by July 28)

- CAF aircraft used to transport personnel from Port Alberni to Kamloops, to deploy first group of Land Task Force from Camp Vernon to the Thomas Creek Fire and to provide aerial familiarization of White Rock Lake fire to Agency representatives.

*Agriculture*

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 12,132 | 259 | 507 | 278 | 197 | 82 | 2,466 | 612 |
| Total Under Alert | 19,710 | 7,140 | 622 | 518 | 458 | 382 | 6,292 | 174 |

*Estimated numbers

- The evacuation of livestock, or the reluctance to, has potential impacts for temporary foreign workers. AFF Labour Unit engaged/working to address.

- Evacuation order in Edgewood area impacting several livestock premises (milk pickup, feed delivery). AFF, SEA PREOC, Local Authority and other relevant agencies assessing options to pick-up milk from dairy producer under Evacuation Order area. Milk transporter reiterated they will not risk trucks, staff and insurance coverage to enter evacuation order area

*Utilities*

- Shaw outage due to Nk'Mip Fire has disrupted internet services in the Regional District Kootenay Boundary, including the Midway reception centre. Evacuees being registered manually.

- Number of properties currently without power due to fire related impacts: 100 Mile House (77), Kamloops (11), Lillooet (48), Lytton West (228), Cache Creek (<24) homes. Power has been restored to the 277 properties in Lytton.

*Lytton*

- EMBC has established a Lytton and Lytton First Nation specific recovery team in the Central region. The broad objective of this team is to support community led recovery for the impacted area and act as a sustained Provincial point of contact for community.

- EMBC is supporting Lytton and Lytton First Nation as they begin work on their cost recovery plans under the Disaster Financial Assistance program.

- BC Hydro is currently rebuilding the power lines in the Botanie Area and should have power by Wednesday. Also, working to supply power to the sewer plant on the north end of Lytton. Power has been restored to the 277 properties Lytton East of Hwy 12 due to wildfire.

## FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

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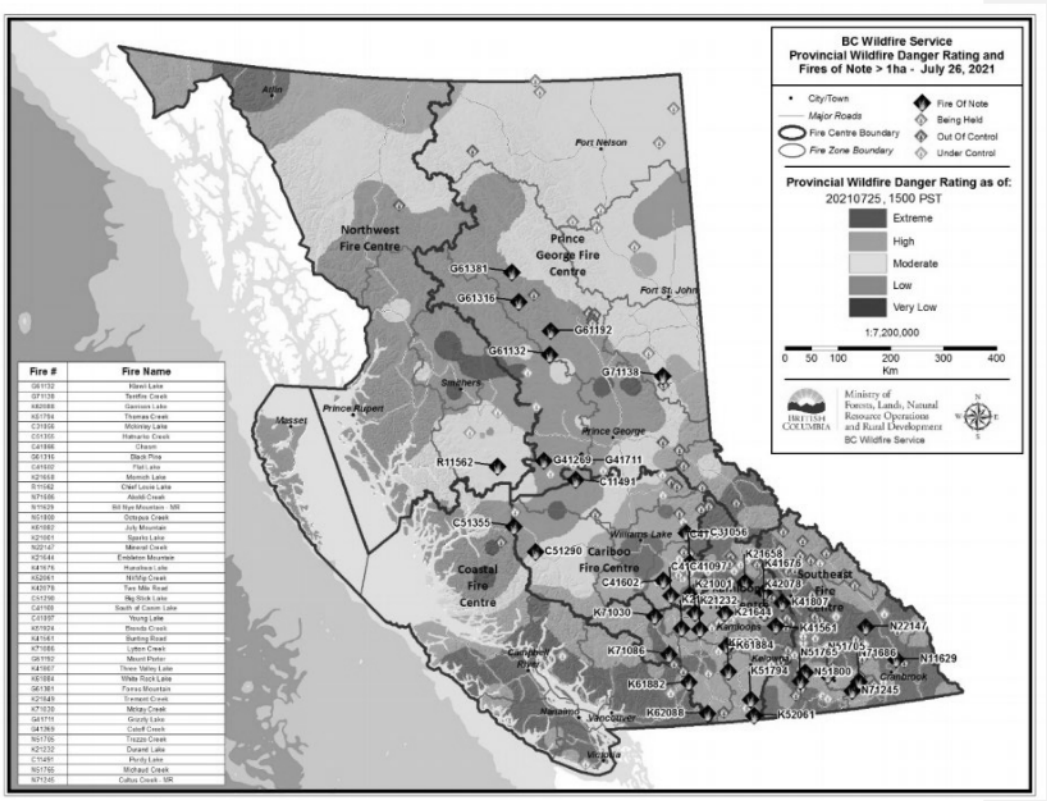



| Fire # | Fire Name |
|---|---|
| G61132 | Klaeli Lake |
| G71138 | Teetlit Creek |
| K62088 | Garnock Lake |
| K51794 | Thomas Creek |
| C31056 | Mckinley Lake |
| C01355 | Klahanie Creek |
| C41866 | Chasm |
| G61316 | Black Pine |
| C41602 | Flat Lake |
| K21658 | Mamich Lake |
| R11562 | Chief Louie Lake |
| N71686 | Abbott Creek |
| N11629 | Bill Rye Mountain - MR |
| N51809 | Ootsjuk Creek |
| K61882 | July Mountain |
| K21061 | Sparks Lake |
| N22147 | Mineral Creek |
| K21644 | Embleton Mountain |
| K41675 | Horsefoot Lake |
| K52061 | Nithlip Creek |
| K43078 | Two Mile Road |
| C51290 | Big Stick Lake |
| C41109 | South of Comm Lake |
| C41807 | Young Lake |
| K51924 | Brenda Creek |
| K41561 | Barling Road |
| K71086 | Lytton Creek |
| G61192 | Mount Porter |
| K41867 | Three Valley Lake |
| K61884 | White Rock Lake |
| G61381 | Pavas Mountain |
| K21643 | Tremont Creek |
| K71030 | Mckay Creek |
| G61711 | Grizzly Lake |
| G41269 | Cutoff Creek |
| N51705 | Trezzo Creek |
| K21232 | Durand Lake |
| C11491 | Perdy Lake |
| N51765 | Mothaud Creek |
| N71345 | Callus Creek - MR |

## EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – July 26, 2021 17:00 PT

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## July 28, 2021
**Information current as of July 27, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,650 (+92) total personnel (including 1,176 (-76) contactors, and 318 (+110) out of province resources) and 194 (+4) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 253 (-7)
- Wildfires of note: 38 (-1)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 13 (-2)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (North, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Jul 27, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 27 (0) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 8 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 63 (+2) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on order | 3,375 (-338) | *+45* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 93 (+8) | - |
| Approx. properties on alert | 18,065 (-170) | - |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

Bill Nye Mountain Wildfire (N11629) – Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) - SEA Region

- Evacuation Alert to an Evacuation Order for 45 properties in the Lazy Lake area.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 20 (-1)
    - 100 Mile House, Anglemont, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Hope, City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Midway, Nakusp, Oliver, City of Prince George, City of Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Williams Lake.

- Evacuees Registered Total: 5,916 (+875)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 6 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 161 (-76)

| | CTL | NWE | NEA | SEA | SWE | VICCR | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reception Centers* | 10 | - | 4 | 2 (-1) | 4 | - | 20 (-1)* |
| Evacuees Registered | 3,433 (+800) | 59 (+3) | 1,683 (+52) | 91 | 695 (+23) | - | 5,961 (+875) |
| Group Lodging Facilities | 4 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 6 |
| Evacuees in Group Lodging | 80 (-71) | - | - | - | 81 (-5) | - | 161 (-76) |
| Regional Max Group Lodging Capacity* | 540 | - | - | - | 260 | - | 800* |
| Evacuees in Commercial Lodging | - | - | 6 | - | 267 (-39) | - | 273 (-39) |
| Commercial Lodging Rooms in Use | - | - | - | - | 222 | - | 222 |

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL – Prince George:

**City of Prince George -** Task #221506

- **Incident:** ESS activated for wildfires
- **Alerts:** 0
- **Orders:** 0
- **State of Local Emergency:** 0
- **Homes Alerted:** 0
- **Homes Evacuated:** 0
- **Reception Centre(s):** 1; (CN Centre - 2187 Ospika Blvd, Prince George)
- **Individuals Registered with ESS:** 9
- ESS team will meet evacuees at CN Centre to register them
- Capacity available at reception centre

## OVERVIEW:

- Over the next 24 hours heat warnings will come into effect until Sunday for the lower mainland including East Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley. High daytime and overnight temperatures expected across the Southern part of the province.
- Meanwhile, Buildup Index values being reported in the Kamloops, Southeast and Cariboo Fire Centres are record high for this time of year. Some all-time record values are being reported.
- The Buildup Index rating is an estimate of the total amount of fuel available for combustion on the landscape. It takes into account the fuel's moisture content, since that can affect fire intensity.
- Campfire Ban is being lifted in the Prince George Fire Centre at noon (July 28).
- Visit from Federal Minister Bill Blair today including meeting with representatives from EMBC and BCWS in Kamloops.

### Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- Wednesday: Cooler, cloudier weather with scattered showers expected over Haida Gwaii and the North coast. Drying, warming trend ongoing across the South as ridge of high pressure system continues to strengthen. Temperatures to reach mid-30s in the Southwest and Thompson-Okanagan.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 27): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Central Okanagan, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon (South), Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Okanagan, North Thompson, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Okanagan, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Heat Warning in effect for**: East Vancouver Island, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Howe Sound, Metro Vancouver, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast.

- **Special Weather Statement (Heat)** in effect for: 100 Mile, Boundary, East Kootenay, East Vancouver Island, Fraser Valley, Greater Victoria, Howe Sound, Inland Vancouver Island, Kootenay Lake, Metro Vancouver, Nicola, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast, West Kootenay, and Whistler.

### New Evacuations

*Central Region*

**Regional District Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)** – Two Mile Wildfire (K42078)

- Evacuation Order for Sicamous Creek Mobile Home Park plus 7 nearby properties.
- Evacuation Alerts for all residences within the District of Sicamous that lie to the south of the Trans-Canada Highway, south of Stadnicki Rd, and east of Sicamous Narrows and Mara Lake, including those areas east of Highway 97A southward to and including the community of Swansea Point in Electoral Area "E" as well as Two Mile Creek Area and Electoral Area "E" and the community of Swansea Point including both sides of Hwy 97A north to the District of Sicamous boundary

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**
Sparks Lake Fire (K21001)
- Evacuation alert (# of properties unknown)

White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Evacuation order (11 properties)
- Evacuation alert for Electoral Area “L” (277 properties)

Tremont Creek Fire (K21849)
- Evacuation order for Electoral Area “I” (44 properties)
- Evacuation alert Electoral area “I” and “J” (509 properties)
- Evacuation order rescinded on July 26, 2021 for order issued July 17, 2021 at 2100 for 60 properties in Electorial area “I”

**Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**
Thomas Creek Fire (K51794)
- Evacuation Order for 8 rural properties in Electoral Area “D

Nk’Mip Creek Fire (K52061)
- Evacuation Alert for 23 properties in Schedule 1 of Electoral area “C”

**Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO)**
Bunting Road Fire (K51924)
- Area of Evacuation Order extended, plus additional Evacuation Alert.

White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Evacuation Order for North, East and including Pinaus Lake, running South to include Bouleau Lake, east and south of Bouleau Lake and west to the TNRD areas of alert and order (south and parallel to Salmon River FSR)
- Evacuation Alert for east of Thompson Nicola Rd and Columbia Shuswap Rd (CSRD), North of Central Okanagan Rd, west of Okanagan Indian Band IR#1 and south of CSRD in Electoral Area “B”

**Nicomen Indian Band** - Lytton Creek Fire (K71086)
- Evacuation Alert for Community of Nicomen IR#1

**Village of Cache Creek** - Tremont Creek Fire (K21849)
- Evacuation Alert rescinded.

*Northeast Region*

**Cariboo Regional District**
- Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for Big Stick Area #3
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for the Anahim Lake Area

**Tsay Keh Dene Nation** - Black Pine Fire (G61316)
- Evacuation Order rescinded (6 properties)

*Southeast Region*

**Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK**)
Cultus Creek Fire (N71245)

- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for Cultus Creek Electoral Area "A"

Michaud Creek Fire (N51765)

- Evacuation Order downgraded to Alert for Electoral Area "J" & "K"

**Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK**)

- Evacuation Order downgraded to Alert for Lakit Creek FSR in Electoral area "E" (2 properties)

*Southwest Region*

**Canim Lake Band** - South of Canim Lake (C41100)

- 39 evacuees from the Canim Lake Band returned home

**Wildfire Supports**

*Evacuation Support*

- EMBC is closely monitoring the White Rock Lake Fire Evacuation Alert (across Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Columbia Shuswap Regional District and Regional District of North Okanagan) impacting an estimated 3,000 individuals, especially in light of COVID-19 outbreak in Kelowna.

- EMBC is supporting the operationalization of Indigenous Peace Officer supports for evacuation, and finalizing distribution of the Tŝilhqot'in National Government - created Group Lodging Hub process.

- The Wildfire Mass Evacuation Strategic Plan is being finalized for Ministerial review on Thursday (July 29). The Advanced Planning Unit (APU) is also exploring cross-boarder evacuation options.

*Donations*

- EMBC is, with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), completing the installation and opening phase of the physical donations warehouse. Truck deliveries of collected donations are now being received at the site.

- Continuing to monitor and respond to donations coming into PECC; examples of accepted/solicited donations include:
    - Salvation Army and Foodbanks BC are supporting surrounding areas of Lytton
    - Group Lodging in Kamloops was set up over the weekend with support from Helicopters without Borders in collaboration with Soap for Hope to deliver bedding
    - Pet supplies for domestic pets and livestock offers directed to BCSPCA
    - Offers of boarding are being directed to https://www.airbnb.org/
    - Farmland and RV camping offers sent to Central PREOC & APU for consideration
    - Gas card offers to United Way for distribution to RCs

- Continuing to proactively message the preference for financial donations, over physical.

*Partnerships*

- EMBC has engaged with Search and Rescue (SAR) groups in the Central, Southeast, and Northeast regions to understand capacity and opportunities for collaboration.

- EMBC hosted first meeting of Indigenous Agency Working Group including representatives from the First Nations Leadership Council, FNESS, BCWS, to help ensure coordinated supports to First Nations communities.

- Canadian Red Cross personnel supporting at reception centre in Coldstream (RDNO) which reopened July 26. Mobile unit in Ponderosa is providing support to residents as they re-enter area.

*Agriculture*

- The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (AFF) and EMBC are currently finalizing an Emergency Hay Feed Program for producers impacted by feed losses and the movement of livestock as well as a Range Rider Program to support livestock round up in areas impacted by wildfires.

- AFF is working closely with Cariboo Regional District agriculture liaison to assist two producers inquiring about relocation and emergency hay assistance. A second agriculture liaison has been requested by the CRD and once in place will be working closely with AFF to assist producers impacted by feed losses and movement of livestock.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 4,336 | 99 | 331 | 250 | 138 | 52 | 1,165 | 62 |
| Total Under Alert | 24,522 | 170 | 717 | 540 | 503 | 412 | 7,525 | 724 |

*Estimated numbers

- Evacuation order in Edgewood area impacting several livestock premises (milk pickup, feed delivery). AFF, SEA PREOC, Local Authority and other relevant agencies assessing options to pick-up milk from dairy producer under Evacuation Order area. Milk transporter reiterated they will not risk trucks, staff and insurance coverage to enter evacuation order area

*Utilities*

- Shaw is currently working on restoring services to the Grand Forks area.

- Shaw fibre lines running along highway 97 are at risk from the Flat Lake Fire which will affect video and data services. Shaw is working with EMBC and BCWS as it monitors the fire situation and considers redundancy plans.

- A Shaw aerial fibre cable which runs along highway 3A, near Akokli Creek fire is currently about 900m away from the fire, but should it be damaged over 18,000

consumer internet connections and nearly two dozen business fibre connections in Grand Forks, Trial, Nelson and Castlegar would be affected.

- Number of properties currently without power due to fire related impacts: 100 Mile House (77), Kamloops (11), Lillooet (48), Lytton West (228), Cache Creek (19) homes.

*Recovery*

- EMBC Recovery Unit attended the initial meeting with the Indigenous Agency Working Group to ensure coordinated supports to First Nations communities.

- EMBC is developing messaging about transition from response to recovery for evacuees requiring long term supports.

- Recovery branch activated in the North PREOC. Focussing on community outreach and engagement for regional long term recovery needs.

- EMBC is working with BCWS to understand roles and responsibilities with respect to recording damaged and destroyed structures.

*Lytton*

- DFA on site in Lytton FN and Village of Lytton to begin estimates and costing. DFA working in conjunction with community recovery to ensure a unified approach to DFA and recovery communications.

- EMBC has had an initial engagement with grocery store representatives for short-med term temporary and long-term permanent grocery store infrastructure for Lytton village and surrounding areas.

- BC Hydro is currently rebuilding the power lines in the Botanie Area and should have power by Wednesday. Also, working to supply power to the sewer plant on the north end of Lytton. Power has been restored to the 277 properties Lytton East of Hwy 12 due to wildfire.

- EMBC has established a Lytton and Lytton First Nation specific recovery team in the Central region. The broad objective of this team is to support community led recovery for the impacted area and act as a sustained Provincial point of contact for community.

**Heat Warnings and Drought**

- EMBC is receiving an increasing number of requests from communities for support in response to both the current heat warnings and the increasing severity of drought/supply of drinking water.

*Heat*

- All regions are sending out messaging that EMBC will support costs incurred by communities for providing cooling centres, supplies etc.

- EMBC has released news release on the dangers of heat (in relation to the heat warning) and will be running radio ads across the Interior and Fraser Valley on how

to stay cool.

- BC Housing has made a significant request to EMBC for cooling supplies.

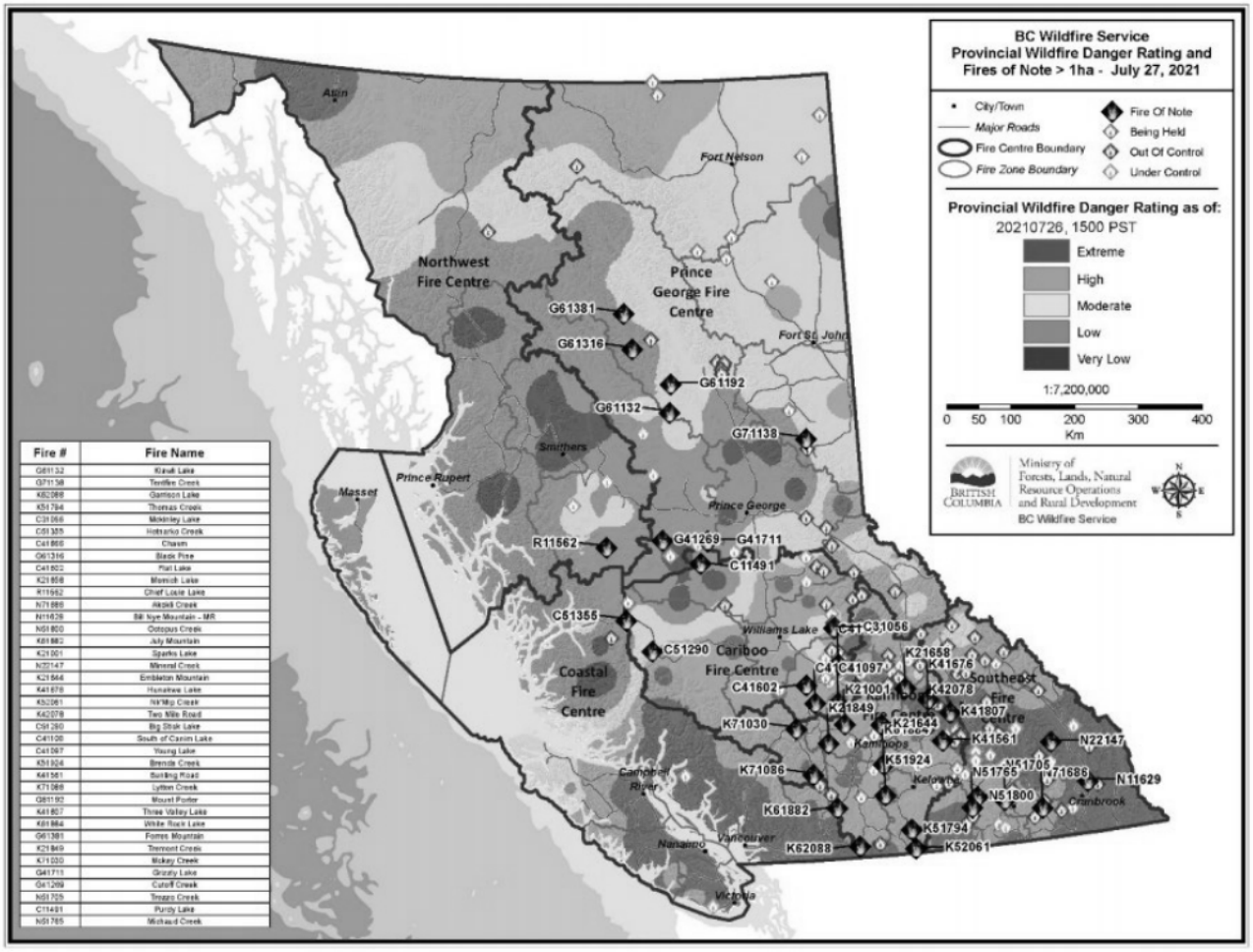
- EMBC and Environment Canada will be holding a coordination call regarding the special weather statement.

*Drought*

- Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) contacted EMBC to explore if a State of Local Emergency (SOLE) can be declared in relation to drinking water.

# FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: BC Wildfire Service Daily Wildfire Situation Report – July 27, 2021 13:30 PT



# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – July 27, 2021 17:00 PT

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## July 29, 2021
**Information current as of July 28, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,693 (+43) total personnel (including 1,202 (+26) contactors, and 316 (-2) out of province resources) and 187 (-7) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 247 (-6)
- Wildfires of note: 37 (-1)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 9 (-4)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Jul 28, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 28 (+1) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 8 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 62 (-1) | - |
| Approx. properties on order | 3,443 (+68) | - |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 87 (-6) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 17,679 (-386) | *+161* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

*Earthquake* *(see page 7 for more details)*
- At 2323hrs - M8.2 Earthquake occurred near Chignik, Alaska.
- The BC Coastline remained under evaluation for approximately 2.5 hours.

*Wildfire*
Flat Lake Wildfire (C41602) – Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) – NEA/CTL Region
- Issued an Evacuation Alert in Electoral Area "E" (Bonaparte Plateau) (161 properties)

*Chilliwack Apartment Building Fire* *(see page 7 for more details)*
- Around 02:00am a fire broke out in a Residential Apartment Building in Chilliwack.
- Approximately 50 units have been impacted.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 19 (-1)
    - 100 Mile House, Anglemont, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Hope, City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Midway, Nakusp, Oliver, City of Prince George, City of Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Williams Lake.

- Evacuees Registered Total: 6,094 (+132)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 5 (-1) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 161 (0)

| | CTL | NWE | NEA | SEA | SWE | VICCR | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reception Centers* | 9 (-1) | - | 4 | 3 | 3 (-1) | - | 19 (-2)* |
| Evacuees Registered | 3,433 | 59 | 1,692 (+9) | 212 (+121) | 698 (+2) | - | 6,094 (+132) |
| Group Lodging Facilities | 3 (-1) | - | - | - | 2 | - | 5 (-1) |
| Evacuees In Group Lodging | 80 | - | - | - | 81 | - | 161 |
| Regional Max Group Lodging Capacity | 540 | - | - | - | 260 | - | 800 |
| Evacuees in Commercial Lodging | - | - | 11 (+5) | - | 267 | - | 278 (+5) |
| Commercial Lodging Rooms in Use | - | - | - | - | 222 | - | 222 |
| Evacuees Billeted | - | - | - | - | 51 | - | 51 |

*Some uncertainty exists around total numbers of Reception Centres and Maximum Regional Group

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL – Prince George:

**City of Prince George** - Task #221506

* **Incident**: ESS activated for wildfires
* **Alerts:** 0
* **Orders:** 0
* **State of Local Emergency**: 0
* **Homes Alerted**: 0
* **Homes Evacuated**: 0
* **Reception Centre(s)**: 1; (CN Centre - 2187 Ospika Blvd, Prince George)
* **Individuals Registered with ESS**: 9
* ESS team will meet evacuees at CN Centre to register them
* Capacity available at reception centre

## OVERVIEW:

- In addition to extensive wildfire support EMBC is responding to the heat warnings, and providing support following an apartment building fire in Chilliwack.
- Heat warnings in effect until Sunday for the lower mainland and inland areas of the Central and North coast including East Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley and North Thompson. High daytime and overnight temperatures expected across the Southern part of the province.
- Further to the COVID-19 outbreak in the City of Kelowna, EMBC is reinforcing COVID-19 procedures at all PREOCs, reception centres and group lodging.
- Northwest PREOC has been demobilized. There are no States of Local Emergency or Evacuation Orders for the region and only one Evacuation Alert. There is currently an RDM-only model of support with a plan is in place for PREOC re-activation, if required.

### Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- Thursday: Mainly sunny skies are forecast across the province today. Widespread smoke will remain across the BC southern interior. Temperature highs south of the Cariboo will be 5-10C degrees above normal. Overnight temperature lows in southern BC will stay in the mid-teens.

- Outlook: High pressure weakens over the weekend bringing showers and risk of lighting.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 27): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Heat Warning in effect for**: Central Coast – inland areas, East Vancouver Island, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Howe Sound, Metro Vancouver, North Coast – inland areas, North Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast.

- **Special Weather Statement (Heat)** in effect for: 100 Mile, B.C. Peace River, Boundary, Cariboo, East Kootenay, Fort Nelson, Greater Victoria, Inland Vancouver Island, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, Okanagan Valley, Prince George, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Stuart – Nechako, West Kootenay, and Whistler.

### New Evacuations

*Central Region*

**Oregon Jack Creek** - Tremont Creek Wildfire (K21849) and White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884)

- Evacuation Alert issued for southernmost boundary of OKIB Reserve up to Newport Beach

**Okanagan Indian Band** - White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884)

- Evacuation Alert for southern most boundary of OKIB Reserve up to Newport Beach

**Regional District Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**
- State of Local Emergency (SOLE) issued for Electoral Area D Pinaus Lake expires August 2, 2021
- SOLE extended for Gateway Lake Collapse until August 3, 2021
- SOLE extended for Three Valley Gap in Electoral area "E" until August 2, 2021

**Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**
- Evacuation Alert issued for Schedule 1 of Electoral Area A (8 properties)

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**
- SOLE extended for Electoral Area L – Grasslands until August 7, 2021
- SOLE extended for Electoral Area P – Grasslands until August 6, 2021
- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for 1 property on Adams East FSR

*Northwest Region*

**Regional District of Bulkley Nechako (RDBN)**
- Rescinded the Evacuation Alert for all properties in Electoral Areas D and F near Cutoff Creek and Saikuz First Nation (25 properties)

*Northeast Region*

**Nazko First Nation** – Purdy Lake Fire (C11491)
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for IR #3, #15, #16, #17, #18, and #19

**Cariboo Regional District**
- Extended SOLE for all Electoral Area's G, H, J and L until August 5, 2021
- Rescinded Evacuation Alert for Sulphurous Lake and Little Drewry Lake

*Southeast Region*

**Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK)**
- Extended State of Local Emergency for Electoral Area J and K until August 6, 2021

**Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK)**
- Evacuated 41 properties from near the Bill Nye Mountain Fire on July 27, 2021, evacuee accommodation needs were able to be met in Cranbrook.

**Wildfire Supports**

*Evacuation Support*
- The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) has assessed the group lodging at Camp Hope for risks posed by the anticipated high temperatures. No concerns; air conditioned building on site could used as a cooling centre, if necessary. Commercial lodging may also be offered to concerned/at-risk individuals.

- Further to the COVID-19 outbreak in the City of Kelowna, EMBC is reinforcing COVID-19 procedures at all reception centres and group lodging.

- EMBC continues to advance discussions with the City of Prince George with respect to acting as host community for evacuees.

- The Wildfire Mass Evacuation Strategic Plan is being finalized for Ministerial review on Thursday (July 29). The Advanced Planning Unit (APU) is also exploring cross-border evacuation options.

*Donations*

- EMBC is, with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), completing the installation and opening phase of the physical donations warehouse. Truck deliveries of collected donations are now being received at the site.

- Continuing to proactively message the preference for financial donations, over physical.

*Partnerships*

- Federal Minister Bill Blair was unable to land in Kamloops yesterday due to smoke. EMBC and BCWS representatives provided briefing over Zoom instead.

- Canadian Red Cross personnel are supporting at Reception Centres in Midway (RDKB), Coldstream (RDNO), and supporting ESS referral renewals as needed in Lillooet.

- Canadian Red Cross has a presence at the Resilience Centre in Kamloops, and planning for support to Lytton Resilience Centre in coming days.

- CAF aircraft will be transporting BCWS vehicles between Prince George, Fort St. John, and Kamloops today (July 29).

*Agriculture*

- Major farming operation (Bradner Farms) close to Ashcroft refusing to relocate (currently under Evacuation Alert). AFF working to understand/address potential impact on Temporary Foreign Workers working at the farm.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

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*Estimated numbers

*Utilities*

- Tk'emlúps First Nation reported ongoing poor internet connectivity risks impeding emergency communications. This reflects long term challenges the community has experienced with connectivity. The Nation has been referred to Ministry of Citizens'

Services (CITZ) Rural and Remote Connectivity program.

- Shaw is currently working on restoring services to the Grand Forks area.

- Shaw fibre lines running along highway 97 are at risk from the Flat Lake Fire which will affect video and data services. Shaw is working with EMBC and BCWS as it monitors the fire situation and considers redundancy plans.

- A Shaw aerial fibre cable which runs along highway 3A, near Akokli Creek fire is currently about 900m away from the fire, but should it be damaged over 18,000 consumer internet connections and nearly two dozen business fibre connections in Grand Forks, Trial, Nelson and Castlegar would be affected.

- Number of properties currently without power due to fire related impacts: 100 Mile House (77), Kamloops (11), Lillooet (48), Lytton West (228), Cache Creek (19) homes.

*Recovery*

- Recovery branch activated in the North PREOC. Focussing on community outreach and engagement for regional long term recovery needs.

- EMBC is working with BCWS to understand roles and responsibilities with respect to recording damaged and destroyed structures.

*Lytton*

- The Village of Lytton Council met last night (July 28) with ADM Dave Peterson (EMBC) and ADM Tara Faganello (MUNI) in attendance. Council approved a number of motions, including lifting the Evacuation Order for the areas that were not directly impacted by the fire, entering into a Partnership Agreement with the Lytton First Nation and engaging the services of Fraser Basin Council.

- EMBC Recovery Unit & Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) attended a meeting with Village of Lytton to discuss resilience centres, needs assessments, housing and re-entry.

- DFA is continuing assessment work with Lytton First Nation and the Village of Lytton.

- Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) is working with GeoBC to assess fire losses in Lytton.

- Canadian Red Cross mobile unit in Ponderosa is providing support to residents as they re-enter area. Approximately 10 residents have moved back, most are simply retrieving belongings.

- BC Hydro is currently rebuilding the power lines in the Botanie Area and should have power by Wednesday. Also, working to supply power to the sewer plant on the north end of Lytton.

**Heat Warnings and Drought**

- EMBC is continuing to receive requests from communities for support in response to both the current heat warnings and the increasing severity of drought/supply of drinking water.

*Heat*

- EMBC and Environment Canada will be holding a coordination call regarding the special weather statement.

- All regions are sending out messaging that EMBC will support costs incurred by communities for providing cooling centres, supplies etc.

- EMBC has released news release on the dangers of heat (in relation to the heat warning) and will be running radio ads across the Interior and Fraser Valley on how to stay cool.

*Drought*

- Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) contacted EMBC to explore if a State of Local Emergency (SOLE) can be declared in relation to drinking water.

**Earthquake**

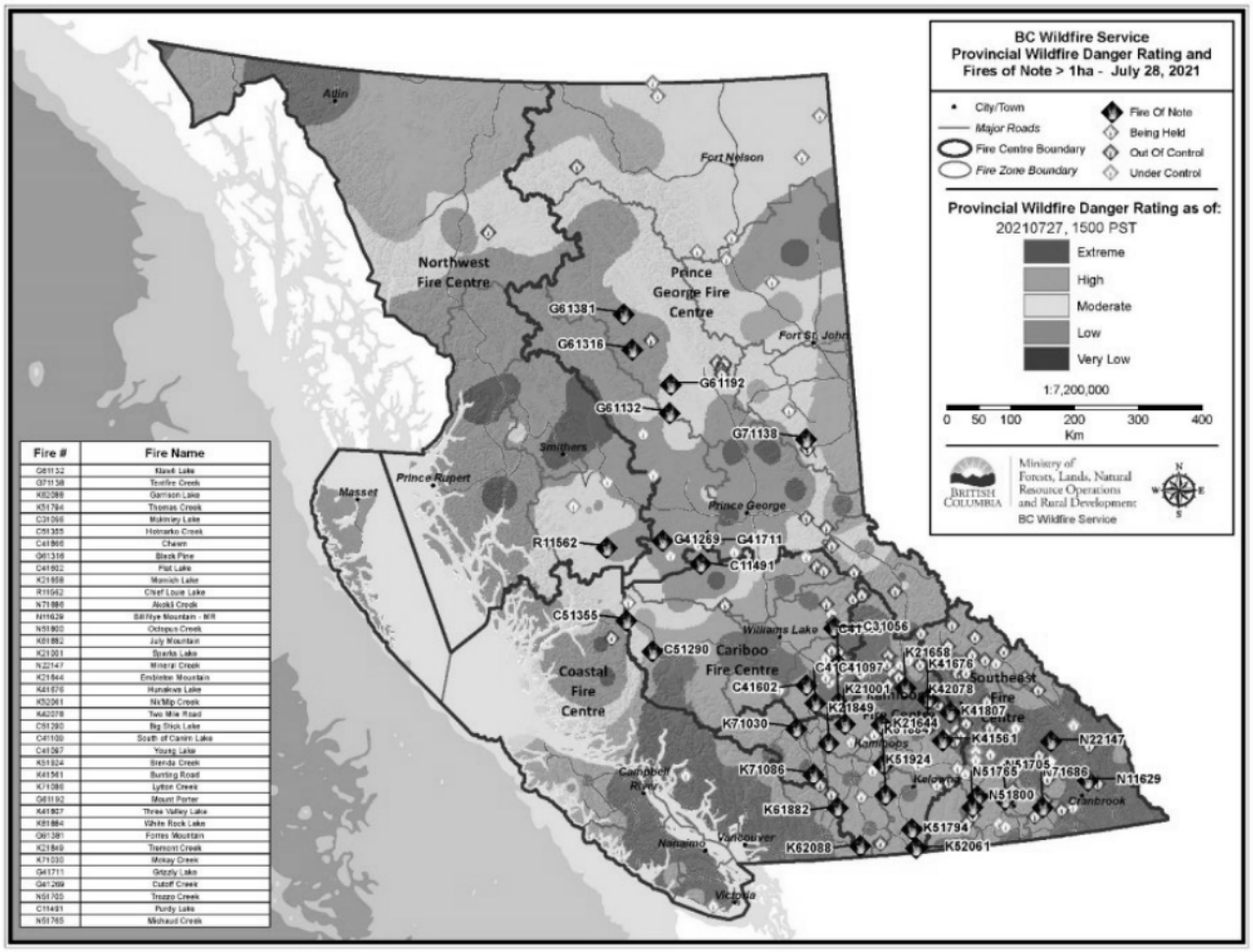
- At 2323hrs on July 28 a M8.2 Earthquake occurred near Chignik, Alaska.
- The BC Coastline remained under evaluation for approximately 2.5 hours.
- The Alaska Earthquake Center is reporting that this was the largest U.S. earthquake in 50 years.
- Messaging and Alerting to stakeholders and staff undertaken in line with policy and procedure.

**Chilliwack Apartment Building Fire**

- Around 02:00am a fire broke out in a Residential Apartment Building in Chilliwack.
- Approximately 50 units have been impacted.
- Approximately 25 persons have registered with ESS so far.
- Group Lodging established for to support the BC wildfires is being activated.
- One fatality has been reported (**confidential** at this time)

# FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: BC Wildfire Service Daily Wildfire Situation Report – July 28, 2021 12:30 PT




| Fire # | Fire Name |
|---|---|
| G61132 | Klaweli Lake |
| G71138 | Testline Creek |
| K62088 | Garrison Lake |
| K51794 | Thomas Creek |
| C31056 | Mckinley Lake |
| C51355 | Holmarko Creek |
| C41866 | Chelem |
| G61316 | Black Pine |
| C41802 | Flat Lake |
| K21658 | Manson Lake |
| R11562 | Chief Louie Lake |
| N71686 | Akokli Creek |
| N11629 | Bill Nye Mountain - WR |
| N51800 | Octopus Creek |
| K61882 | July Mountain |
| K21001 | Sparks Lake |
| N22147 | Mineral Creek |
| K21644 | Embleton Mountain |
| K41676 | Huntalver Lake |
| K52061 | Nk'Mip Creek |
| K42078 | Two Mile Road |
| C51290 | Big Slide Lake |
| C41100 | South of Canim Lake |
| C41097 | Young Lake |
| K51924 | Brenda Creek |
| K41561 | Bunting Road |
| K71686 | Lytton Creek |
| G61192 | Mount Porter |
| K41807 | Three Valley Lake |
| K61884 | White Rock Lake |
| G61381 | Forres Mountain |
| K21849 | Tremont Creek |
| K71030 | Mckay Creek |
| G41711 | Grizzly Lake |
| G41269 | Cutoff Creek |
| N51705 | Troppo Creek |
| C11491 | Purdy Lake |
| N51765 | Michaud Creek |

# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – July 28, 2021 17:00 PT

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## July 30, 2021
**Information current as of July 29, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,511 (-182) total personnel (including 1,092 (-110) contactors, and 299 (-17) out of province resources) and 193 (+6) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 245 (-2)
- Wildfires of note: 36 (-1)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 12 (+3)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Jul 29, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 30 (+2) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 10 (+2) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 60 (-2) | - |
| Approx. properties on order | 3,058 (-385) | - |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 92 (+5) | - |
| Approx. properties on alert | 18,691 (+994) | - |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

No new evacuation orders or alerts to report.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 19 (0)
    - 100 Mile House, Anglemont, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Hope, City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Midway, Nakusp, Oliver, City of Prince George, City of Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Williams Lake.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 7,501 (+1,387)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (-1) – max. capacity ~800 beds

- Persons in Group Lodging: 89 (-72)

| | CTL | NWE | NEA | SEA | SWE | VICCR | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reception Centers* | 9 | - | 4 | 3 | 3 | - | 19* |
| Evacuees Registered | 4,820 (+1387) | 59 | 1,692 | 232 | 698 | - | 7,501 (+1387) |
| Group Lodging Facilities | 3 | - | - | - | 1 (-1) | - | 4 (-1) |
| Evacuees in Group Lodging | 80 | - | - | - | 9 | - | 89 |
| Regional Max Group Lodging Capacity | 540 | - | - | - | 260 | - | 800 |
| Evacuees in Commercial Lodging | - | - | 11 | - | 339 | - | 350 |
| Commercial Lodging Rooms in Use | - | - | - | - | 222 | - | 222 |
| Evacuees Billeted | - | - | - | - | 51 | - | 51 |

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL – Prince George:

**City of Prince George -** Task #221506

- **Incident:** ESS activated for wildfires
- **Alerts:** 0
- **Orders:** 0
- **State of Local Emergency:** 0
- **Homes Alerted:** 0
- **Homes Evacuated:** 0
- **Reception Centre(s):** 1; (CN Centre - 2187 Ospika Blvd, Prince George)
- **Individuals Registered with ESS:** 9
- ESS team will meet evacuees at CN Centre to register them
- Capacity available at reception centre

## OVERVIEW:

- Heat warnings are in effect across the south of B.C. until Saturday.
- High daytime and overnight temperatures are exacerbating fire behaviour.
- Some First Nation wells are starting to dry up for the first time in history. Okanagan Indian Band reservoir is very low.
- Further to the COVID-19 outbreak in the City of Kelowna, the Ministry of Health has updated the COVID guidelines for group lodging. EMBC is also monitoring the increasing number of COVID cases in the Southeast; no outbreak declared as yet.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Friday: Increasingly hot and dusty. Winds variable 5-15 km in the valley bottoms. Temperatures will reach the upper 30s along the US border and through Lytton. Overnight recoveries will be poor from Cariboo through Kamloops and the Southeast Fire Centre and increasingly poor in the far north as temperatures rise to the low 30s.

- Outlook: An upper ridge over the interior is building northward. A warming and drying airmass will become increasingly subject to southerly flow moving moisture and instability northward through the weekend. Winds will be locally influenced by terrain and differential heating in areas where smoke dampens heating.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 29): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Heat Warning in effect for**: Boundary, Central Coast – inland areas, East Kootenay, East Vancouver Island, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Howe Sound, Kootenay Lake, Metro Vancouver, Nicola, North Coast – inland areas, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast, West Kootenay.

- **Special Weather Statement (Heat)** in effect for: 100 Mile, B.C. Peace River, Boundary, Cariboo, Fort Nelson, Greater Victoria, Inland Vancouver Island, McGregor, Prince George, Stuart – Nechako, Whistler, Williston.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**Ashcroft Indian Band** - Tremont Creek Fire (K21849)

- Evacuation alert rescinded for IR#4 and IR#2

**Cook's Ferry Indian Band** - Lytton Creek Fire (K71086)

- Evacuation Alert issued for IR#5 and #5A
- Evacuation Order extended until August 5, 2021 for IR #1, 3, 4, 4b, 4c, 7, 16, 17, 19

**Skuppah Indian Band** - George Road Fire (K70804)

- Band Council Resolution issued for George Road Fire and Nooaitch First Nation Purdy Lake Fire (C11491); extension of existing BCR to Aug 4

**Regional District Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**

- Evacuation Alert upgraded to Order for Pinaus Lake (11 properties)
- Evacuation Alert issued for Falkland and Sweetsbridge to Joyce Lake (607 properties)
- SOLE for Electoral Area E, Three Valley Gap, was extended until Aug 2, 2021
- SOLE for Electoral Area F was extended until August 5, 2021
- SOLE for District of Sicamous was extended until August 3, 2021
- SOLE for Area E, West Boundary, was extended until August 10, 2021

**Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**

- Evacuation Alert issued in Electoral Area G (6 properties)
- Evacuation Alert for Cathedral Provincial Park (6 properties)
- Evacuation Order downgraded to Alert (191 Properties)
- SOLE for Area H, Brenda Creek/Garrison Lake extended until August 4, 2021

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**

- Evacuation Alert issued for in Electoral Area “E” (Bonaparte Plateau) for the Flat Lake Wildfire (C41602) (161 properties)
- Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for in Electoral Area J - (Copper Desert Country) for the Sparks Lake Wildfire (K21001) (110 properties)
- SOLE for Electoral Area M extended until August 8, 2021
- Partial Evacuation Order rescind for one property in Electoral Area “E” (Bonaparte Plateau)

***NOTE:*** Thompson Nicola Regional District has also requested a backcountry closure.

*Northeast Region*

**Stswecem’c Xgat’tem First Nation (SXFN)** formerly known as Canoe Creek and Dog Creek

- Working on evacuation pre-planning in response to increased fire behaviour on Flat Lake Fire (C41602) within Thompson-Nicola Regional District

**Cariboo Regional District**

- Evacuation Alert issued for the Flat Lake West Area

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

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- Continuing to proactively message the preference for financial donations, over physical.

*Partnerships*

- Federal Minister Miller and Minister Rankin (MIRR), supported by ADM Peterson, met with the Chiefs of Secwepemc Nations on July 29 to discuss emergency management capacity gaps across all of the Nations, and the desire to address those gaps through the creation and implementation of a tri-lateral agreement. Several immediate actions were agreed-to.

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- Interior Health Authority is establishing two temporary field hospitals adjacent to care homes in Summerland and Armstrong in case there is need for alternate care sites.

- The Profiles of Indigenous People (PIP) has been updated by Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) with information related to evacuation order and alert status.

*Agriculture*

- White Rock Lake Fire is currently the main area of concern for Agriculture in the Central Region. The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (AFF) is working with District and Provincial FLNRORD Range staff on possible livestock relocation off range.

- In the Northeast, AFF is pre-planning for livestock relocation potential around 100 Mile.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
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*Recovery*

- EMBC has met with United Way to determine supports available for communities through the "United for BC Wildfire Recovery Fund"

- EMBC Recovery Unit is gathering information about wildfire impacts in the Regional District of Central Kootenay and near Midway.

- EMBC is working with BCWS to understand roles and responsibilities with respect to recording damaged and destroyed structures.

*Lytton*

- Disaster Financial Assistance is engaged with various engineering and professional services to gather information on impacts in Lytton area.

- Lytton First Nation has expressed interest in additional EOC support through FNESS.

- ADMs from EMBC, MUNI and FLNRORD will continue to meet with the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer of the Village of Lytton to provide further support as they work on recovery.

- The Village of Lytton Council met last night (July 28) with ADM Dave Peterson (EMBC) and ADM Tara Faganello (MUNI) in attendance. Council approved a number of motions, including lifting the Evacuation Order for the areas that were not directly impacted by the fire, entering into a Partnership Agreement with the Lytton First Nation and engaging the services of Fraser Basin Council. EMBC will be working with the Village of Lytton to clarify the role of the Fraser Basin Council.

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**Heat Warnings and Drought**

- EMBC is continuing to receive requests from communities for support in response to both the current heat warnings and the increasing severity of drought/supply of drinking water.

*Heat*

- ~56 cooling centres have opened across the Southwest region.

- EMBC approved BC Housing request for cooling supplies – portable air conditioners and cooling fans.

- EMBC is actively communicating the dangers of heat (in relation to the heat warning) and will be running radio ads across the Interior and Fraser Valley on how to stay cool.

*Drought*

- Some First Nation wells are starting to dry up for the first time in history. Okanagan Indian Band reservoir is very low. First Nations are requesting that water use be restricted to essential use only.

- EMBC is engaging with FLNRORD Water Management Branch regarding drought ratings, reservoir capacity etc.

**Apartment Building Fires**

*North Vancouver*

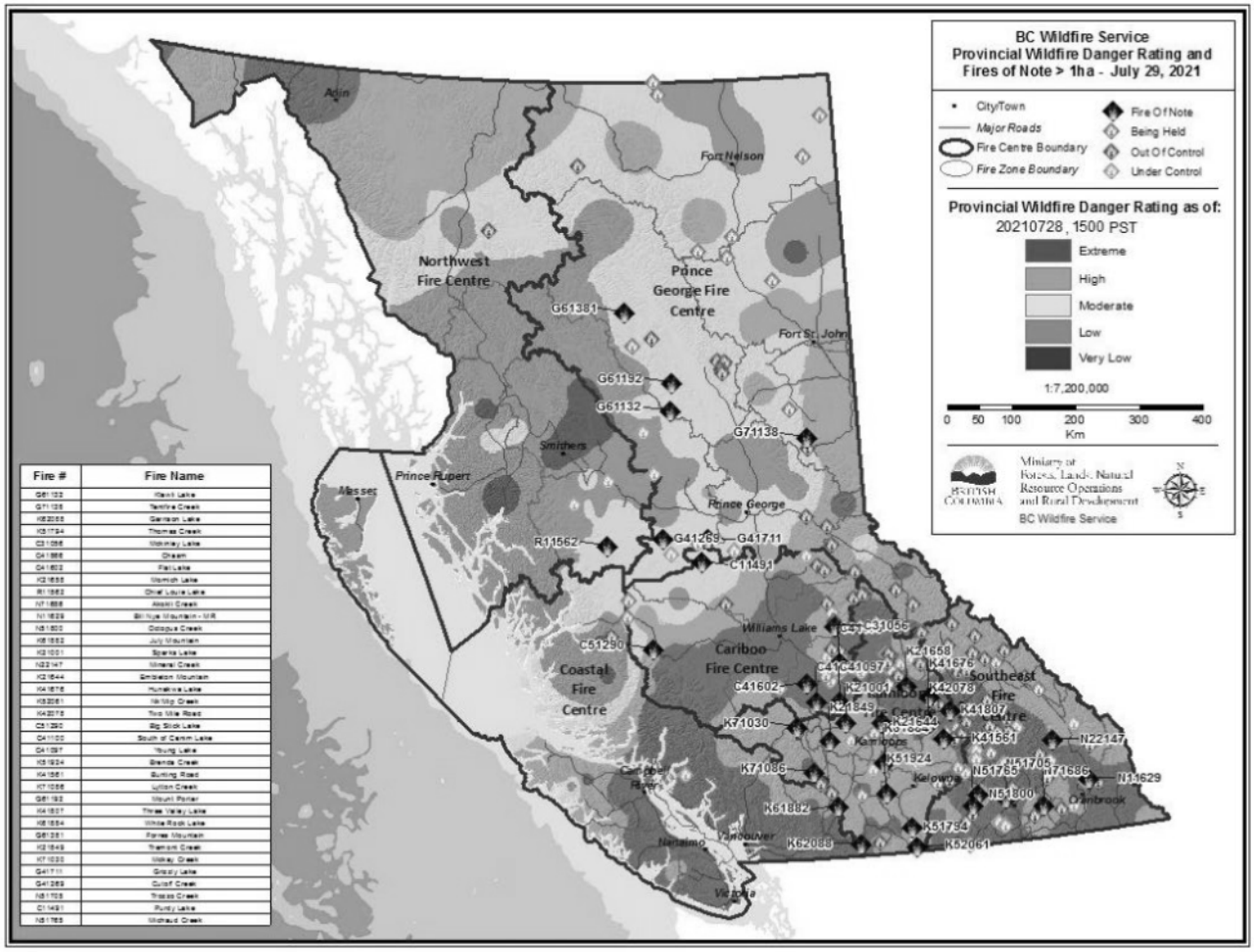
- High rise fire in North Vancouver.
- No ESS assistance is required for evacuees; they have arranged their own accommodations.

*Chilliwack*

- Around 02:00am on July 29 a fire broke out in a Residential Apartment Building in Chilliwack.
- Approximately 50 units have been impacted; 25 persons have registered with ESS so far.
- Group Lodging established for to support the BC wildfires is being activated.
- One fatality has been confirmed.

# FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: BC Wildfire Service Daily Wildfire Situation Report – July 29, 2021 11:45 PT




| Fire # | Fire Name |
|---|---|
| G61132 | Kent Lake |
| G71138 | Tenthr Creek |
| K62088 | Garibon Lake |
| K51754 | Thomas Creek |
| C31055 | Wannay Lake |
| G41868 | Dream |
| G41603 | Fitz Lake |
| K21668 | Wamich Lake |
| R11562 | Chief Louis Lake |
| N71888 | Alkalin Creek |
| N11629 | Bi Nye Mountain - MR |
| N51800 | Octopus Creek |
| K61882 | Jolly Mountain |
| K51001 | Sparks Lake |
| N22147 | Mineral Creek |
| K21644 | Smitheson Mountain |
| K41676 | Humphrey Lake |
| K52061 | Nimpy Creek |
| K42078 | Tow Mile Road |
| C51290 | Big Slick Lake |
| G41100 | South of Canim Lake |
| G41097 | Young Lake |
| K51924 | Blende Creek |
| K41561 | Burning Road |
| K71086 | Lytton Creek |
| G61193 | Mount Porter |
| K41807 | Three Valley Lake |
| K61884 | White Rock Lake |
| G61281 | Flores Mountain |
| K21849 | Tremont Creek |
| K71030 | Nimpy Creek |
| G41711 | Grizzly Lake |
| G41269 | Quest Creek |
| N51705 | Tezzeron Creek |
| C11491 | Puntzi Lake |
| N51785 | Mahaud Creek |

# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – July 29, 2021 17:00 PT

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## July 31, 2021
**Information current as of July 30, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,535 (+24) total personnel (including 1,165 (+73) contactors, and 297 (-2) out of province resources) and 192 (-1) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 242 (-3)
- Wildfires of note: 36 (0)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 7 (-5)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Jul 31, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 30 (0) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 11 (+1) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 60 (0) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on order | 3,120 (+62) | *+43* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 97 (+5) | *+4* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 18,835 (+144) | *Unknown* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

McKay Creek Wildfire (K71030) – Xwisten First Nation and Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) – CTL/SWE Regions
- The Xwisten (Bridge River) First Nation issued an Evacuation Alert for their community.
- SLRD issued an Evacuation Alert for select areas in Electoral Area A and B.

Tremont Creek Wildfire (K21849) – Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and District of Logan Lake – CTL Region
- The TNRD issued an Evacuation Order for 43 properties and an Evacuation Alert for 11 properties in Electoral Area I and J.
- The District of Logan Lake issued an Evacuation Alert for their community.

Valemount Landslide – Regional District of Fraser Fort George (RDFFG) – NEA Region
- Report of a landslide occurring near Swift Creek Mountain; Evacuation Order/Alert being *considered* for RDFFG, Electoral Area H.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 19 (0)
    - 100 Mile House, Anglemont, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Hope, City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Midway, Nakusp, Oliver, City of Prince George, City of Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Williams Lake.

- Evacuees Registered Total: 7,523 (+22)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 89 (0)

| | CTL | NWE | NEA | SEA | SWE | VICCR | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reception Centers* | 9 | - | 4 | 3 | 3 | - | 19* |
| Evacuees Registered | 4,840 (+20) | 59 | 1,692 | 232 | 700 (+2) | - | 7,523 (+22) |
| Group Lodging Facilities | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| Evacuees in Group Lodging | 80 | - | - | - | 9 | - | 89 |
| Regional Max Group Lodging Capacity | 540 | - | - | - | 260 | - | 800 |
| Evacuees in Commercial Lodging | - | - | 11 | - | 422 (+83 | - | 433 (+83) |
| Commercial Lodging Rooms in Use | - | - | - | - | 222 | - | 222 |
| Evacuees Billeted | - | - | - | - | 51 | - | 51 |

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL – Prince George:

**City of Prince George -** Task #221506

- **Incident:** ESS activated for wildfires
- **Alerts:** 0
- **Orders:** 0
- **State of Local Emergency:** 0
- **Homes Alerted:** 0
- **Homes Evacuated:** 0
- **Reception Centre(s):** 1; (CN Centre - 2187 Ospika Blvd, Prince George)
- **Individuals Registered with ESS:** 10 (+1)
- ESS team will meet evacuees at CN Centre to register them
- Capacity available at reception centre

## OVERVIEW:

- Widespread heat warnings are in effect across B.C., apart from the Northwest and north coast, until Saturday.
- EMBC is working with First Nations Association and BC Housing to meet requests for cooling supplies.
- High daytime and overnight temperatures are exacerbating fire behaviour and drying fuels, raising concerns for new starts due to lightning forecast over the long weekend.
- The changing weather pattern over the weekend also carries the risk of gusty winds, localized flooding and landslides/debris flows in the Central and Southeast regions.
- Broad appreciation was expressed on the MLA call for EMBC's work through the current wildfire event.

### Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- Saturday: Hot and dry conditions will persist over BC through Saturday with daytime highs in the 30s. Scattered cloud may develop throughout Saturday afternoon and evening with no precipitation expected.

- Outlook: A pattern change is coming for Saturday to Monday (July 31 – August 2, 2021) bringing rainfall, thunderstorms (possibility of dry lightning) and possibly gusty winds to the Central and Southeast Regions. This may result in localized flooding, landslides/debris flows and may affect wildfire behaviour.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 30): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Cariboo, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Metro Vancouver, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Heat Warning in effect for**: 100 Mile, B.C. Peace River, Boundary, Cariboo, Central Coast – inland areas, East Kootenay, East Vancouver Island, Fort Nelson, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Howe Sound, Kootenay Lake, McGregor, Metro Vancouver, Nicola, North Coast – inland areas, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Prince George, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Stuart - Nechako, Sunshine Coast, Watson Lake, West Kootenay, Williston.

- **Special Weather Statement (Heat)** in effect for: Greater Victoria, Inland Vancouver Island, Whistler.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*
Regional District Columbia Shuswap

- Evacuation Alert issued for Electoral Area E, Queest Village and Pete Martin Bay.
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Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen

- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for Electoral Area A, Nk'Mip Creek (191 properties)

Thompson-Nicola Regional District

- Evacuation Order issued for Electoral Area E, Big Bar, due to the Flat Lake Wildfire (K61884) (125 properties)
- Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for 41 properties for Area I, Blue Sky, Tremont Creek, and Glossy Mtn, Barnes - Tremont Creek Wildfire (K21849). 2 properties remain on Evacuation Order.
- Evacuation Order rescinded for Area I, Blue Sky, Tremont Creek and Glossy Mountain - Tremont Creek Wildfire (K21849)
- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for EA J, Copper Desert Country - Sparks Lake Wildfire (K21001)
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*Northeast Region*
Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation formerly known as Canoe Creek and Dog Creek – Churn Creek Fire (C21250) and Flat Lake Fire (C41602)

- Issued Evacuation Order for Electoral Area E, Flat Lake South West Area. Area is near community, so EOC is monitoring closely. Evacuation plan is in place

*Southeast Region*
Regional District of Central Kootenay

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## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

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*Recovery*

- EMBC working with Canadian Red Cross and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to determine financial supports available to evacuees as potential longer term support options.

- Contact made with Skeetchestn Indigenous community regarding PREOC support to recovery efforts.

- Central PREOC Recovery Liaison Officer gathering information about impacts and potential recovery needs in the central region.

- North PREOC Recovery Branch engaged with communities on recovery objectives for the northern region. Assessments are ongoing with a focus on Regional District Kitimat-Stikine.

- Second ADM Emergency Committee Recovery Meeting held with larger cross-ministry representation, process in place to track interactions Ministries have with communities. Also, compiling list of all government programs that could be leveraged to support communities as they recover.

*Lytton*

- EMBC approved 30-day ESS extensions for Lytton evacuees. The current support will expire on August 7, 2021 and will be extended to September 7, 2021.

- The Senior Recovery Operations Specialist, Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) and Strategic Partnerships representatives met with Lytton First Nation Band Manager and Chief to continue recovery dialogue.

- EMBC DFA staff are engaged with various engineering and professional services to gather information on impacts in Lytton area.

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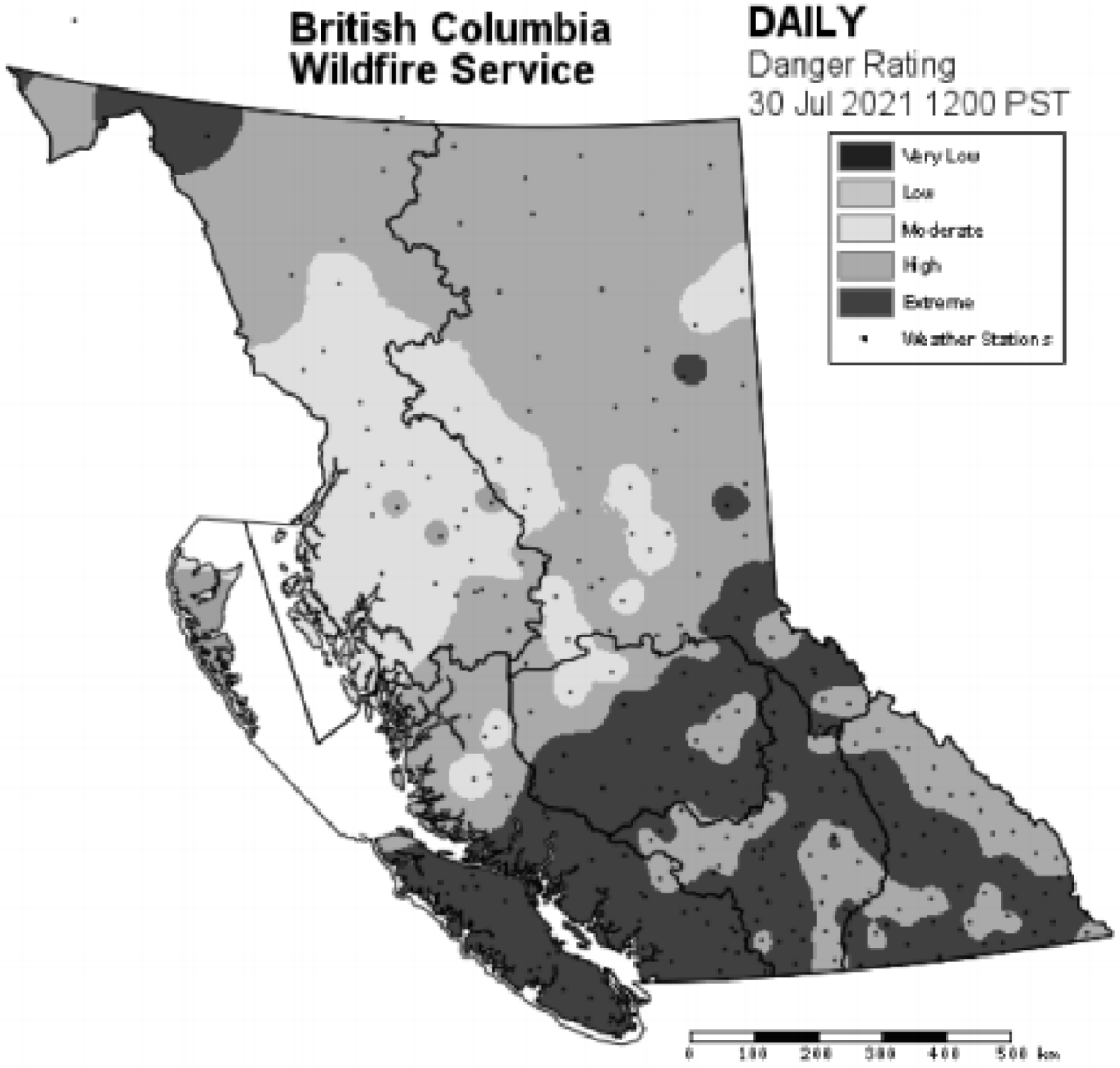

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# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 1, 2021
**Information current as of July 31, 2021 at 17:00**

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    - Reduction in personnel due to reset and a Quebec crew (113 personnel) return to Quebec. Personnel will be increased over the next few days by 6–10 unit crews coming off rest days
- Active wildfires: 245 (+3)
- Wildfires of note: 37 (+1)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 9 (+2)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Jul 31, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 30 (0) | *+1* |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 11 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 61 (+1) | *+2* |
| Approx. properties on order | 3,163 (+43) | *>156* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 101 (+4) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 19,862 (+1,027) | *Unknown* |

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### Overnight Updates

Flat Lake Wildfire (C41602) - Cariboo Regional District (CRD) - NEA Region
- Evacuation Alert issued for 108 Mile Ranch West, Electoral Area G

Garrison Lake Wildfire (K62088) - Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) - CTL Region
- Evacuation Order issued for the Eastgate community, Electoral Area H (~156 properties)

Crazy Creek Gorge FSR Wildfire (K41769) - Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) - CTL Region
- SOLE declared and an Evacuation Order issued for the communities of Queest Village and Pete Martin Bay.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 19 (0)
    - 100 Mile House, Anglemont, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Hope, City of Kelowna, Lower Nicola Indian Band, City of Merritt, Midway, Nakusp, Oliver, City of Prince George, City of Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Williams Lake.

- Evacuees Registered Total: 7,538 (+15)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 89 (0)

| | CTL | NWE | NEA | SEA | SWE | VICCR | Total |
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| Evacuees in Group Lodging | 80 | - | - | - | 9 | - | 89 |
| Regional Max Group Lodging Capacity | 540 | - | - | - | 260 | - | 800 |
| Evacuees in Commercial Lodging | - | - | 16 (+5) | - | 422 | - | 438 (+5) |
| Commercial Lodging Rooms in Use | - | - | - | - | 222 | - | 222 |
| Evacuees Billeted | - | - | - | - | 51 | - | 51 |

**NOTES:**

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## ADDITIONAL DETAIL – Prince George:

**City of Prince George -** Task #221506

- **Incident:** ESS activated for wildfires
- **Alerts:** 0
- **Orders:** 0
- **State of Local Emergency:** 0
- **Homes Alerted:** 0
- **Homes Evacuated:** 0
- **Reception Centre(s):** 1; (CN Centre - 2187 Ospika Blvd, Prince George)
- **Individuals Registered with ESS:** 3
- ESS team will meet evacuees at CN Centre to register them
- Capacity available at reception centre

## OVERVIEW:

- There are currently 37 Wildfires of Note, almost half (18) of which are in the Central region.
- Road, rail and air transport are all experiencing disruption as a result of the wildfire situation.
- An active landslide in Valemount has resulted in an evacuation alert for 40 properties in the Village and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.
- Heat warnings are in effect across B.C., apart from the Northwest and north coast.
- Today's change in weather pattern brings with it the risk of gusty winds, localized flooding and landslides/debris flows in the Central and Southeast regions.

### Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- Sunday: The ridge of high pressure will continue to strengthen through Sunday morning before beginning to break down. Afternoon maximum temperatures will hit similar values of yesterday. An upper low will move into the interior Sunday evening and trigger thunderstorms, with strong winds, locally heavy rain and large hail.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued July 30): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, B.C. Peace River, Boundary, Cariboo, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, McGregor, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Prince George, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Stuart – Nechako, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Heat Warning in effect for**: 100 Mile, B.C. Peace River, Boundary, Cariboo, Central Coast – inland areas, East Kootenay, East Vancouver Island, Fort Nelson, Fraser Canyon, Howe Sound, Kootenay Lake, McGregor, Nicola, North Coast – inland areas, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Prince George, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Stuart - Nechako, Sunshine Coast, Watson Lake, West Kootenay, Williston.

- **Special Weather Statement (Heat)** in effect for: Inland Vancouver Island, Whistler.

### New Evacuations

*Central Region*

**Xwisten (Bridge River) First Nation** - McKay Creek Fire (K71030)
- Evacuation Alert issued for Bridge River Indian Band IR#1 and 1A expiring August 6, 2021

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**
- Evacuation Order issued for 43 properties and an Evacuation Alert for 11 properties in Electoral Area I and J
- Evacuation Alert issued for The District of Logan Lake

- Extension of State of Local Emergency for Electoral Areas E, I and O until August 10, 2021

***NOTE:*** Thompson Nicola Regional District has requested a backcountry closure.

*Southeast Region*

**Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD)** - McKay Creek Fire (K71030)

- Evacuation Alert issued for 99 properties in Electoral Area A and B

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- Okanagan Indian Band is setting up a Reception Centre on their land in anticipation of alert/order if the winds change. ESS support person is being provided.

- EMBC is identifying provincial supports for group lodging in Prince George, while continuing to advance the Prince George Host Community Plan.

*Donations*

- EMBC is, with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), completing the installation and opening phase of the physical donations warehouse. Truck deliveries of collected donations are now being received at the site.

- Continuing to proactively message the preference for financial donations, over physical.

*Partnerships*

- CAF Land Task Force conducting mop up work at Thomas Creek fire near Oliver.

- CAF Aircraft used to move firefighting personnel from Kamloops to Kelowna and Penticton to Smithers, plus passengers to Castlegar, Vancouver Island and the North.

- EMBC is exploring opportunities for greater involvement of the Conservation Officer Service (COS) with providing additional capacity for security/RCMP operations.

*Agriculture*

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 3,460 (-870) | 93 (-6) | 182 (-42) | 132 (-118) | 71 (-70) | 352 (+300) | 891 (-357) | 11 (-51) |
| Total Under Alert | 26,146 (-870) | 596 (-96) | 1,061 (-186) | 1,524 (-132) | 822 (-71) | 267 (-352) | 10,568 (-891) | 849 (-11) |

*Estimated numbers

- Producers in the Cariboo are starting to request relocation assistance.

- Major dairy operation (Bradner Farms) close to Ashcroft and responsible for approximately 25% of BC's milk, refusing to relocate (currently under Evacuation

Alert). AFF working to understand/address potential impact on Temporary Foreign Workers working at the farm. AFF is briefing Minister Popham.

*Utilities*

- BC Hydro is responding to following power outages due to fire.
  - Lytton – 100 block on Kent Road (<5 homes)
  - Kamloops - south of Tranquille Criss Creek Road (11 homes)

- Shaw is concerned about and monitoring potential impacts to fibre lines within the vicinity of the Bill Nye Fire.

- Shaw fibre lines running along highway 97 are at risk from the Flat Lake Fire which will affect video and data services. Shaw is looking at redundancy plans and monitoring the fire situation as it gets closer to the highway. Will be working with EMBC and BCWS on situation.

- A Shaw aerial fibre cable which runs along highway 3A, near Akokli Creek fire is being monitored. Should it be damaged over 18,000 consumer internet connections and nearly two dozen business fibre connections in Grand Forks, Trial, Nelson and Castlegar would be affected.

*Transportation*

Road

- Highway 8 closed in both directions, from the start of Hwy 8 for 26.3km (Spences Bridge to 17km east of Merritt) due to wildfire.
- Highway 97A closed in both directions for 28.2km (from 5km north of Enderby to Sicamous) due to wildfire.
- Highway 97C closed in both directions for 41.6km (Ashcroft).
- Travel advisories in place on Highway 5, Highway 6, Highway 97 limited visibility with smoke.
- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

Rail Lines

- VIA Rail and Rocky Mountaineer have reported reductions in service due to wildfire activity between Vancouver and Kamloops, and for the following routes: Vancouver-Kamloops-Banff/Lake Louise, Vancouver, Whistler-Quesnel-Jasper, and Vancouver-Kamloops-Jasper.
- Canadian Pacific (CP) and Canadian National (CN) Mainline from Kamloops to Vancouver are currently in service and operating under Ministerial Order (MO) 21-06.
- The CN Alternate Route from Vancouver to Prince George is currently in service and operating under MO 21-06.
- CN ceased Freight operations on the Alternate Route from Vancouver to Prince George on July 23. CN will maintain the tracks for possible use by passenger rail (Rocky Mountaineer).

Aviation

- There have been restrictions in airspace due to fire suppression efforts in and around Penticton, Kelowna, Cache Creek, Kamloops, and Green Lake.

*Recovery*

- EMBC working with Canadian Red Cross and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to determine financial supports available to evacuees as potential longer term support options.

- Central PREOC Recovery Liaison Officer gathering information about impacts and potential recovery needs in the central region.

- North PREOC Recovery Branch engaged with communities on recovery objectives for the northern region. Assessments are ongoing with a focus on Regional District Kitimat-Stikine.

*Lytton*

- EMBC approved 30-day ESS extensions for Lytton evacuees. The current support will expire on August 7, 2021 and will be extended to September 7, 2021.

- EMBC DFA staff are engaged with various engineering and professional services to gather information on impacts in Lytton area.

- The Village of Lytton Council has approved a number of motions, including lifting the Evacuation Order for the areas that were not directly impacted by the fire, entering into a Partnership Agreement with the Lytton First Nation and engaging the services of Fraser Basin Council. EMBC will be working with the Village of Lytton to clarify the role of the Fraser Basin Council.

- Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) is working with GeoBC to assess fire losses in Lytton.

**Landslide**

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary.
- New evacuation alert: 40 properties (15 in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 25 in Valemount).
- FLNR has visited area and recommended a geotech assessment. Joint EOC with Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and Valemount are working to source a geotech.

**Heat Warnings and Drought**

- EMBC is handling requests from communities for support in response to both the current heat warnings and the increasing severity of drought/supply of drinking water.

*Heat*

- EMBC is working with First Nations Association to meet cooling needs, mirroring support provided to BC Housing for cooling supplies – portable air conditioners and cooling fans.

- EMBC is actively communicating the dangers of heat (in relation to the heat warning) and will be running radio ads across the Interior and Fraser Valley on how to stay cool.

*Drought*

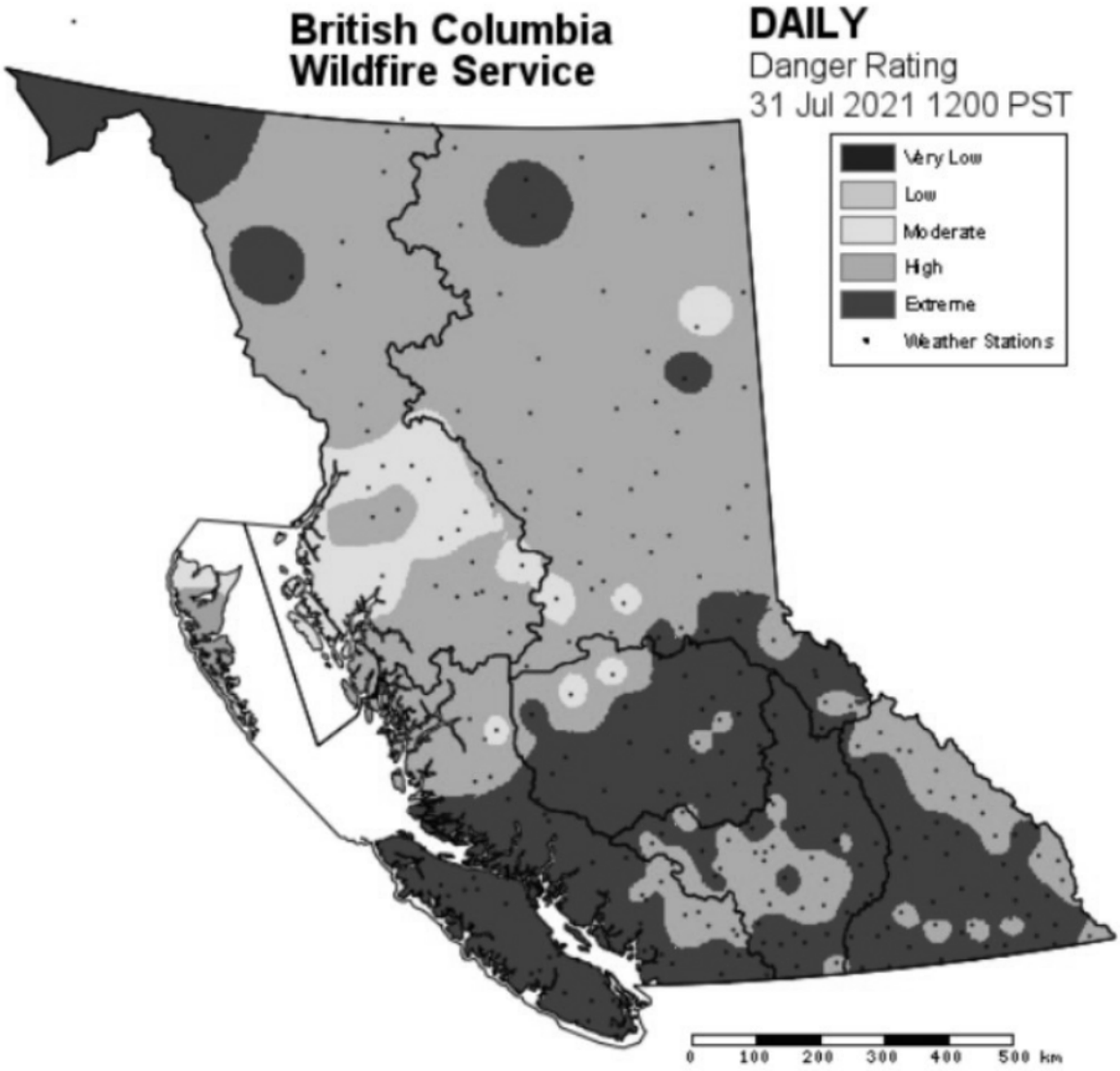
- Central PREOC has received reports of wells going dry and community water sources running low.

- Some First Nation wells are starting to dry up for the first time in history. Okanagan Indian Band reservoir is very low. First Nations are requesting that water use be restricted to essential use only.

- EMBC is engaging with FLNRORD Water Management Branch regarding drought ratings, reservoir capacity etc.

## FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: BC Wildfire Service Daily Wildfire Situation Report – July 31, 2021 12:00 PT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# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – July 31, 2021 17:00 PT

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 2, 2021
**Information current as of August 1, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,058 (-172) total personnel (including 1,119 (-133) contactors, and 301 (+4) out of province resources) and 202 (-35) aircraft

  NOTE: Reduction in personnel due to reset and a Quebec crew (113 personnel) return to Quebec. Personnel will be increased over the next few days by 6–10 unit crews coming off rest days.

- Active wildfires: 241 (-4)
- Wildfires of note: 37 (0)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 20 (+11)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Aug 1, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 31 (+1) | *+1* |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 11 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 63 (+2) | *+4* |
| Approx. properties on order | 4,186 (+1,023) | *Unknown* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 102 (+1) | *+2* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 21,131 (+1,269) | *Unknown* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

North End Long Island Wildfire (V12262) – Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) – SWE Region

- Evacuation Alert in Electoral Area C, Harrison Lake (14 properties).

White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884) – Regional District North Okanagan and Regional District Central Okanagan (RDNO/RDCO) – CTL Region

- Evacuation Order for 800 people in Okanagan Indian Band. 100 evacuees were processed.
- Evacuation Order issued by RDNO for portions of Electoral Area B. Number of properties unknown.
- Reception Centre opened in Vernon.
- SOLE declared by RDCO.

- Two Evacuation Orders issued by RDCO respectively for Westshore Estates and Bouleau Lake Road areas. Number of properties unknown.
- Evacuation Alert issued by RDCO for Bear FSR along Westside Road area. Number of properties unknown

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 18 (-1)
    - 100 Mile House, Anglemont, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Cranbrook, Hope, City of Merritt, Midway, Nakusp, Oliver, Penticton, City of Prince George, City of Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Williams Lake.

- Evacuees Registered Total: 7,540 (+2)

  NOTE: Okanagan Indian Band evacuation is ongoing and number of evacuees from this event have not been captured by time of publication of Situation Report.

- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 75 (-14)

| | CTL | NWE | NEA | SEA | SWE | VICCR | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reception Centers* | 8 (-1) | - | 4 | 3 | 3 | - | 18 (-1)* |
| Evacuees Registered | 4,857 (+2) | 59 | 1,692 | 232 | 700 | - | 7,540** (+2) |
| Group Lodging Facilities | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| Evacuees in Group Lodging | 66 (-14) | - | - | - | 9 | - | 75 (-14) |
| Regional Max Group Lodging Capacity | 540 | - | - | - | 260 | - | 800 |
| Evacuees in Commercial Lodging | - | - | 16 | - | 422 | - | 438 |
| Commercial Lodging Rooms in Use | - | - | - | - | 222 | - | 222 |
| Evacuees Billeted | - | - | - | - | 51 | - | 51 |

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL – Prince George:

**City of Prince George -** Task #221506

- **Incident:** ESS activated for wildfires
- **Alerts:** 0
- **Orders:** 0
- **State of Local Emergency:** 0

- **Homes Alerted:** 0
- **Homes Evacuated:** 0
- **Reception Centre(s):** 1; (CN Centre - 2187 Ospika Blvd, Prince George)
- **Individuals Registered with ESS:** 2
- ESS team will meet evacuees at CN Centre to register them
- Capacity available at reception centre

# OVERVIEW:

- Approximately 800 members of the Okanagan Indian Band are being evacuated after an order was issued yesterday (July 31) afternoon.
- An active landslide in Valemount has resulted in an evacuation alert for 40 properties in the Village and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.
- Heat warnings have largely been lifted. However, smoke has become widespread with much of the Province expected to be impacted over the next 24-48 hours.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

**WEATHER FORECAST FOR AUGUST 1, 2021 (ENVIRONMENT CANADA)**

- Convective showers with thunderstorms continue for the Central and Southeast Fire Centers as an upper-level disturbance moves North/Northeast through the province. A risk of thunderstorms exists for most of the interior, with locally heavy precipitation in thunderstorms near the Okanagan Valley. On Monday the low shifts eastward and convective activity is expected to be isolated to the Kootenays and Columbia's. The Okanagan will see clearing skies as the ridge rebuilds, with clear skies extending through to the Southeast on Tuesday.

Weather Notification – Issued: July 30, 2021 for Southern Interior BC

- A pattern change is coming for Saturday to Monday (July 31 – August 2, 2021) bringing rainfall, thunderstorms (possibility of dry lightning) and possibly gusty winds. This may result in localized flooding, landslides/debris flows and may affect wildfire behaviour.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued Aug 1): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, B.C. Peace River, Boundary, Bulkley Valley and the Lake District, Cariboo, Central Coast, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fort Nelson, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Howe Sound, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, McGregor, Metro Vancouver, Muncho Lake Park – Stone Mountain Park, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Prince George, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Stuart – Nechako, Sunshine Coast, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Whistler, Williston, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Heat Warning in effect for**: East Vancouver Island, Fort Nelson, Howe Sound.

- **Special Weather Statement (Heat)** in effect for: Inland Vancouver Island, Whistler.

- **Special Weather Statement (Rain)** in effect for: Teslin

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**Okanagan Indian Band -** White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884)
- Evacuation Alert upgraded to Evacuation Order for ~800 properties

**Regional District of Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**
- SOLE declared, and Evacuation Order issued, for the communities of Queest Village and Pete Martin Bay

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**
- Evacuation Order expansion to include 164 properties, and Evacuation Alert issued for 1 property, in Electoral Area H - Eastgate community.

*Northeast Region*

**Cariboo Regional District (CRD)**
- Evacuation Alert issued for 1,408 properties Electoral Area G, 108 Mile Ranch West

*Southwest Region*

**Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD)** – Long Island Wildfire (V12262)
- Evacuation Alert issued for ~13 properties in Electoral Area C, at the north end of Long Island in Harrison Lake

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*
- Emergency Support Services (ESS) and First Nations Health Authority providing support to West Bank First Nation to setup group lodging in the community.

- EMBC exploring evacuation options/supports in the event that the evacuation alert for the north end of Long Island in Harrison Lake is upgraded to an order, requiring boat(s) to transport people.

*Donations*
- EMBC is, with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), completing the installation and opening phase of the physical donations warehouse. Truck deliveries of collected donations are now being received at the site.

- Continuing to proactively message the preference for financial donations, over physical.

*Partnerships*
- EMBC is exploring opportunities for greater involvement of the Conservation Officer Service (COS) with providing additional capacity for security/RCMP operations.

*Agriculture*
- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 3,460 | 93 | 182 | 132 | 71 | 352 | 891 | 11 |
| Total Under Alert | 26,146 | 596 | 1,061 | 1,524 | 822 | 267 | 10,568 | 849 |

*Estimated numbers

- Major dairy operation (Bradner Farms) close to Ashcroft and responsible for approximately 25% of BC's milk, refusing to relocate (currently under Evacuation Alert). AFF working to understand/address potential impact on Temporary Foreign Workers working at the farm. AFF is briefing Minister Popham.

*Utilities*

- BC Hydro is responding to following power outages due to fire:
  - Cranbrook is experiencing a power outage (41 homes)
  - Lytton – 100 block on Kent Road (<5 homes)
  - Kamloops - south of Tranquille Criss Creek Road (11 homes)

- Shaw is concerned about and monitoring potential impacts to fibre lines within the vicinity of the Bill Nye Fire, the Flat Lake Fire which would affect video and data services, and the Akokli Creek fire. Should the Akokli Creek Fire damage the aerial fibre cable running along Highway 3A over 18,000 consumer internet connections and nearly two dozen business fibre connections in Grand Forks, Trial, Nelson and Castlegar would be affected.

*Transportation*

Road

- Highway 8, 97A and 97C each have closures in both directions due to wildfire.
- Travel advisories in place on Highway 3, Highway 5, Highway 6, Highway 97, Highway 97C, due to limited visibility with smoke.
- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

Rail Lines

- VIA Rail and Rocky Mountaineer have reported reductions in service due to wildfire activity between Vancouver and Kamloops.
- CN ceased Freight operations on the Alternate Route from Vancouver to Prince George on July 23. CN will maintain the tracks for possible use by passenger rail (Rocky Mountaineer).

Aviation

- There have been restrictions in airspace due to fire suppression efforts in and around Penticton, Kelowna, Cache Creek, Kamloops, and Green Lake.

*Recovery*

- EMBC working with Canadian Red Cross and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to determine financial supports available to evacuees as potential longer term support options.

*Lytton*

- EMBC approved 30-day ESS extensions for Lytton evacuees. The current support will expire on August 7, 2021 and will be extended to September 7, 2021.

- EMBC DFA staff are engaged with various engineering and professional services to gather information on impacts in Lytton area.

- Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) is working with GeoBC to assess fire losses in Lytton.

**Landslide**

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary.
- New evacuation alert: 40 properties (15 in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 25 in Valemount).
- FLNR has visited area and recommended a geotech assessment. Joint EOC with Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and Valemount are working to source a geotech.
- A seniors care home is one of several structures that may be at risk, pending assessment.
- A resource request has been received for monitoring equipment.

**Drought and Heat Warnings**

- EMBC is handling requests from communities for support in response to the increasing severity of drought/diminishing supply of drinking water.

*Drought*

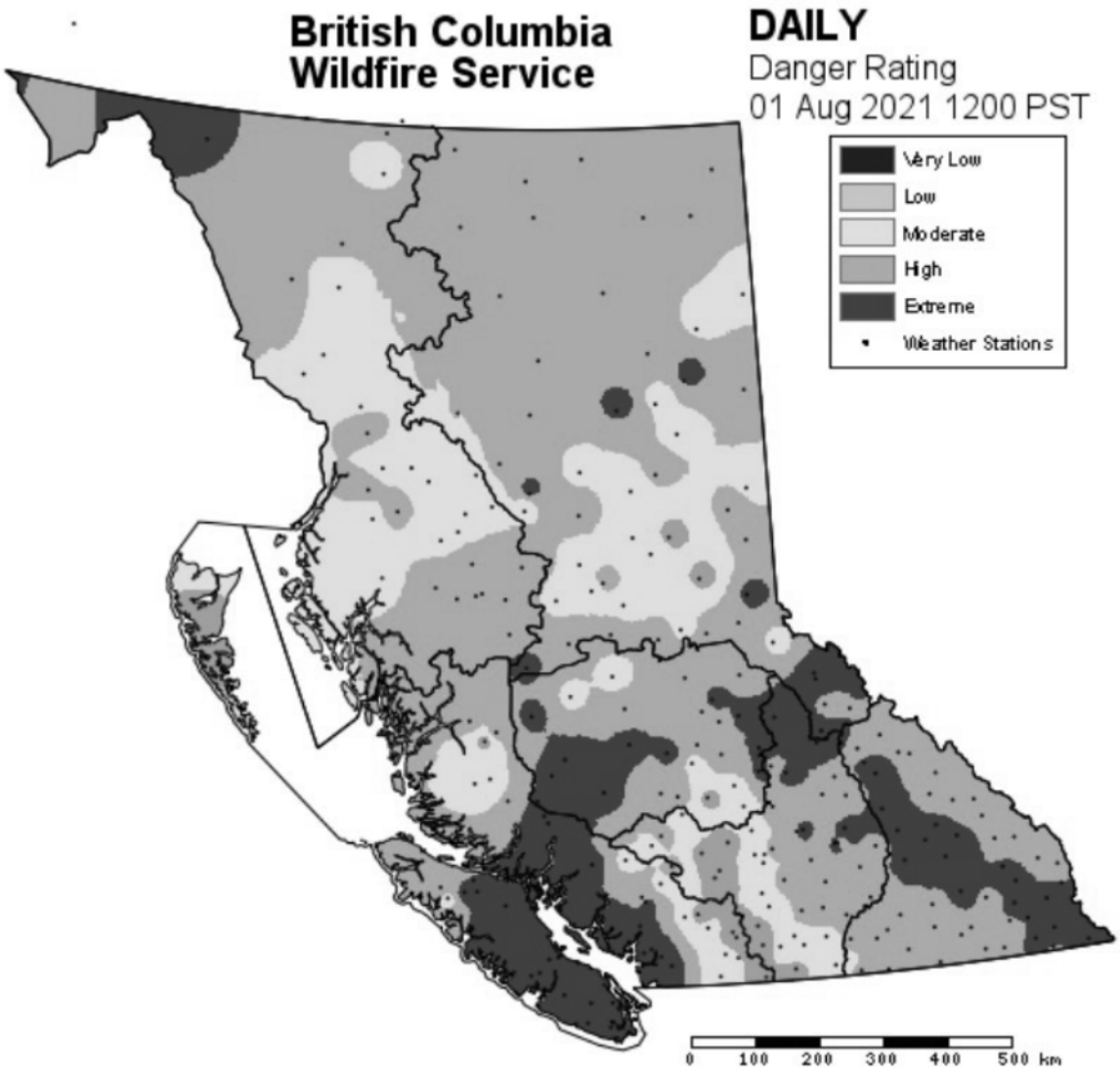
- The well for Splatsin First Nation has run dry. Central PREOC is working with Splatsin First Nation and Indigenous Services Canada on provision of water for the community.

- Some First Nation wells are starting to dry up for the first time in history. Okanagan Indian Band reservoir is very low. First Nations are requesting that water use be restricted to essential use only.

- EMBC is engaging with FLNRORD Water Management Branch regarding drought ratings, reservoir capacity etc.

## FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – August 1, 2021 17:00 PT



# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – August 1, 2021 17:00 PT

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 3, 2021
**Information current as of August 2, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,245 (+187) total personnel (including 1,153 (+34) contactors, and 301 (0) out of province resources) and 212 (+10) aircraft
    - Overhead firefighting personnel from Newfoundland have arrived (Aug 2).
- Active wildfires: 244 (+3)
- Wildfires of note: 35 (-2)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 13 (-7)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Aug 2, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 31 (0) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 11 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 65 (+2) | - |
| Approx. properties on order | 4,620 (+434) | - |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 99 (-3) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 21,042 (-89) | *Unknown* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

Kotcho Lake Wildfires (G92303/G92305/G92297/G92304) – Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (NRRM) – NEA Region.
- Evacuation Alert issued due to multiple wildfires in the Helmut area. Number of properties unknown.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 19 (+1)
    - 100 Mile House, Anglemont, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Cranbrook, Hope, City of Merritt, Midway, Nakusp, Oliver, Penticton, City of Prince George, City of Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, City of Williams Lake.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 7,764 (+224)

- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 75 (0)

| | CTL | NWE | NEA | SEA | SWE | VICCR | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reception Centers* | 10 (+2) | - | 4 | 2 (-1) | 3 | - | 19 (+1) |
| Evacuees Registered | 5,081 (+224) | 59 | 1,692 | 232 | 700 | - | 7,764 (+224) |
| Group Lodging Facilities | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| Evacuees in Group Lodging | 66 | - | - | - | 9 | - | 75 |
| Regional Max Group Lodging Capacity | 540 | - | - | - | 260 | - | 800 |
| Evacuees in Commercial Lodging | - | - | 16 | - | 422 | - | 438 |
| Commercial Lodging Rooms in Use | - | - | - | - | 222 | - | 222 |
| Evacuees Billeted | - | - | - | - | 51 | - | 51 |

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL – Prince George:

**City of Prince George -** Task #221506

- **Incident:** ESS activated for wildfires
- **Alerts:** 0
- **Orders:** 0
- **State of Local Emergency:** 0
- **Homes Alerted:** 0
- **Homes Evacuated:** 0
- **Reception Centre(s):** 1; (CN Centre - 2187 Ospika Blvd, Prince George)
- **Individuals Registered with ESS:** 2
- ESS team will meet evacuees at CN Centre to register them
- Capacity available at reception centre

## OVERVIEW:

- Thanks to a slight reprieve in the weather (i.e. some (albeit, limited) precipitation, low winds, higher humidities) progress continues to be made on fire suppression, with fires of note now at 35, down from 37 yesterday.
- However, further evacuation alerts and orders are anticipated as larger fuels and deep soil remain highly combustible and with little rain in the forecast.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Tuesday: A ridge strengthening over much of the interior brings a clearing trend with warm weather and clear skies for much of BC but may still see weak convection over the Columbias Tuesday afternoon. Also, ~20km/h winds anticipated across the Interior, gusting 40km/h in Kelowna, Nicola and Lytton, and a light risk of thunderstorms for Okanagan and Similkameen Tuesday afternoon.

- Outlook: By Thursday afternoon the ridge begins weakening as an upper low moves inland from the Pacific bringing clouds, precipitation and a cooler trend for most of the province for the end of the week.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued Aug 1): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, B.C. Peace River, Boundary, Cariboo, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fort Nelson, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Howe Sound, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, McGregor, Metro Vancouver, Muncho Lake Park – Stone Mountain Park, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Prince George, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Stuart – Nechako, Watson Lake, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Whistler, Williston, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Air quality advisory** (issued Aug 1): Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley

- **Heat Warning in effect for**: East Vancouver Island, Fort Nelson, Howe Sound.

- **Special Weather Statement (Heat)** in effect for: Inland Vancouver Island, Whistler.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO)** – Brenda Creek Fire (K51924) and White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)

- Evacuation order in/around Bouleau Lake (~6+ properties)
- Evacuation Order for Westshore Estates for unknown number of properties

**Regional District of Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**

- Evacuation Order for west end of Humamilt Lake located northwest of Seymour Arm of Shuswap
- Evacuation Alert expanded to include the hills west of and above Yankee Flats Road, north to Spa Creek. This adds one commercial resort at Bolean Lake to the Alert area.

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**

- Evacuation Alert issued for Electoral Area “H” at Garrison Lake

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**

- Evacuation Order issued for Electoral Area “E” (Copper Desert Country)
- Evacuation Alert issued for 76 properties in Electoral Area “L” (Grasslands)

- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Electoral Area “P” (Rivers and Peaks) for 153 properties near Whitecroft
- Evacuation Order rescind for Electoral Area E (Bonaparte Plateau), 102 properties remain on Alert

**Town of Oliver** activated in response to Nk’Mip Fire (K52061)

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- In response to the White Rock Lake Fire Okanagan Indian Band, with Emergency Support Services (ESS) support, has stood up a Reception Centre on their land. Elders from the community had successfully been evacuated from the community the day before the Alert was raised to an Order. Evacuees also received at Vernon Reception Centre where EMBC staff were on the ground to support.

- EMBC is requesting an extension for ESS support personnel/support provided by Alberta.

- ESS and First Nations Health Authority providing support to West Bank First Nation to setup group lodging in the community.

*Donations*

- No new updates.

*Partnerships*

- EMBC and BCWS are exploring the possibility of Canadian Armed Forces involvement in providing medevac assistance.

- In cooperation with Canadian Red Cross one-time $2,000 payments are being provided to Lytton-area households impacted by the wildfire. In addition, all other households in B.C. under mandatory evacuation order for longer than 10 consecutive days during the 2021 wildfire season will be eligible to receive a one-time payment of $1,200. These funds will be distributed by the Canadian Red Cross.

- EMBC is exploring opportunities for greater involvement of the Conservation Officer Service (COS) with providing additional capacity for security/RCMP operations.

*Agriculture*

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (AFF) working on logistics for the Emergency Hay Program and Range Rider Program

- Wildfire personnel are coordinating the safe removal of cattle from the Nk’Mip Creek fire in coordination with local ranchers and the Cattlemen’s Association

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 3,460 | 93 | 182 | 347 | 67 | 352 | 891 | 11 |
| Total Under Alert | 26,887 | 646 | 1,163 | 1,737 | 868 | 421 | 11,085 | 920 |

*Estimated numbers

*Utilities*

- BC Hydro de-energized powerlines along Lazy Lake Road for responder safety. After the Bill Nye Fire (Regional District of East Kootenay) crossed the Lazy Lake Road. Power has since been restored to properties surrounding the Fire.

*Transportation*

Road

- Highway 8 and 97A each have closures in both directions due to wildfire.
- Travel advisories in place on Highway 3, Highway 5, Highway 6, Highway 97, Highway 97C, due to limited visibility with smoke.
- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

Air

- Kelowna Airport (YLW) reached out to EMBC to provide overnight accommodation after all flights were grounded (night of Aug 1). Request was refused; customers overnighted at the airport.

*Recovery*

- No new updates.

*Lytton*

- EMBC approved 30-day ESS extensions for Lytton evacuees. The current support will expire on August 7, 2021 and will be extended to September 7, 2021.

**Landslide**

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary.
- New evacuation alert: 40 properties (15 in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 25 in Valemount).
- A Geotech assessment is underway.
- A seniors' care home is one of several structures that may be at risk, pending assessment.

**Drought and Heat Warnings**

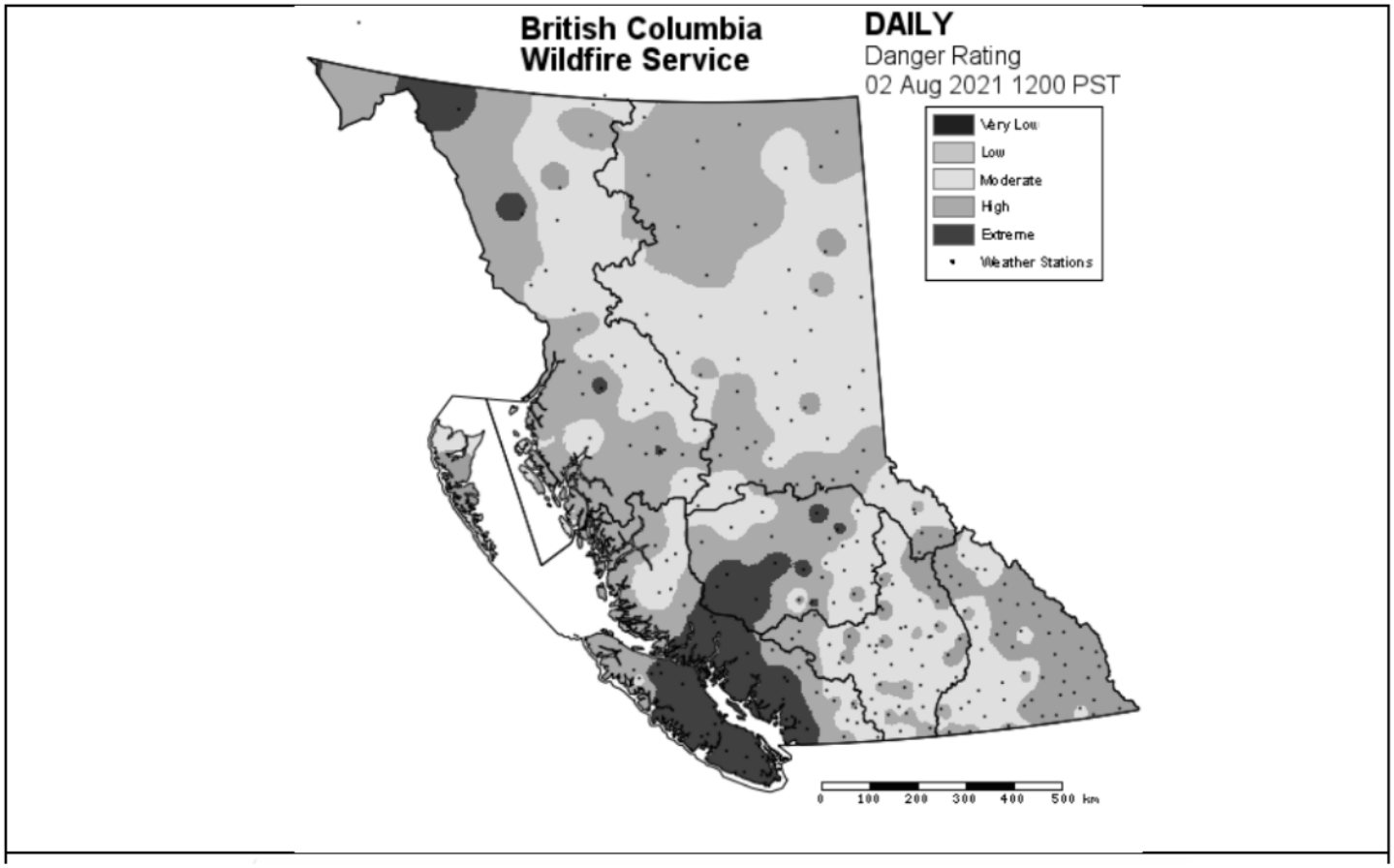
- EMBC is handling requests from communities for support in response to the increasing severity of drought/diminishing supply of drinking water.

*Drought*

- The well for Splatsin First Nation has run dry. Central PREOC is working with Splatsin First Nation and Indigenous Services Canada on provision of water for the community.

## FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – August 2, 2021 17:00 PT



# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – August 2, 2021 17:00 PT

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 4, 2021
**Information current as of August 3, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,305 (+60) total personnel (including 1,181 (+28) contactors, and 308 (+7) out of province resources) and 211 (-1) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 249 (+5)
- Wildfires of note: 34 (-1)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 21 (+8)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Aug 3, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 31 (0) | *+1* |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 11 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 64 (-1) | *+2* |
| Approx. properties on order | 4,296 (-324) | *Unknown* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 100 (+1) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 20,994 (-48) | *+1* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

Garrison Lake Wildfire (K62088) – Regional District Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) – CTL Region
- Evacuation Alert issued for one property in Electoral Area H.

Kotcho Lake Wildfires (G92303/G92305/G92297/G92304) – Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (NRRM) – NEA Region.
- SOLE Declared for a Helmut area, north east of the community of Fort Nelson.
- Evacuation order issued for Helmut area.

Big Stick Lake Wildfire (C51290) - Cariboo Regional District (CRD) – NEA Region
- Evacuation Order issued for Big Stick Area #2 and #3.

Apartment Fire – Surrey – SWE Region
- 60-80 people displaced due to fire.
- Surrey ESS has set up a reception centre at the Newton Recreation Centre.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 19 (0)
    - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Grand Forks, Kelowna, Merritt, Nakusp, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, Williams Lake, Vernon.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 8,315 (+551)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 75 (0)

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL – Prince George:

**City of Prince George -** Task #221506

- **Incident:** ESS activated for wildfires
- **Alerts:** 0
- **Orders:** 0
- **State of Local Emergency:** 0
- **Homes Alerted:** 0
- **Homes Evacuated:** 0
- **Reception Centre(s):** 1; (CN Centre - 2187 Ospika Blvd, Prince George)
- **Individuals Registered with ESS:** 2
- ESS team will meet evacuees at CN Centre to register them
- Capacity available at reception centre

## OVERVIEW:

- On August 3, 2021, the Provincial State of Emergency was extended for a further 14 days to support the province-wide response to the ongoing wildfire situation.
- Stanley Park closed overnight for the first time in 130 years due to fire risk.
- A group of First Nations in the Interior is advocating for a backcountry closure.
- EMBC working to increase reception centre and accommodation capacity through the provincial mass evacuation strategy and establishment of a virtual reception centre.
- Positive response to email from Deputy Minister Wanamaker canvassing for more staff resources from across government to support EMBC.
- Dry and warm weather expected through today and tomorrow. Smoke continues to restrict visibility and impact aerial fire suppression. Hope rests with precipitation and cooler temperatures forecast for the weekend.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Wednesday: Conditions remain relatively settled and stable today. Over the Gulf of Alaska an upper low-pressure system is deepening and steering successive frontal systems towards the BC north coast. Over the BC interior an upper-level ridge is expected to remain strong and only slightly shift into Alberta.

- Thursday: Transition to cooler, wetter weather.

- **Air quality statement** (smoky skies bulletin issued Aug 3): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, B.C. Peace River, Boundary, Cariboo, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fort Nelson, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Howe Sound, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, McGregor, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Whistler, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Heat Warning in effect for**: East Vancouver Island, Howe Sound.

- **Special Weather Statement (Heat)** in effect for: Inland Vancouver Island, Whistler.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**Osoyoos Indian Band -** Nk'Mip Creek Fire (K52061)
- Evacuation alert issued for Area 27 Drive, NkMip Road, Spud Allen Road
- Evacuation alert rescinded for Area 27 south to include the east side of NkMip Road to the Spirit Ridge Area

**Regional District of Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**
- Evacuation Order rescinded for approximately 32 properties in the District of Sicamous

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**
- Evacuation Alert has been issued by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen in Electoral Area "H"

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**
- Evacuation Order rescinded for Electoral Area 'I' (Blue Sky Country) North of Lytton Creek Wildfire (169 properties)

**Town of Osoyoos -** Nk'Mip Fire (K52061)
- SOLE for the Town of Osoyoos has now expired.

*Northeast Region*
**City of Quesnel**
- ESS activated for wildfires in the Cariboo and landslide

*Southeast Region*

**Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK)**

- Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for Electoral Area K (152 properties)
- Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for Popou Rd, Rooster Rd and Lemon Creek Rd, RDCK Electoral Area H, (~105 properties)
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for properties located south of Akokli Creek
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Michaud Creek, Electoral Area J & Electoral Area K

*Southwest Region*

**City of Mission**

- Activated in response to a fast-moving wildfire started in Heritage Park sparking the evacuation of Tooley Place in Mission.
- The fire is contained, and crews are working towards a complete extinguishment.

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- EMBC is working to finalize contingency provincial mass evacuation strategy and operational plan, in coordination with PREOCs and partners.

- Emergency Support Services (ESS) is developing a model for a virtual reception (call) centre to respond to evacuations while helping to alleviate volunteer fatigue.

- The BC Lodging and Campground Association is producing a weekly “suppliers list” of campgrounds across B.C. who have availability. This summary will be provided, through EMBC, to local ESS staff who wish to contract these campgrounds to place evacuees with trailers or RVs. No prior arrangements or contact is being made with these campgrounds.

- As Evacuation Orders are lifted First Nations Health Authority is supporting re-entry assessments for Indigenous communities.

*Donations*

- No new updates.

*Partnerships*

- Upper Similkameen Indian Band along with other Interior First Nations have expressed a strong desire, and are advocating, for a backcountry closure.

- The Canadian Red Cross (CRC) registration line to support one-time financial assistance for people impacted by wildfires is now active. To date 664 households have registered with CRC to access one-time financial assistance for people impacted by the wildfire in the Lytton area and to people under an evacuation order for more than 10 consecutive days.

- CRC personnel have been deployed to support at Okanagan Indian Band EOC. CRC is also maintaining a presence at the resilience centres in Lytton and Kamloops.

- Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport has updated the Destination BC site to assist visitors with trip planning and help tourism businesses/operators prepare for emergencies during the wildfire event.

- CAF aircraft being used to transport firefighting personnel to 100 Mile House and to Vanderhoof/Fort St John.

- Requests for Assistance i.e. CAF aircraft (RFA #1 and #2) have been extended. EMBC and BCWS are also exploring the possibility of Canadian Armed Forces involvement in providing medivac assistance.

- EMBC is exploring opportunities for greater involvement of the Conservation Officer Service (COS) with providing additional capacity for security/RCMP operations.

*Agriculture*

- 3 premises that were under Alert are now under Order (2 related to White Rock Lake fire and 1 related to Sparks Lake fire). There are currently 292 registered agricultural premises under either Evacuation Order or Alert.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

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*Estimated numbers

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (AFF) working on logistics for the Emergency Hay Program and Range Rider Program

*Utilities*

- BC Hydro outage south of Tranquille Criss Creek Road near Kamloops (Central Region)

- Telus home services in Lytton are currently disrupted due to cable damage, this may result in customers being unable to make or receive calls.

*Transportation*

Road

- Highway 8, safe to reopen. Coordinating with Shackan Indian Band over security concerns with respect to reopening.
- Highway 97A remains closed in both directions due to wildfire. Danger tree assessment underway.
- Travel advisories in place on Highway 3, Highway 5, Highway 6, Highway 97, Highway 97C, due to limited visibility with smoke.
- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

*Recovery*

- PECC Recovery attended the Indigenous Agency Working Group (IAWG) to coordinate recovery supports to First Nations in BC.

*Lytton*

- Fire loss in the Village of Lytton currently estimated at $50M based on aerial survey by Office of the Fire Commissioner of structures lost. Estimate does not include possessions, vehicles or any properties outside of the Village limits.

- EMBC Recovery Specialists and Disaster Financial Assistance representatives are continuing to meet with the Village of Lytton and Lytton First Nations on their recovery needs.

- EMBC is working CRC to improve information sharing with the Village of Lytton to help identify and respond to households' recovery needs.

**Landslide**

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary.
- New evacuation alert: 40 properties (15 in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 25 in Valemount).
- A Geotech assessment is underway.
- A seniors' care home is one of several structures that may be at risk, pending assessment.

**Drought and Heat Warnings**

- EMBC is handling requests from communities for support in response to the increasing severity of drought/diminishing supply of drinking water.

*Drought*

- The well for Splatsin First Nation has run dry. Central PREOC is working with Splatsin First Nation and Indigenous Services Canada on provision of water for the community.

## FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

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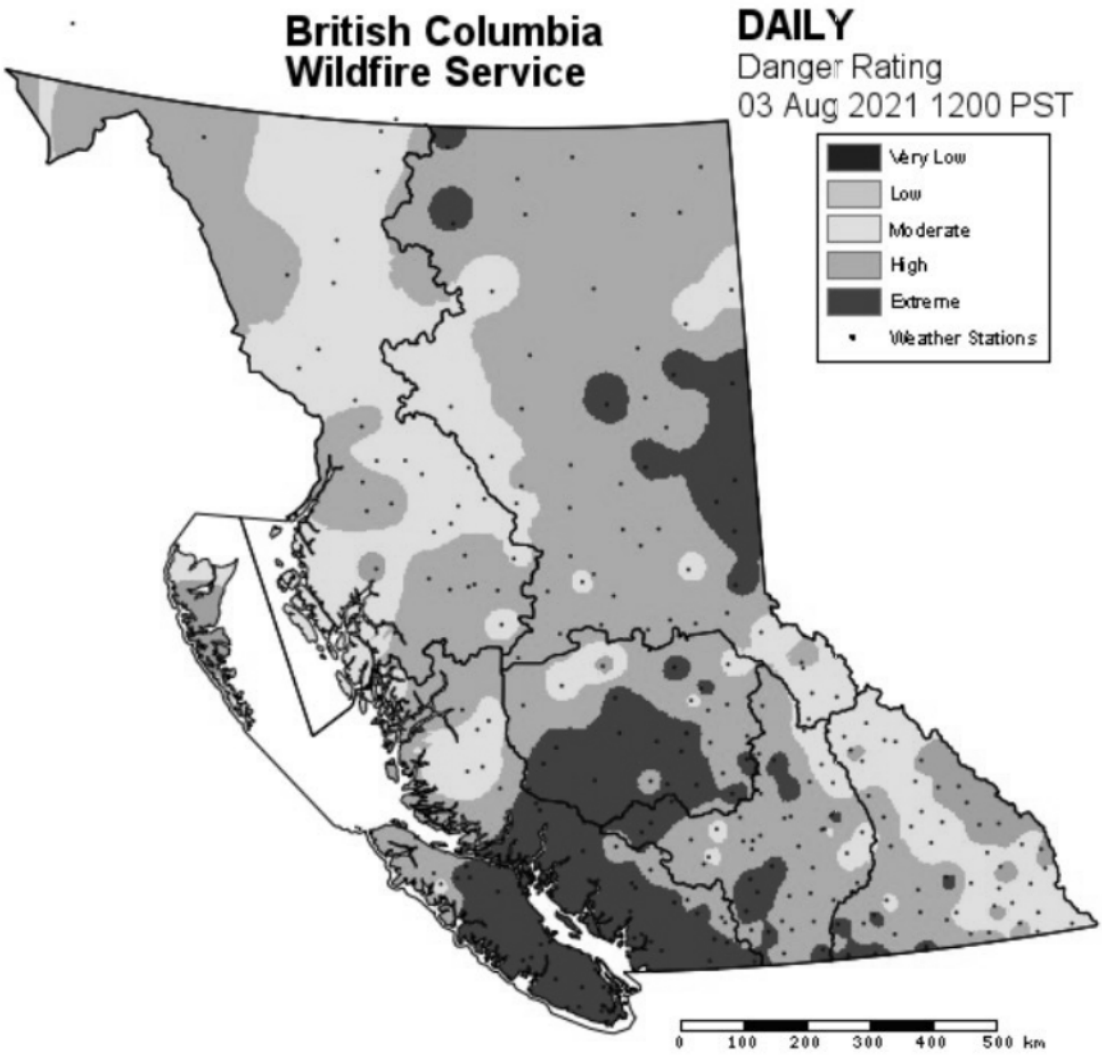

# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

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# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 5, 2021
**Information current as of August 4, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,612 (+307) total personnel (including 1,139 (-42) contactors, and 596 (+288) out of province resources) and 204 (-7) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 269 (+20)
- Wildfires of note: 32 (-2)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 35 (+14)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Aug 4, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 32 (+1) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 10 (-1) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 63 (-1) | *+6* |
| Approx. properties on order | 4,228 (-68) | *+ >1,168* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 103 (+3) | - |
| Approx. properties on alert | 21,403 (+409) | - |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884) – Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Columbia-Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) - CTL Region

- Evacuation Orders issued for 1,168 address points in Monte Lake, Westwold, Falkland, and Cedar Hill.
- Evacuation Order issued for over 500 people in the Okanagan Indian Band.
- Evacuees directed to Kamloops, Vernon, and Salmon Arm.
- Vernon SAR, Shuswap SAR, and Kamloops SAR deployed to assist RCMP with notifications.
- $8.5M of fire department apparatus is en route to assist with suppression and structure protection.

McKay Creek Wildfire (K71030) – Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) - CTL Region

- Evacuation Order issued for Electoral Area B, including West Pavilion Road, Ferry School Road, and Gammon Road.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 17 (-2)
    - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Grand Forks, Kelowna, Merritt, Nakusp, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, Williams Lake, Vernon.

- Evacuees Registered Total: 8,306 (-9)

  NOTE: Number of evacuees registered reconciled to reflect event total of evacuees registered to date exclusive of renewals.

- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 75 (0)

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL – Prince George:

**City of Prince George -** Task #221506

- **Incident:** ESS activated for wildfires
- **Alerts:** 0
- **Orders:** 0
- **State of Local Emergency:** 0
- **Homes Alerted:** 0
- **Homes Evacuated:** 0
- **Reception Centre(s):** 1; (CN Centre - 2187 Ospika Blvd, Prince George)
- **Individuals Registered with ESS:** 5 (+3)
- ESS team will meet evacuees at CN Centre to register them
- Capacity available at reception centre

## OVERVIEW:

- Over thirty new fire starts in the last 24 hours; reflecting the continuing/increasingly dry conditions and elevated fire risk.
- 500 members of the Okanagan Indian Band and 1,168 addresses in the Thompson-Nicola and Columbia-Shuswap Regional Districts evacuated overnight due to the White Rock Lake wildfire. Evacuees directed to Kamloops, Vernon and Salmon Arm.
- To date more than $3M has been raised* through the 2021 British Columbia Fires Appeal. *not including match funding from the Province and Federal governments.
- The physical donations warehouse is now fully operational - accomplished in just 17 days.
- Risk of thunderstorms throughout the Province today. Smoke continues to restrict visibility and impact aerial fire suppression primarily in the South. Hope rests with

precipitation and cooler temperatures forecast for the weekend.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Thursday: The upper low anchored over the Gulf of Alaska is pushing forward a frontal system which will bring cloud, showers, winds and overall cooler conditions to coastal BC before pushing inland and south. Risk of thunderstorms throughout the Province.

- By Friday, the cooler temperatures and rain activity is slated to move into the southern interior fire zones.

- Outlook: Environment Canada has indicated that another heat event may develop towards the end of next week.

- **Air quality statement:** Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, B.C. Peace River, Boundary, Cariboo, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fort Nelson, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**Regional District of Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**
- State of Local Emergency (SOLE) in place for the north portion of Electoral Area F further defined as north of the southern tip of Hunakwa Lake and north of the southern boundary.
- Evacuation Order rescinded for properties in Electoral Area E (1 property).

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**
- Evacuation Order rescinded the Nk'Mip Creek area of Electoral Area "A" (223 properties)

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**
- Evacuation order rescinded Electoral Area E (Bonepart Plateau) and Electoral Area J (Copper Desert Country) impacted by the Sparks Lake Wildfire (122 properties)
- Evacuation alert issued for Electoral Area J (Copper Desert Country) impacted by the Sparks Lake Wildfire (18 properties)

*Northwest Region*

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN)**
- Evacuation Alert issued for the Cutoff Creek area, from approximately 8 km south of Brophy Road along the Kenney Dam Road and the Nechako River for approximately 22 km.

*Northeast Region*

**Cariboo Regional District (CRD)**

- Cariboo Regional District has issued an Evacuation Order for Big Stick Area #2 and Big Stick Area #3

**Northern Rockies Regional Municipality** - Kotcho Lake Fires (G92297) (G92303) (G92304)

- A State of Local Emergency (SOLE) exists in the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality Helmut area.
- Evacuation Order issued for area approx. 130km northeast of North Nelson and located 35km northeast of Kotcho Lake.
- Oil and gas infrastructure values in the area of the Evacuation Order, no homes threatened. BCWS has notified the affected companies. Most of the companies have moved their employees out of the area and to the South.

*Southeast Region*

**Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK)** - Bill Nye Mountain Fire (N11629) and Mineral Creek (N22147)

- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for all properties in the Lazy Lake are of Electoral Area E.

*Southwest Region*

**City of Mission** – Heritage Park Fire

- Evacuation Alert for Tooley Place has been rescinded.

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- EMBC is encouraging the hiring of First Nation Navigators at group lodging facilities to help ensure safety of vulnerable individuals.

- Chief Pasco of the Oregon Jack Creek Band had expressed desire for the Evacuation Order to be lifted and the community to return. However, BCWS has indicated there is further clean up required before it is safe to return.

- As Evacuation Orders are lifted First Nations Health Authority is supporting re-entry assessments for Indigenous communities.

- EMBC is following up with the Insurance Bureau of Canada after reports of individuals being directed by their insurance company to seek ESS supports despite being covered by their insurance.

- EMBC is working to finalize contingency provincial mass evacuation strategy and operational plan, in coordination with PREOCs and partners.

- Emergency Support Services (ESS) is developing a model for a virtual reception (call) centre to respond to evacuations while helping to alleviate volunteer fatigue.

*Donations*

- To date more than $3M has been raised (not including match funding from the Province and Federal governments) by the Canadian Red Cross, through the 2021 British Columbia Fires Appeal.

- The physical donations warehouse managed by ADRA is fully operational as of July 30, 2021 - accomplished in 17 days. It took ~6 weeks to establish the same operation in AB in response to the Fort MacMurray wildfire in 2016.

- Trucks and volunteers are gathering donations from collection centres across the province, with loads almost daily. Distribution to meet needs will be determined in collaboration with First Nations, Local Authorities, PREOCs, and the PECC.

- EMBC is also engaging with ADRA on planning for donations management support in the event of a mass evacuation.

- EMBC is continuing to proactively message preference for financial donations as opposed to physical.

*Partnerships*

- The Integrated Disaster Council of British Columbia (IDCBC) is hosting weekly meetings to share information on member contributions to response and recovery and fostering effective activities to support local authority and First Nations' response and recovery.

- CAF aircraft being used to transport firefighting personnel to Prince George and Burns Lake.

- Requests for Assistance i.e. CAF aircraft (RFA #1 and #2) have been extended. Canadian Armed Forces will only provide medivac assistance in situations of 'life or limb'.

- EMBC is exploring opportunities for greater involvement of the Conservation Officer Service (COS) with providing additional capacity for security/RCMP operations.

*Agriculture*

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries continue to support First Nations (Okanagan Indian Band), Regional Districts (Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Regional District Okangan-Similkameen), and range staff with inquiries related to livestock relocation and boarding

- Fires of Note impacting livestock are: Nk'Mip, White Rock Lake, Tremont Creek, Sparks, Flat Lake, Young Lake, Big Stick Lake.

- In the Central Region there are currently 32 premises with livestock under Order and 126 premises with livestock under Alert. The number of livestock under Order/Alert is cattle (1,303/19,940), dairy cattle (88/430), horses (104/549), sheep

(300/1,117), swine (43/382), goats (305/269), poultry (689/6,110), other (0/115)

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

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*Utilities*

- BC Hydro outage south of Tranquille Criss Creek Road near Kamloops (Central Region)

- Telus home services in Lytton are currently disrupted due to cable damage, this may result in customers being unable to make or receive calls.

*Transportation*

Road

- Highway 8 closed in both directions, assessment in progress. Coordinating with Shackan Indian Band over security concerns with respect to reopening.
- Highway 97A remains closed in both directions due to wildfire. Danger tree assessment underway.
- Travel advisories in place on Highway 97 due to limited visibility with smoke.
- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

*Recovery*

- EMBC is developing inventory of funding programs, resilience centre resources and ash sifting resources.

- Transitional messaging is being developed to ensure ongoing supports to evacuees as they transition from response to recovery.

*Lytton*

- PECC Recovery team deploying to Central Region from August 5-7 to offer supports to Lytton with a focus on interim housing and other emergency needs.

- Fire loss in the Village of Lytton currently estimated at $50M based on aerial survey by Office of the Fire Commissioner of structures lost. Estimate does not include possessions, vehicles or any properties outside of the Village limits.

- ICBC has reported that so far 60 vehicles have been removed from the Village and claims received totalling $600K.

- The Insurance Bureau of Canada estimates the damage caused by the Lytton wildfire is $78M. ~300 insurance claims have been made so far, most of which are related to residential properties.

- EMBC Recovery Specialists and Disaster Financial Assistance representatives met with the Village of Lytton and Lytton First Nations (Aug 5) on their recovery needs.

- EMBC is working CRC to improve information sharing with the Village of Lytton to help identify and respond to households' recovery needs.

**Landslide**

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary. No significant changes observed in the last 24 hours.
- Evacuation alert remains in place for 40 properties (15 in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 25 in Valemount).
- Geotech assessment is in progress.
- A seniors' care home is one of several structures that may be at risk, pending assessment.

**Drought**

- EMBC is handling requests from communities for support in response to the increasing severity of drought/diminishing supply of drinking water.

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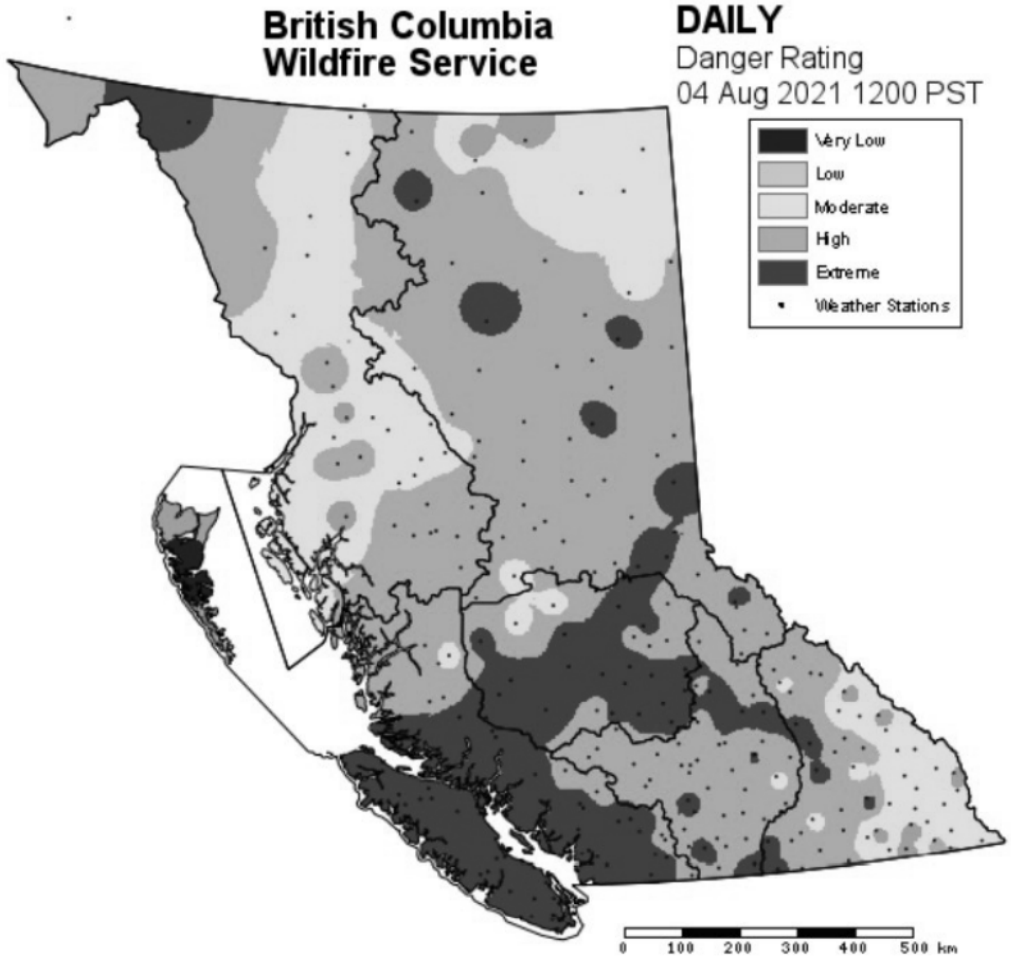

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# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 6, 2021
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|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 33 (+1) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 10 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 60 (-3) | *+4* |
| Approx. properties on order | 4,514 (+286) | *+694* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 107 (+4) | *+5* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 21,060 (-343) | *Unknown (>805)* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884) - Okanagan Indian Band (OIB) / Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) / Columbia-Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) / City of Kamloops- CTL Region

- TNRD issued 2 Evacuation Orders for Electoral Area "L" (Grasslands) and properties in the vicinity of Pritchard (676 properties).
- TNRD issued an Evacuation Alert for 177 properties in EA "L" (Grasslands).
- City of Kamloops issued an Evacuation Alert for the communities of Campbell Creek, Dallas and Barnhartvale; up to 25,000 persons impacted by the Evacuation Alert.
- City of Penticton opened a Reception Centre for evacuees from this wildfire and will be a host community for the White Rock Lake wildfire.
- Fire has reportedly impacted Monte Lake, media reports that the TNRD Chair has advised that “commercial buildings have been destroyed and some residences have been destroyed”, further media is reporting that the general store and at least one campground has been destroyed.

Churn Creek Wildfire (C21250) - Cariboo Regional District - NEA Region

- CRD issued an Evacuation Alert for Gang Ranch Area and Canoe Creek - Dog Creek (~238 properties)
- TNRD issued an Evacuation Alert for EA 'E" (Bonaparte Plateau) (5 properties)

Tremont Creek Wildfire (K21849) - Thompson-Nicola Regional District - CTL Region

- Evacuation Order issued for EA "J" (Copper Desert Country) (17 properties)
- Evacuation Alert issued for EA "J" (Copper Desert Country) (385 properties)

McKay Creek Wildfire (K71030) - Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) /Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) - CTL Region

- SLRD issued an Evacuation Order for Electoral Area "B" (1 property).

Other Events

- A truck transporting fuel has gone over the embankment onto the foreshore bank near Peregrine Lodge in Naden Harbor, Graham Island Haida Gwaii (approx. 32 km west of Masset). The truck was reported to be leaking and that a boom has been placed around it to mitigate spills. The Council of Haida Nation will be undertaking an assessment in the morning.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 16 (-1)
    - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Grand Forks, Kamloops, Kelowna, Merritt, Nakusp, Okanagan Indian Band, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, Williams Lake, Vernon.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 12,726 (+4,420) **NOTE**: Number reconciled.
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 75 (0)

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL:

**City of Prince George -** Task #221506

- **Incident:** ESS activated for wildfires
- **Alerts:** 0
- **Orders:** 0
- **State of Local Emergency:** 0
- **Homes Alerted:** 0
- **Homes Evacuated:** 0
- **Reception Centre(s):** 1; (CN Centre - 2187 Ospika Blvd, Prince George)
- **Individuals Registered with ESS:** 5
- ESS team will meet evacuees at CN Centre to register them

Capacity available at reception centre

## OVERVIEW:

- Yesterday the White Rock Lake wildfire breached Highway 97 just south of Monte Lake (Aug 6). Winds (gusting 30-40km/h) are expected to continue to drive the fire northeast.
- In response, several Evacuation Orders and Alerts have been put in place. The City of Kamloops has indicated its Alert for the communities of Campbell Creek, Dallas and Barnhartvale could impact up to 25,000 persons. Structure loss in Monte Lake has been reported in the media.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Friday: Cold front continues moving across BC. Scattered showers in upslope areas, 30-40% chance of light showers over most of southwest interior. Temperatures noticeably cooler mid to high 20s. Winds widespread, moderate, gusty
    - Lytton: southerly 40 gusting 60-70 km/h and continuing into the night
    - Lillooet: southwesterly 20 gusting 40 km/h and continuing into the night
    - Merritt: becoming west-southwesterly 20-30 gusting 40-50 km/h near noon
    - Kamloops: becoming southwesterly 20 gusting 30 km/h in the afternoon
    - Kelowna: becoming southwesterly 20 gusting 40 km/h in the afternoon

- Risk of thunderstorms for northern and eastern areas of the province.

- Outlook: Second weather system makes landfall and moves into southern BC over the weekend. Increased chance for showers across the region and risk of thunderstorms. Temperatures in the mid-20s. Winds will be breezy but less strong than Friday.

- Environment Canada has indicated that another heat event may develop towards the end of next week.

- **Air quality statement:** Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Cariboo, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fort Nelson, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**Osoyoos Indian Band** - Nk'Mip Creek Fire (K52061)

- Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for Manuel's Canyon Rd. and McKinney Rd from 2035 to 3335

**Regional District Central Okanagan (RDCK)**

- All Evacuation Alerts for the Brenda Creek Fire have been rescinded

**Regional District North Okanagan (RDNO)**

- Evacuation Order issued for all properties on the west side of Irish Creek Rd, and Beatrice Rd, not within the OKIB #1

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**

- Evacuation Order rescinded for Electoral Area H - Brenda Creek Fire
- Evacuation Order rescinded within NK'Mip Creek Fire area of Electoral Area E (63 properties)
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Electoral Area A - NK'Mip Creek Fire
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Electoral Area D

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**

- Evacuation Order issued for Electoral Area E (Bonaparte Plateau/Copper Desert Country) (13 properties)
- Evacuation Order rescinded for Electoral Area E (Bonaparte Plateau) East of Hammer Lake

*Northeast Region*

**Cariboo Regional District (CRD)**

- Working through the re-entry process in advance of a partial rescind of the Flat Lake – Green Lake Order

- District of Wells activated for Bowron Lake Fires (C11805) (C11753).

*Southeast Region*

**Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK)**

- SOLE declared for area north of Fire in Electoral Area K

**Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB)**

- Evacuation Order rescinded for Electoral Area E / West Boundary. North side of HWY 3 between the westerly boundary of RDKB to Mt. Baldy Road at the Canyon Bridge and north to Camp McKinney Rd. for 34 properties
- Evacuation alert rescinded for Electoral Area E / West Boundary. South from the BC Hydro lines to the Canada-US border and eastward to Rock Creek on the west side of HWY 33, and west to the RDKB Boundary for 286 properties.

*Southwest Region*

**Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD)** - North End Long Island Fire (V12262).

- Evacuation Order issued for Long Island-Harrison Lake Electoral Area C (14 properties, but only 2 primary residences)

**Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD)** - McKay Creek Fire (K71030) and North Cloudburst Mountain Fire (V32358)

- SOLE issued for Electoral Area B due to the McKay Creek Fire
- Evacuation Order issued for Electoral Area B – West Pavilion Area
- Evacuation Alert upgraded to an Evacuation Order for West Pavilion Road via the McKay Creek Fire (8 properties)

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- The roving Emergency Services Support team has successfully connected with 85% of Lytton evacuees accommodated in the Southwest Region so far. Both relieving the pressure on the reception centre(s) and saving evacuees from having to travel.

- EMBC is working with the RCMP to develop consistent policy with respect to households which do not to comply with Evacuation Orders, in particular for when a household includes minors.

- The Health Emergency Management BC Provincial Disaster Psychosocial (DPS) team has deployed volunteer teams into communities, as well information has been distributed offering telephone mental health support.

- Current information on wildfire smoke and smoke response planning can be found on the BCCDC website.

- EMBC is working to finalize contingency provincial mass evacuation strategy and operational plan, in coordination with PREOCs and partners.

- Emergency Support Services (ESS) is developing a model for a virtual reception (call) centre to respond to evacuations while helping to alleviate volunteer fatigue.

*Donations*

- The physical donations warehouse managed by ADRA is fully operational as of July 30, 2021. EMBC is also engaging with ADRA on planning for donations management support in the event of a mass evacuation.

- EMBC is continuing to proactively message preference for financial donations as opposed to physical.

*Partnerships*

- To date 883 (+143) households totalling 1869 (+288) individuals have registered with the Canadian Red Cross to receive direct financial assistance.

- Kamloops Search and Rescue (SAR), Shuswap SAR and Vernon SAR were tasked over night to deliver evacuation notices. Vernon SAR was tasked out again on the morning of August 5 to support the Okanagan Indian Band with delivering Evacuation Notices. They were supported in these efforts by Central Okanagan SAR.

- EMBC is meeting with Ministry of Environment to discuss greater involvement of the Conservation Officer Service (COS) with providing additional capacity for security/RCMP operations.

*Agriculture*

- The contract with the BC Cattlemen's Association (BCCA) to administer the Range Rider Program for roundup of livestock threatened by wildfire is expected to be signed off by the BCCA this week. Program details will then be communicated to producers and Local Authorities once the contract has been finalized so they are aware of the program and eligibility criteria.

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries continue to support First Nations (Okanagan Indian Band), Regional Districts (Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen), and range staff with inquiries related to livestock relocation and boarding

- Fires of Note impacting livestock are: Nk'Mip, White Rock Lake, Tremont Creek, Sparks, Flat Lake, Young Lake, Big Stick Lake.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 3,879 (+419) | 88 (-5) | 185 (+3) | 340 (-7) | 73 (+6) | 305 (-47) | 1,073 (+182) | 0 (-11) |
| Total Under Alert | 24,985 (-1,902) | 491 (-155) | 1,041 (-122) | 1,657 (-80) | 806 (-62) | 458 (+37) | 10,451 (-634) | 115 (-805) |

*Estimated numbers

*Utilities*

- BC Hydro outage north of Tranquille Criss Creek Road near Kamloops (Central Region)

- Telus home services in Lytton are currently disrupted due to cable damage, this may result in customers being unable to make or receive calls.

*Transportation*

Road

- Highway 8 closed in both directions, assessment in progress. Coordinating with Shackan Indian Band over security concerns with respect to reopening.
- Highway 97 and Highway 97A are closed in both directions due to wildfire.
- Travel advisories in place on Highway 5, Highway 97 due to limited visibility with smoke.
- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

*Recovery*

- EMBC is developing inventory of funding programs, resilience centre resources and ash sifting resources.

- Transitional messaging is being developed to ensure ongoing supports to evacuees as they transition from response to recovery.

*Lytton*

- EMBC, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and BC Housing have met with the Village of Lytton in person to discuss options for interim housing.

- PECC Recovery team deploying to Central Region from August 5-7 to offer supports to Lytton with a focus on interim housing and other emergency needs.

- EMBC is meeting with the Salvation Army to understand emergent recovery needs in the area surrounding Lytton.

- Fire loss in Lytton First Nation is currently estimated at $19.5M and in the Village of Lytton $83M based on aerial survey by Office of the Fire Commissioner of structures lost. Estimate does not include possessions, vehicles.

- ICBC has reported that so far 60 vehicles have been removed from the Village and claims received totalling $600K.

- The Insurance Bureau of Canada estimates the damage caused by the Lytton wildfire is $78M. ~300 insurance claims have been made so far, most of which are related to insured residential properties.

- EMBC is working with the Canadian Red Cross to improve information sharing with the Village of Lytton to help identify and respond to households' recovery needs.

**Landslide**

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary. No significant changes observed in the last 24 hours.
- Evacuation alert remains in place for 40 properties (15 in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 25 in Valemount).
- Geotech assessment is in progress.
- A seniors' care home is one of several structures that may be at risk, pending assessment.

**Drought**

- Across government ministries, including EMBC, FLNORD and AFF, are monitoring and considering appropriate supports in response to the ongoing drought in the Province.

- EMBC is handling requests from communities for support in response to the increasing severity of drought/diminishing supply of drinking water.

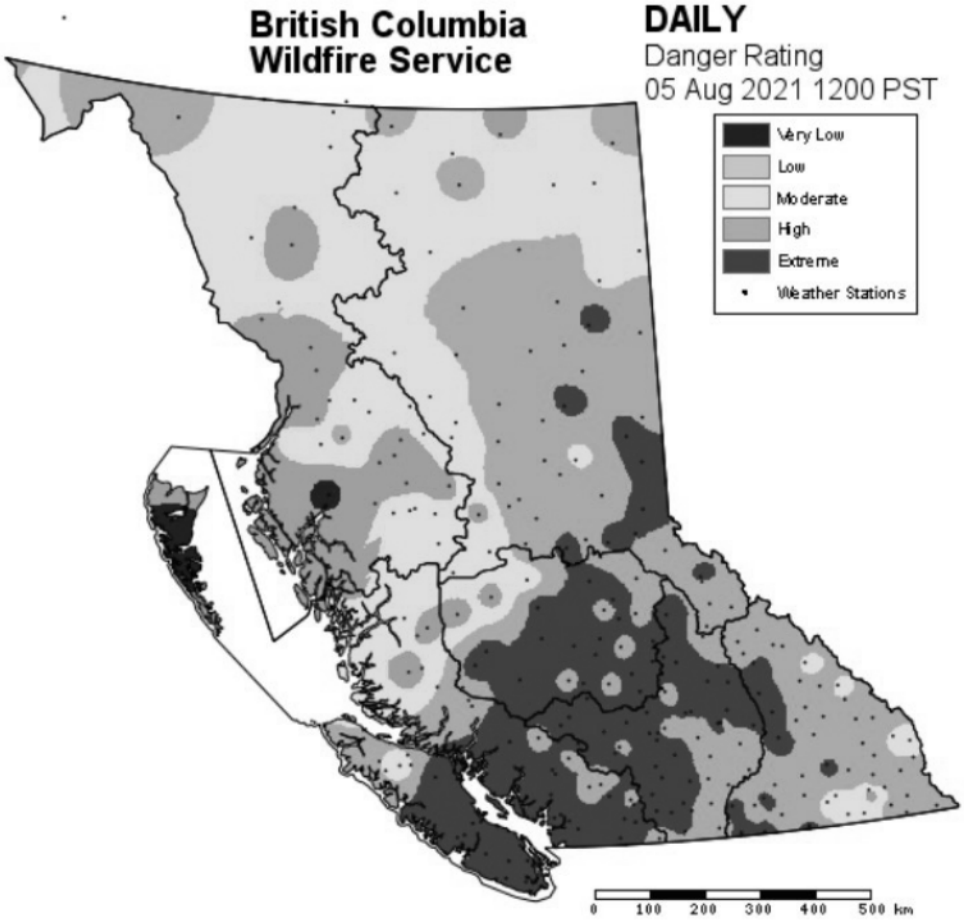
**COVID-19**

- There is a Medical Health Officer Order for mandatory face coverings in the Central Okanagan (Aug 3), which applies to all residents, workplaces, and visitors of the Central Okanagan.

- There is also a non-essential travel restriction in place for the Central Okanagan, unless people are fully vaccinated (i.e. 7+ days after their second dose). Any travel in and out of the area should be for essential reasons only; if people are not fully vaccinated, they are asked to not travel. Should travel be due to essential reasons, people who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask wherever they are going.

## FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – August 5, 2021 17:00 PT



# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – August 5, 2021 17:00 PT

Emergency Management
British Columbia
Provincial Overview
Date: August 5, 2021
Time: 5:46:21 PM
Fire of note
ATLIN
STKRD
Dease Lake
FORT NELSON
PRRD
NEA
FORT ST. JOHN
Hudson's Hope
Dawson Creek
Stewart
NWE
RDKS
Smithers
PRINCE RUPERT
MASSET
RDBN
Houston
Fort St. James
Vanderhoof
NCRD
Queen Charlotte City
RDFTG
Quesnel
CRD
Williams Lake
100 Mile House
CTL
TNRD
KAMLOOPS
RDCK
SEA
RDOS
Penticton
Oliver
Osoyoos
RDKB
Cranbrook
RDAC
CVRD
RDCO
VANCOUVER
Hope
Princeton
SWE
VICC
CAMPBELL RIVER
RDMW
Port Hardy
SLRD
Lillooet
Whistler
Pemberton
Squamish
Merritt
NLRD
Clearwater
Barriere
Kamloops
Revelstoke
Golden
Invermere
Cranbrook
Kimberley
Creston
Grand Forks
Osoyoos
Oliver
Penticton
Princeton
Hope
Chilliwack
Abbotsford
Mission
Agassiz
Harrison Hot Springs
Pemberton
Whistler
Squamish
Lillooet
Merritt

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 7, 2021
**Information current as of August 6, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,530 (-121) total personnel (including 1,141 (+19) contactors, and 609 (-1) out of province resources) and 281 (+67) aircraft

  NOTE: 113 personnel from Quebec have departed (Aug 6).
- Active wildfires: 303 (+11)
- Wildfires of note: 33 (-1)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 26 (-20)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Aug 6, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 34 (+1) | *+2* |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 10 (0) | *+1* |
| **Evacuation orders** | 67 (+7) | *+6* |
| Approx. properties on order | 5,650 (+1,136) | *>1,090* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 114 (+7) | *+5* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 24,944 (+3,884) | *Unknown* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884) - Okanagan Indian Band (OIB) / Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) / Columbia-Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) / City of Kamloops / City of Vernon / Secwépemc Nation / City of Armstrong / Township of Spallumcheen / District of Coldstream / Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) - CTL Region

- Okanagan Indian Band issued an Evacuation Order for all areas in IR #1
- Okanagan Indian Band issued an Evacuation Alert for all areas in IR #1.
- The Regional District of Central Okanagan issued an Evacuation Order for the Valley of the Sun, Fintry and La Casa Areas (975 properties).
- The Columbia Shuswap Regional District has issued an Evacuation Order for Six Mile Creek Road (10 properties).
- The City of Vernon declared a SOLE and issued an Evacuation Alert for the neighborhoods of Canadian Lakeview Estates, Adventure Bay, Tronson Road, The Rise, Turtle Mountain, O'Keefe Rangelands, Blue Jay Subdivision.

    - The City of Vernon expanded their Evacuation Alert to encompass the entire city.
    - The Secwépemc Nation declared a SOLE (Band Council Resolution) for Splatsin IR1.
    - The City of Armstrong and Township of Spallumcheen have issued an Evacuation Alert.
    - The Regional District of North Okanagan and District of Coldstream issued an Evacuation Alert for Electoral Areas "B" and "C" and District of Coldstream.
- Interior Health has been exempted from the Evacuation Alerts issued for the City of Vernon and the City of Armstrong overnight, until further evaluation can be undertaken in the morning.
- High winds were experienced during the day and have the potential to continue overnight and into today. The situation will be re-assessed early this morning (Aug 7).

Lytton Creek Wildfire (K71086) – Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) - CTL Region

- Evacuation Order issued for EA "I" (6 properties)

July Mountain Wildfire (K61882) - Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) - CTL Region

- Evacuation Order issued in Electoral Area "N" for 98 properties
- Evacuation Alert issued in Electoral Area "N" for 142 properties

Holyoak Creek (Copper Canyon) Fire (V62452) - Cowichan Valley Regional District / District of North Cowichan – VICC Region

- SOLE Declared.
- Evacuation Order issued for 1 property

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 19 (+1)
    - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Grand Forks, Kamloops, Kelowna, Merritt, Nakusp, Okanagan Indian Band, Oliver, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, Williams Lake, Vernon.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 12,738 (+12)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 75 (0)

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## OVERVIEW:

- Growth has been observed on several of the wildfires of note (over half of which are in the Central Region) with especially aggressive fire behaviour on the White Rock Lake wildfire encompassing multiple communities.

- As a result of the White Rock Lake Fire, 1 Band Council Resolution and a State of Local Emergency have been declared by Secwépemc Nation and City of Vernon, respectively. As of 06:00am 6 Evacuation Orders (>2,269 properties) and 11 Evacuation Alerts (# properties unknown) have been issued.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Saturday: Unsettled conditions with showers and a risk of thunderstorms expected over most of BC due to a frontal system pushing across the province followed by an upper disturbance moving across the south coast. Fort Nelson region will also receive a period of heavy rain with rainfall amounts reaching up to 50mm. There is a *Yellow* weather notification for heat and smoke in place for southern BC.

- Outlook: A building ridge of high pressure will cause temperatures to rise across southern BC next week. In addition, air quality is likely to deteriorate due to the spread of wildfire smoke and buildup of other pollutants

- **Air quality statement** (Smoky Skies bulletin)**:** Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay, Yellowhead and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Weather warning (rainfall):** Fort Nelson, Muncho Lake Park – Stone Mountain Park

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**City of Armstrong** providing assistance to evaccuees
- The fairgrounds located at 3315 Pleasant Valley Rd. are being used to assist evacuees.
- Camp sites within the grounds are available as well as some of livestock facilities for those with animals.

**City of Kamloops** – White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Evacuation Alert issued for the communities of Campbell Creek, Dallas and Barnhartvale.

**City of Vernon** – White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Issued an Evacuation Alert and State of Local Emergency for areas within the City, northeast of Okanagan Lake

**Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO)** - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Evacuation Order issued for Ewings Landing Rd, Sugarloaf Forest Service Rd. (608 properties)

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Electoral Areas A and C

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**

*White Rock Lake Fire*

- Evacuation Order issued in EA "L" (Grasslands) (303 properties)
- Evacuation Order in the vicinity of Pritchard in EA "L" (Grasslands) (373 properties)
- Evacuation Alert issued in EA "L" (Grasslands) (177 properties)
- Evacuation Alert issued for Electoral Area L (83 properties)

*Tremont Creek Fire*

- Evacuation Order issued for EA "J" (Copper Desert Country) in response to the Tremont Creek Fire (17 properties)
- Evacuation Alert issued in EA "J" (Copper Desert Country) in response to the Tremont Creek Fire (385 properties)

*Churn Creek Fire*

- Evacuation Alert issued in EA 'E" (Bonaparte Plateau) in response to the Churn Creek Fire (5 properties)

**Village of Chase**

- Evacuation Alert issued in response to the White Rock Lake Fire.

*Northeast Region*

**Cariboo Regional District (CRD)**

- Evacuation Alert issued for Gang Ranch Area and Canoe Creek - Dog Creek in response to the Churn Creek Fire (~238 properties).

*Southwest Region*

**Nicomen Band -** Lytton Creek Complex Fire (K71086)

- Evacuation Alert issued.

**Shackan Band** - Lytton Creek Complex Fire (K71086).

- Evacuated, registered with the Chilliwack Reception Centre, and placed into commercial lodging

**Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD)** - McKay Creek Fire (K71030) and North Cloudburst Mountain Fire (V32358)

- Evacuation Order issued for 1 property within Electoral Area "B" in response to the McKay Creek Fire

*Vancouver Island and Central Coast Region*

**Duncan Cowichan Valley Regional District**

- Evacuation Alert issued for one property due to suspected human caused wildfire at Holyoak Creek (V62452)

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- EMBC is working with the RCMP to develop consistent policy with respect to households which do not to comply with Evacuation Orders, in particular for when a household includes minors.

- Current information on wildfire smoke and smoke response planning can be found on the BCCDC website.

- EMBC is working to finalize contingency provincial mass evacuation strategy and operational plan, in coordination with PREOCs and partners.

- Emergency Support Services (ESS) expects to pilot the virtual, out-of-hours reception (call) centre Aug 8 to respond to evacuations while helping to alleviate volunteer fatigue.

*Donations*

- The physical donations warehouse managed by ADRA is fully operational as of July 30, 2021. EMBC is also engaging with ADRA on planning for donations management support in the event of a mass evacuation.

- EMBC is continuing to proactively message preference for financial donations as opposed to physical.

*Partnerships*

- To date 1,006 (+123) households totalling 2138 (+269) individuals have registered with the Canadian Red Cross.

- CAF Aircraft used to move firefighting equipment between Hope, Qualicum Beach, and Kamloops.

*Agriculture*

- Contracts, eligibility criteria, and procedures are being finalized for both the Hay and Range Rider Programs. Expect these will be implemented and available to producers next week.

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries continues to liaise with the BC Dairy Association regarding impacts to their members and help address questions or concerns being raised.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Cattle Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 8,091 (+7,702) | 508 (+420) | 281 (+96) | 842 (+502) | 222 (+149) | 470 (+165) | 3,236 (+2,163) | 87 (+87) |
| Total Under Alert | 20,315 (-4,580) | 1,316 (+825) | 753 (-288) | 1,325 (-332) | 872 (+66) | 634 (+176) | 9,879 (-572) | 195 (+79) |

*Estimated numbers

*Utilities*

- BC Hydro outages are affecting 1,537 customers in the Central Region due to wildfire. North of Tranquille Criss Creek Road near Kamloops (6 customers), Falkland (844 customers), Westwold (188 customers), East of Barnhartvale Rd, North-South-West of HWY 97 (311 customers), North-South-East-West of HWY 97 (188 customers).

- Telus home services disrupted in
    - Lytton: due to cable damage; may result in customers being unable to make or receive calls.
    - Kamloops: suspected cable damage, cause under investigation; may result in customers being unable to access the internet or television.
    - Brakendale: cable damage; customers may be unable to make or receive calls.

*Transportation*

- Highway 8 closed in both directions, assessment in progress. Coordinating with Shackan Indian Band over security concerns with respect to reopening.
- Highway 97 closed in both directions due to wildfire.
- Travel advisories in place on Highway 3, Highway 5 (Coquihalla), Highway 97, Highway 97C due to limited visibility with smoke.
- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

*Recovery*

- EMBC Recovery Unit is coordinating information on Monte Lake and communities around Lytton seeking recovery supports.

- EMBC is developing inventory of funding programs, resilience centre resources and ash sifting resources.

- Transitional messaging is being developed to ensure ongoing supports to evacuees as they transition from response to recovery.

*Lytton*

- EMBC is, at the request of the Village of Lytton, developing and assessing options for long term (1-2 year) interim accommodations for Lytton residents.

- Fire loss in Lytton First Nation is currently estimated at $19.5M and in the Village of Lytton $85.1M based on aerial survey by Office of the Fire Commissioner of structures lost. Estimate does not include possessions, vehicles.

- EMBC is working with the Canadian Red Cross to improve information sharing with the Village of Lytton to help identify and respond to households' recovery needs.

**Landslide**

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary, and being monitored. No significant changes observed in the last 24 hours.
- Evacuation alert remains in place for 40 properties (15 in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 25 in Valemount).
- A seniors' care home is one of several structures that may be at risk, pending assessment.

**Drought**

- Across government, ministries including EMBC, FLNORD and AFF, are monitoring and considering appropriate supports in response to the ongoing drought in the Province.

- EMBC is handling requests from communities for support in response to the increasing severity of drought/diminishing supply of drinking water.

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- The outbreak in the Central Okanagan has tripled from around 300 cases to roughly 1,200 since last week. The highly transmissible delta variant accounts for 80 per cent of cases.

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- There is also a non-essential travel restriction in place for the Central Okanagan, unless people are fully vaccinated (i.e. 7+ days after their second dose). People who had plans to travel to the Central Okanagan are being advised to cancel or reschedule.

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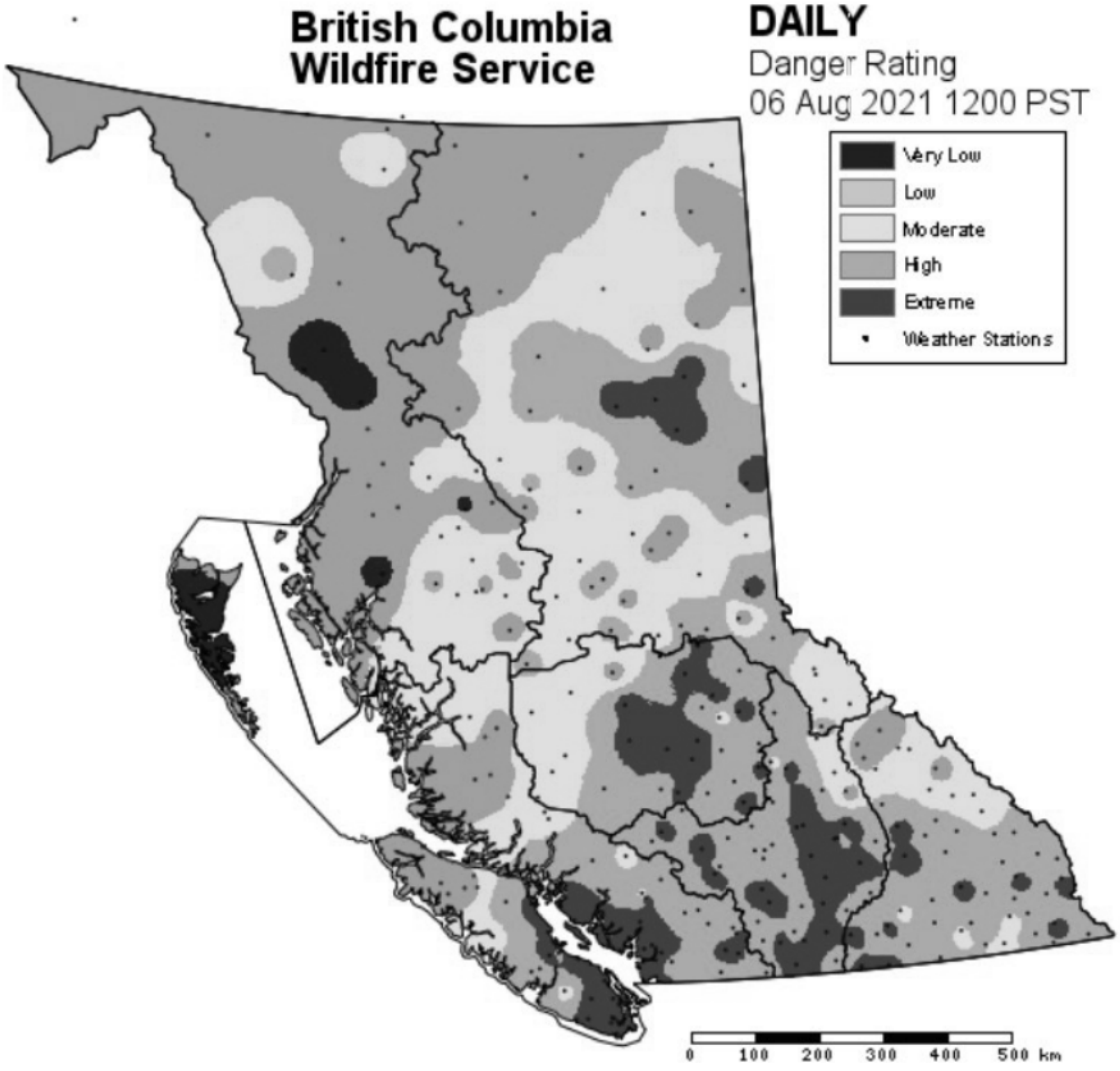

# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

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# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 8, 2021
**Information current as of August 7, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,603 (+73) total personnel (including 1,206 (+65) contactors, and 455 (-154) out of province resources) and 214 (-67) aircraft

  NOTE: 113 personnel from Quebec departed and 22 personnel from Alberta arrived (Aug 7).
- Active wildfires: 283 (-20)
- Wildfires of note: 30 (-3)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 21 (-5)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Aug 7, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 36 (+2) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 10 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 71 (+4) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on order | 6,902 (+1,252) | *+86* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 109 (-5) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 35,704 (+10,760) | *+8* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884): Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and the City of Kamloops - CTL Region

*Thompson Nicola Regional District*

- Evacuation Order issued in Electoral Area “L” (86 properties)
- *Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for approximately 523 properties in Electoral Area "L" ***
- *Rescinded an Evacuation Alert for 177 properties in Electoral Area “L”.***

*City of Kamloops*

- *Rescinded the Evacuation Alert for the neighbourhoods of Campbell Creek, Dallas, and Barnhartvale.***

*****NOTE**: Downgrades/rescinds are not reflected in table above.*

Mowhokam Creek Wildfire (V11669): Thomson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) – CTL Region

- Evacuation Alert issued in Electoral Area "I" (8 properties)

Flat Lake Wildfire (C41602): Cariboo Regional District (CRD), District of 100 Mile House - NEA Region

- The CRD downgraded an Evacuation Order to an Alert for the Flat Lake – Green Lake area.**
- The CRD rescinded the Evacuation Alert for the Green Lake Area.**
- The District of 100 Mile House has rescinded the Evacuation Alert for their community.
- BCWS resources are being redirected to the White Rock Lake Fire

Crane Collapse – Pattullo Bridge: New Westminster/Surrey - SWE Region

- A pile driving hammer and a section of a crane collapsed into the Fraser River at the Pattullo bridge construction project.
- No injuries have been reported

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 18 (-1)
    - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Grand Forks, Kelowna, Merritt, Nakusp, Okanagan Indian Band, Oliver, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Shackan Indian Band, Sicamous, Sts'ailes First Nation, Williams Lake, Vernon.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 12,762 (+24)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds
- Persons in Group Lodging: 75 (0)

**NOTES:**

- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.
- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.

## OVERVIEW:

- Currently in BC, nearly 7,000 properties are under Evacuation Order and over 35,000 properties are on Evacuation Alert.
- While good progress has been made on fires in the Cariboo (Northeast region), the situation in the South remains challenging. Localized precipitation may offer a slight reprieve today, before warming and drying trend resumes.
- EMBC will be piloting the virtual, out-of-hours reception (call) centre tonight. Lines will be staffed until midnight.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Sunday: Unsettled and unstable weather is expected to continue through the morning. Cloudy skies and showers will remain over most of BC and temperatures will be slightly cooler than normal monthly temperatures. Mainly sunny skies are expected to return Sunday afternoon beginning in the central interior as a ridge

of high pressure begins building in from the Pacific.

- Outlook: There is a *Yellow* weather notification for heat and smoke in place for southern BC. A warming trend with temperatures rising into the high 20s and low 30s for BC regions south of Mackenzie is forecast by Wednesday. In addition, air quality is likely to deteriorate due to the spread of wildfire smoke and buildup of other pollutants

- **Air quality statement** (Smoky Skies bulletin)**:** Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**Coldwater Indian Band -** July Mountain Fire (K61882)
- Evacuation Alert issued for Coldwater Reserves #1 & #2

**Nicomen Indian Band** - Lytton Creek Fire (K71086)
- Issued an Evacuation Alert for Nicomen IR#1

**Okanagan Indian Band** - White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884)
- Evacuation Order and Alert issued for all areas in IR #1

**Splatsin First Nation** - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- The Secwépemc Nation declared a SOLE (BCR) for Splatsin IR#1
- Evacuation Alert issued for IR#1: Salmon River

**City of Armstrong** - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Evacuation Alert issued for City

**City of Vernon** – White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- SOLE declared and Evacuation Alert issued (and later expanded) to encompass the entire city.

**District of Coldstream** – White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Evacuation Alert issued, and later rescinded, by the Regional District of North Okanagan and District of Coldstream for Electoral Areas "B" and "C" and District of Coldstream

**Regional District of Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**
- Evacuation Order issued on the Six Mile Creek Road (10 properties)

**Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO)** - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Evacuation Order issued for the Valley of the Sun, Fintry and La Casa areas (975 properties)

**Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO)**

- Evacuation Alert issued, and later rescinded, by the Regional District of North Okanagan and District of Coldstream for Electoral Areas "B" and "C" and District of Coldstream

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Electoral Areas A and C

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**
*July Mountain Fire*
- Evacuation Order issued in Electoral Area "N" (98 properties)
- Evacuation Alert issued in Electoral Area "N" (142 properties)
- Evacuation Alert revised Electoral Area "N" (46 properties)

*Lytton Creek Fire*
- Evacuation Order issued in EA "I" (6 properties)

*Mowhokam Creek Fire*
- Evacuation Alert issued in Electoral Area “I” (8 properties)

*Flat Lake Fire*
- Evacuation Order downgraded to an Alert in Electoral Area “E” (125 properties); however, the properties in the vicinity of Gustafsen and Neilson lake remain on Evacuation Order.

**Township of Spallumcheen** - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Evacuation Alert issued for Township

*Northeast Region*

**Cariboo Regional District (CRD)**
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Canim Lake South to Mahood Lake Area
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Horse Lake – Sheridan Lake Area #3

*Southeast Region*
**Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK)**
- Evacuation Order partially rescinded for north of Taite Creek on Applegrove Road, Electoral Area K in response to the Octopus Creek Fire

*Vancouver Island and Central Coast Region*
**Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD)** – Holyoak Creek Fire (V62452)
- State of Local Emergency (SOLE) declared
- Evacuation Order issued (1 property)

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*
- EMBC working with the Okanagan Indian Band, has accommodated Band members at Sun Peaks while the community remains under Evacuation Order due to the White Rock Lake Fire.

- EMBC is working with the RCMP to develop consistent policy with respect to households which do not to comply with Evacuation Orders, in particular for when a household includes minors. RCMP will be continue to take action, if any, on a case-

by-case basis.

- EMBC is working to finalize contingency provincial mass evacuation strategy and operational plan, in coordination with PREOCs and partners.

- Emergency Support Services (ESS) expects to pilot the virtual, out-of-hours reception (call) centre Aug 8 to respond to evacuations while helping to alleviate volunteer fatigue.

*Donations*

- No new update.

*Partnerships*

- No new update.

*Agriculture*

- A contract has now been finalized with the BC Cattlemen's Association for administration of the Range Rider Program. Program information is under development and will be posted on the Agriculture, Food and Fisheries ministry website and distributed to Local Authority and First Nation EOCs. Producers are required to contact their Local Authority or First Nation EOC for their area of operation to request support under the Range Rider Program.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 13,200 | 535 | 576 | 1,578 | 709 | 505 | 7,891 | 620 |
| Total Under Alert | 21,171 | 1,305 | 685 | 696 | 637 | 637 | 7,713 | 115 |

*Estimated numbers

*Utilities*

- BC Hydro outages are affecting 2,598 customers in the Central Region due to wildfire: North of Tranquille Criss Creek Road near Kamloops (6 customers), Falkland (844 customers), Westwold (188 customers), East of Barnhartvale Rd, North-South-West of HWY 97 (311 customers), North-South-East-West of HWY 97 (188 customers), North-South-East of Westside Road, West of Okanagan Landing (1061 customers).

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*Transportation*

- Highway 8 closed in both directions, assessment in progress. Coordinating with Shackan Indian Band over security concerns with respect to reopening.
- Highway 97 closed in both directions due to wildfire.
- Travel advisories in place on Highway 3, Highway 5 (Coquihalla), Highway 97, Highway 97C due to limited visibility with smoke.
- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

*Recovery*

- EMBC Recovery Unit is coordinating information on Monte Lake and communities around Lytton seeking recovery supports.

*Lytton*

- EMBC is, at the request of the Village of Lytton, developing and assessing options for long term (1-2 year) interim accommodations for Lytton residents. Tour of modular housing units in Kamloops organized for Aug 11.

- Fire loss in Lytton First Nation is currently estimated at $19.5M and in the Village of Lytton $85.1M based on aerial survey by Office of the Fire Commissioner of structures lost. Estimate does not include possessions, vehicles.

**Landslide**

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary, and being monitored. No significant changes observed in the last 24 hours.
- Evacuation alert remains in place for 40 properties (15 in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 25 in Valemount).
- A seniors' care home is one of several structures that may be at risk, pending assessment.

**Drought**

- The long-range forecast from Environment Canada has indicated no significant precipitation is expected in the South until mid to late September.

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- On Aug 6, it was reported that the outbreak in the Central Okanagan tripled from around 300 cases to roughly 1,200 in a week. The highly transmissible delta variant accounts for 80 per cent of cases.

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together apply both indoors and outdoors as of Monday (Aug 9).

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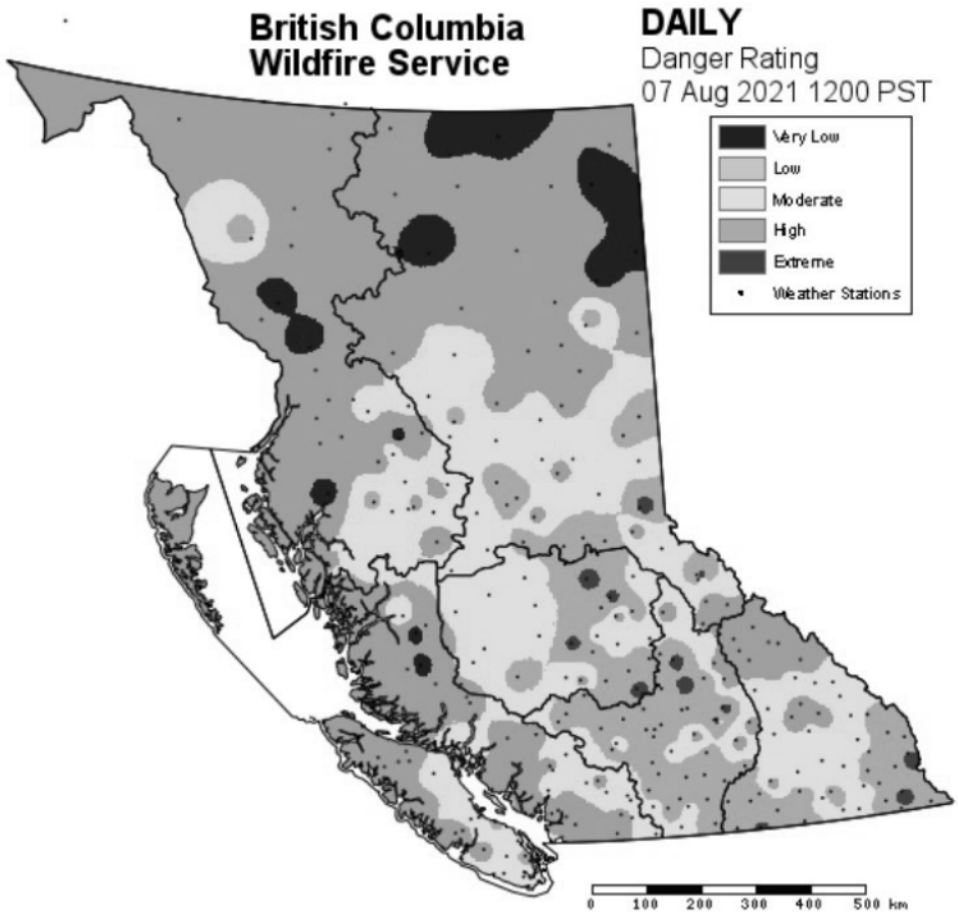

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# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 9, 2021
**Information current as of August 8, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,583 (-20) total personnel (including 1,302 (+94) contactors, and 382 (-73) out of province resources) and 214 (0) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 279 (-4)
- Wildfires of note: 31 (+1)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 12 (-9)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Aug 8, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 37 (+1) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 10 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 66 (-5) | - |
| Approx. properties on order | 6,592 (-310) | - |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 106 (-3) | - |
| Approx. properties on alert | 32,531 (-3,173) | - |

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- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

- No new Evacuation Orders or Alerts issued.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 15 (-3)
    - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Kelowna, Merritt, Nakusp, Oliver, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Sts'ailes First Nation, Williams Lake, Vernon.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 12,765 (+3)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds (540 Central/260 Southwest)
- Evacuees in Group Lodging: 150 (-225) – change result of previous error in data entry

**NOTES:**

- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.
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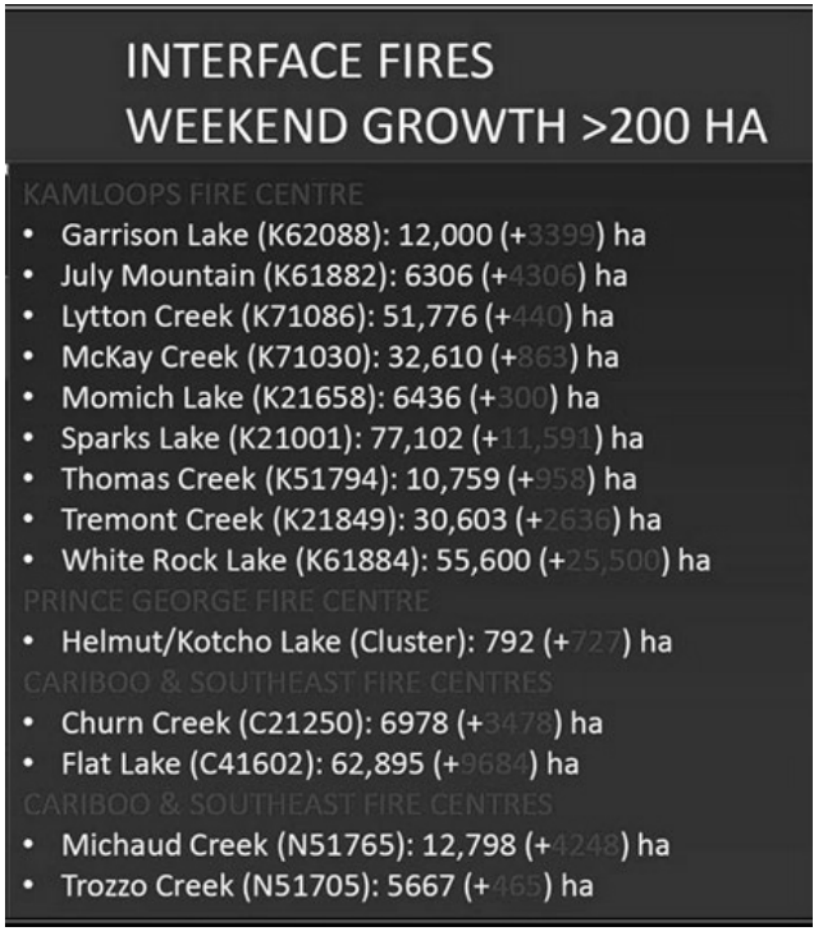
## OVERVIEW:

- Good progress continues to be made on fires in the Cariboo (Northeast region), with the alert for the District of 100 Mile House lifted and only 1 Evacuation Order and 6 Alerts remaining in the Cariboo Regional District.
- Localized precipitation provided a slight reprieve in the South yesterday but the situation remains challenging, with drier, hotter weather forecast.
- Local governments and BCWS are being overwhelmed with requests for access passes to areas under Order, mostly from the agriculture sector with livestock to tend.
- Indigenous communities continue to advocate for backcountry closures. There are currently 48 full closures and 10 partial closures of Provincial Parks due to Fire activity.
- Over the weekend, growth of more than 200 hectares was observed on the following interface fires:



**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Monday: Mainly clear conditions, while fog and low cloud in the Southeast are expected to reduce visibility in the morning. Warming and drying trend starts with daytime temperatures reaching the mid-20s to low-30s. Widespread smoke over the South region.

- Outlook: A warming trend with temperatures rising into the high 20s and low 30s for BC regions south of Mackenzie is forecast by midweek. Temperatures could reach the mid-30s in the Thompson-Okanagan, Boundary and Fraser Canyon.

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**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**Regional District of Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**

- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert in the Octopus Creek Area from Tait to Apple Grove (5 properties); 170 properties from Apple Grove to Fauquier remain on Alert

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**

*White Rock Lake Fire*

- Evacuation Order issued in Electoral Area L (86 properties)
- Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for Electoral Area L Banrhartvale- Roche Lake Park – Pillar Lake (303 properties)
- Evacuation Alert rescinded in Electoral Area L (177 properties)

*Sparks Lake Fire*

- Evacuation Order issued in Electoral Area J (15 properties) and have downgraded Order to Evacuation Alert along Deadman River and the Loon Lake Area (60 properties)
- 3 Evacuation Orders rescinded in Area E Spakes Lake-Deadman area (69 properties)
- 2 Evacuation Orders rescinded for Electoral Area J, along Sabiston Creek FSR

*Flat Lake Fire*

- Evacuation Order rescinded for Electoral Area E of Bonaparte Plateau

*Churn Creek Fire*

- Rescinded to all clear for two properties in the vicinity of Churn Creek Area E of Bonaparte Plateau

*Northeast Region*

**100 Mile House -** Deka Lake Fire Complex (C41102), Canim Lake Fire (C41100), and Flat Lake Fire (C41602).

- Evacuation Alert rescinded for the District of 100 Mile House

**Cariboo Regional District (CRD)**

- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for Flat Lake fire in Area G-Green Lake
- Evacuation Alert partially rescinded for the 108 Mile Ranch West Area
- Evacuation Alert partially rescinded for the Flat Lake North Area
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Green Lake Area
- Evacuation Alerts lifted for Canim Lake Area #2 and Canim Lake Area #4
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## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- EMBC working with the Okanagan Indian Band, has accommodated Band members at Sun Peaks due to the White Rock Lake Fire. The Evacuation Order has now been lifted and Okanagan Indian Band will be returning home today; however meat that was in storage for winter has been lost due to power outage.

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- Emergency Support Services (ESS) launched the virtual, out-of-hours reception (call) centre Aug 8 to respond to evacuations while helping to alleviate volunteer fatigue.

*Donations*

- No new update.

*Partnerships*

- EMBC has started to reach out to government employees who responded to Deputy Minister Wanamaker's email (~150 of whom 60 have already been identified for potential deployment). Staff will be shared between BCWS and EMBC.

- CAF Aircraft used to move firefighting equipment from Hope to Kamloops and firefighting personnel from Vanderhoof to Penticton.

- 341 fire department personnel are currently deployed to support wildfire response, plus the following resources:

| **SUMMARY of DEPLOYED RESOURCES** | |
|---|---|
| Structure Protection Units -Type 1 | 6 |
| Structure Protection Units -Type 2 | 37 |
| Structure Protection Units -BCWS Urban Response Unit | 1 |
| SPU Crew (SPC) | 31 |
| Engine | 21 |
| Tenders | 18 |
| Wildland Trucks | 12 |

- The Office of the Fire Commissioner, EMBC and BCWS are finalizing a new process for recording and reporting structure loss.

*Agriculture*

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| Total Under Order | 12,055 | 535 | 560 | 1,541 | 694 | 205 | 7,657 | 619 |
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**Landslide**

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary, and being monitored. Reports of additional rockfall coming off the scarp of the landslide; no change observed at the creek.
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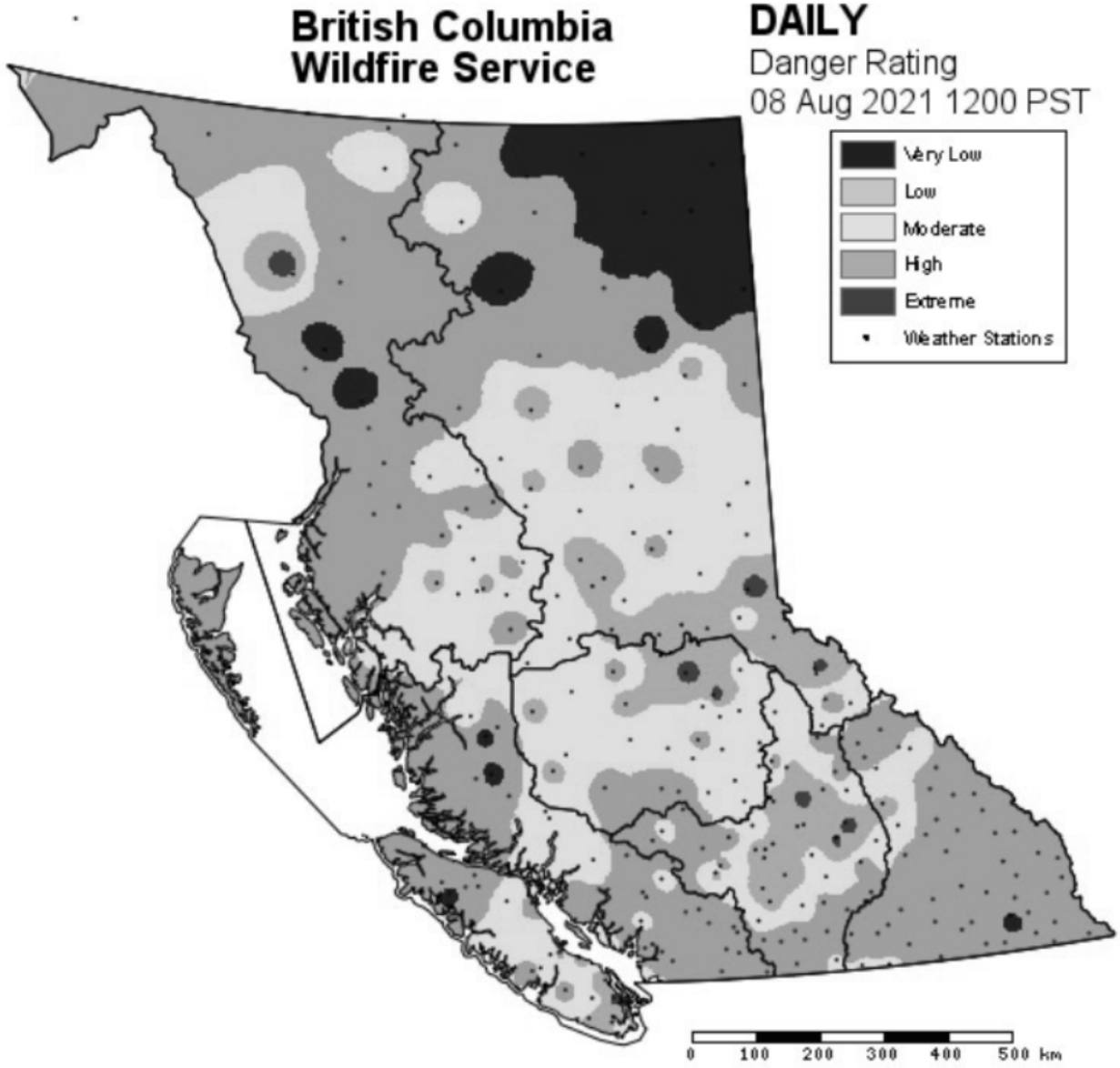

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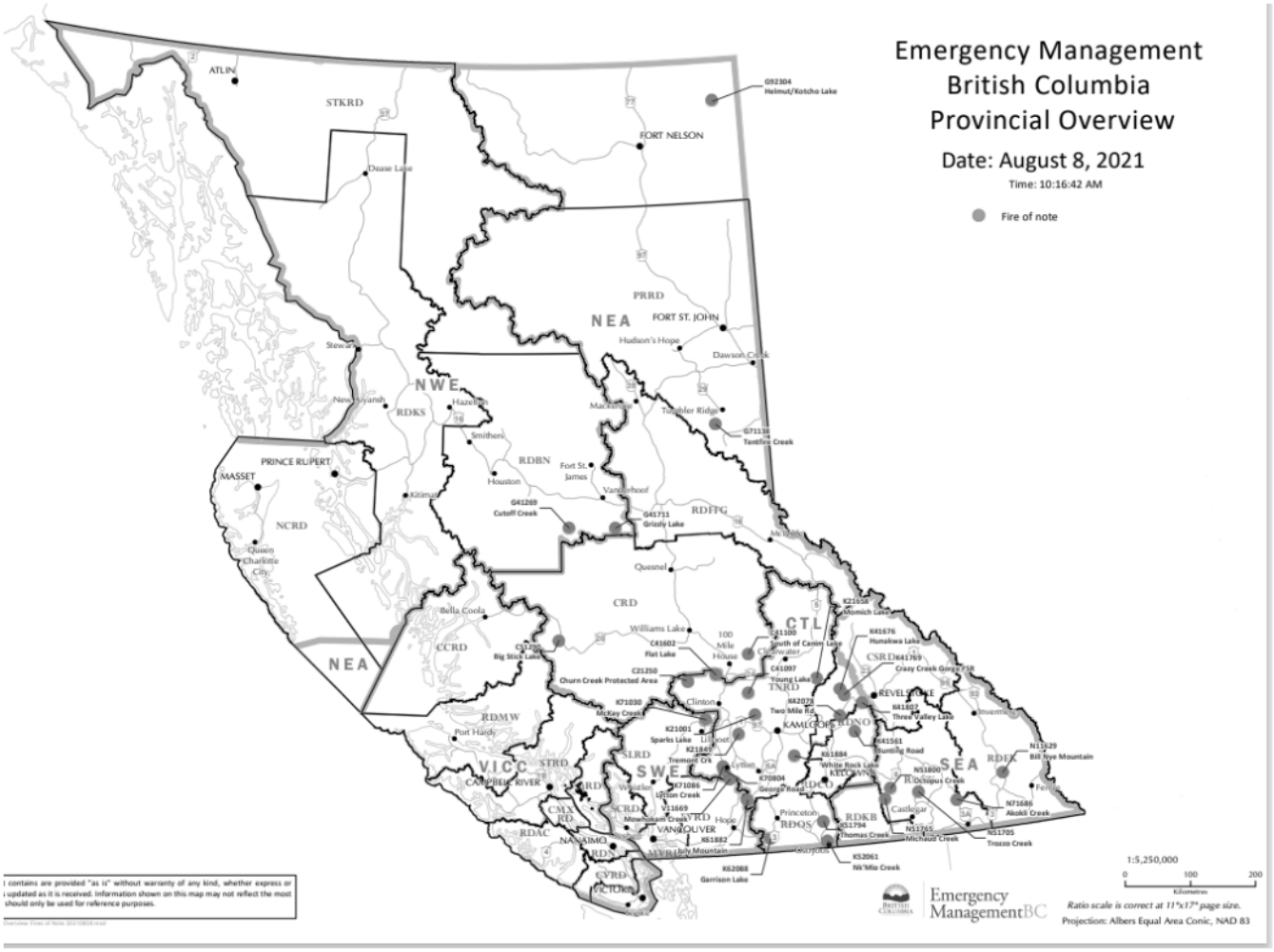

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# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 10, 2021
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## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

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- Evacuations:

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|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 38 (+1) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 10 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 63 (-3) | - |
| Approx. properties on order | 6,219 (-373) | - |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 108 (+2) | - |
| Approx. properties on alert | 31,903 (-628) | - |

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- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

**Overnight Updates** **no **new** Orders or Alerts issued

White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884): Regional District Central Okanagan/Columbia-Shuswap Regional District/Thompson-Nicola Regional District (RDCO/CSRD/TNRD) - CTL Region

- TNRD partially downgraded an Order to an Evacuation Alert for 76 properties in EA "L".
- TNRD modified an Evacuation Alert boundary and 353 properties are now/remain on Evacuation Alert in EA “L”.
- TNRD rescinded an Order and three Alerts in EA "L". 307 properties are All Clear.
- RDCO partially downgraded an Order to an Evacuation Alert for La Casa Lakeside Resort, Fintry, Upper Fintry and Shalal Road.
- RDCO rescinded an Evacuation Alert for Westside Road communities.
- CSRD partially downgraded an Order to an Evacuation Alert in the Falkland area.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 14 (-1)
    - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Kelowna, Merritt, Oliver, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Sts'ailes First Nation, Williams Lake, Vernon.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 14,163 (+1,398)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds (540 Central/260 Southwest)
- Evacuees in Group Lodging: 87 (+12) – change in number reconciles previous error in data entry

**NOTES:**

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- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.

## OVERVIEW:

- EMBC is receiving an increasing number of requests for assistance and support from First Nations, local authorities, evacuated communities, the agricultural sector and other impacted groups in response to wildfires, heat and smoke as well as recovery.
- Fire activity yesterday was relatively stable, concern is now focussed on the windy and increasingly hot weather expected across the province over the coming week.
- EMBC is proactively revising evacuation plans to ensure operational readiness as the situation evolves.

### Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- Tuesday: Gusty Westerly winds are expected in the North and South. Gusting 40km/h in the Prince George Fire Centre, wind warning in place for the South Klondike area. Winds will decrease as the ridge intensifies through Thursday, and air quality will likely decrease with widespread smoke expected in the South once again. Daytime highs reaching high 20's to mid-30's throughout the week.

- Outlook: A warming trend with temperatures rising into the high 20s and mid 30s for BC regions south of Mackenzie is forecast by midweek. Temperatures could reach the mid-30s in the Thompson-Okanagan, Boundary and Fraser Canyon. The Okanagan is likely to reach a few degrees higher on Friday and Saturday.

- **Air quality statement** (Smoky Skies bulletin)**:** Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Special Weather statement** (heat): Central Coast – inland sections, East Vancouver Island, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Greater Victoria, Howe Sound, Inland Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver, Nicola, North Coast – inland sections, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast, Whistler.

- **Weather Warning** (wind): South Klondike Highway – Carcross to White Pass

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**Okanagan Indian Band activated** - White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884).
- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for areas north of Louis Estates
- Band Council Resolution issued for a State of Local Emergency for the area known as Okanagan Indian Band IR#1

**Splatsin First Nation** - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884).
- Evacuation Alert issued for IR#1 Salmon River

**Regional District of Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**
- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for Electoral Area F
- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for Electoral Area E – Three Valley Lake

**Regional District Central Okanagan (RDCO) -** White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Evacuation Order issued for Valley of the Sun for the properties of Alpine Rd, Attenborough Rd, Balsam Rd, Briarwood Rd, Firwood Rd, Wood Rd, Westside Rd (8 properties), Westside Rd N (6 properties)
- Evacuation Alert issued for all properties accessed from Westside Road located between 6409 Westside road (South of La Casa) and the southern boundary of Valley of the Sun
- Evacuation Order rescinded for Valley of the Sun, Fintry, and La Casa
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for all properties accessed from Westside Road located between Westshore Estates and Bear Forest Service Road (north of Traders Cove), and all public lands generally located north of Bear and Esperon Forest Service Road

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**
- SOLE for Electoral Area “A” extended until August 17

**Town of Osoyoos** - Nk’Mip Fire (K52061)
- State of Local Emergency rescinded August 3, 2021
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for all properties N of Highway 3, East of Cottonwood Drive and West of 45th Street

**Village of Chase** - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Evacuation Alert rescinded

*Northeast Region*

**Tsq'escen (Canim Lake Band) -** Canim Lake Complex (C41100)

- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Canim Lake Band IR#1, 2 and 3

**100 Mile House -** Deka Lake Fire Complex (C41102), Canim Lake Fire (C41100), and Flat Lake Fire (C41602).

- ESS Reception Center is now at the Community Hall on standby and ready to go

**Cariboo Regional District (CRD)**

- Evacuation Alert rescinded for the 108 Mile Ranch West Area
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for portion of the Flat Lake North Area

*Southeast Region*

**Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK)**

- Evacuation Alert partially rescinded for the southern portion of Electoral Area A

*Southwest Region*

**Boothroyd Band** - Mowhokam Creek Fire (V11669)

- Evacuation Alert issued in conjunction with the Fraser Valley Regional District (39 properties)

**Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD)**

- Evacuation Alert issued in Electoral Area A (77 properties) and for Boothroyd Indian Band in response to the Mowhokam Creek Fire

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- EMBC is in the process of developing and drafting potential Provincial Orders including to secure commercial accommodation and stand up a provincial fire department, if necessary.

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- EMBC is actively working on the development of an evacuation plan for the White Rock Lake Fire. On advice of Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC) seeking to minimize evacuations to Kelowna and/or use of group lodging due to concerns around COVID-19.

- Interior Health Authority has already taken steps to transfer acute patients from Vernon to the Lower Mainland in response to the threat posed by the White Rock Lake Fire.

- Cultural Safety and Humility based approaches have been applied to Mass Evacuation Plans and are being implemented at commercial lodging facilities. In addition, EMBC is working to expedite the hiring of dedicated Indigenous ESS

support staff. Several staff with lived experience have been embedded in the PECC.

- EMBC is working to finalize contingency provincial mass evacuation strategy and operational plan, in coordination with PREOCs and partners including Alberta.

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- Commencing procurement plan for long term physical donations management services.

*Partnerships*

- Coldwater Indian Band (Chief Spahan) has expressed concerns regarding lack of communication between EMBC, BCWS and the Band. Central PREOC is working to engage Chief Spahan in face-to-face meeting and facilitate aerial tour of land.

- Over 260 volunteers have come forward in response to the City of Kamloops' appeal for volunteers.

- EMBC has met with Canadian Red Cross to explore potential for CRC to provide ESS supports at Sun Peaks.

- 323 (-18) fire department personnel are currently deployed to support wildfire response, plus the following resources:

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| Structure Protection Units -Type 2 | 33 (-4) |
| Structure Protection Units -BCWS Urban Response Unit | 1 |
| SPU Crew (SPC) | 28 (-3) |
| Engine | 20 (-1) |
| Tenders | 22 (+4) |
| Wildland Trucks | 11 (-1) |

- The Office of the Fire Commissioner, EMBC and BCWS are finalizing a new process for recording and reporting structure loss.

- EMBC has started to reach out to government employees who responded to Deputy Minister Wanamaker's email (~150 of whom 60 have already been identified for potential deployment). Staff will be shared between BCWS and EMBC.

*Agriculture*

- Information on the Range Rider Program is being disseminated to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (AFF) EM Responders, Local Authority EOCs, First Nation EOCs, and EMBC PREOCs.

- It is anticipated that the Emergency Hay Program will be reviewed and approved today (Aug 10).

- A total of 6 AFF staff are providing direct support to the EMBC Provincial Emergency Coordination Center (PECC) and activated PREOCs.

- Concerns have been raised by producers and a First Nations chief regarding the lack of contact from and/or inability of some local authorities to respond to requests in a timely manner, especially on the White Rock Lake Fire. AFF staff have offered to provide support for Local Authorities who are understaffed or are unsure of how to best support agricultural producers; and, to assist them in identifying potential contractor support with agricultural expertise to fill these roles moving forward.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 12,055 | 535 | 560 | 1,541 | 694 | 205 | 7,657 | 619 |
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- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

*Recovery*
- EMBC is awaiting damage assessment from Monte Lake fire to determine next steps for recovery.

- EMBC Community Recovery Unit preparing strategic staffing to ensure coverage of recovery needs across the Province, including advance planning for potential upcoming impacts.

*Lytton*
- EMBC met with Village of Lytton staff and senior Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations staff with a focus on economic recovery.

- EMBC is continuing work with the Canadian Red Cross to understand and improve information sharing with the Village of Lytton in support of individual recovery/case management.

- EMBC is, at the request of the Village of Lytton, developing and assessing options for long term (1-2 year) interim accommodations for Lytton residents. Tour of modular housing units in Kamloops organized for Aug 11.

- Fire loss in Lytton First Nation is currently estimated at $19.5M and in the Village of Lytton $85.1M based on aerial survey by Office of the Fire Commissioner of structures lost. Estimate does not include possessions, vehicles.

**Landslide**
- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary, and being monitored. No significant change in past 24 hours.
- Evacuation alert remains in place for 40 properties (15 in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 25 in Valemount).
- A seniors' care home is one of several structures that may be at risk, pending assessment.

**Heat Warnings and Drought**
*Heat*
- Special weather statements have been issued for regions in the South of the province. High daytime and overnight temperatures are forecast between Wednesday/Thursday to Saturday/Sunday (East/West, respectively).

- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation has approved request from BC Aboriginal Friendship Centres for air conditioning units, so that Centres can act as cooling centres.

- Southwest PREOC held heat coordination call for local authorities on Aug 9. Fraser Valley Regional District has indicated that it may not be able to resource cooling centres, if needed.

- Public information on heat-related illness and how to prevent it, can be found on the FNHA (First Nations Health Authority), HealthLinkBC and BCCDC websites.

*Drought*

- The long-range forecast from Environment Canada has indicated no significant precipitation is expected in the South until mid to late September.

- Across government, ministries including EMBC, FLNORD and AFF, are monitoring and considering appropriate supports in response to the ongoing drought in the Province.

**COVID-19**

- A COVID-19 outbreak has been reported at the Boston Bar First Nation (5 people, across 2 households). Some members from Lytton First Nation are being accommodated in group lodging at Boston Bar. Situation is being monitored. First Nations Health Authority and Fraser Health Authority are engaged.

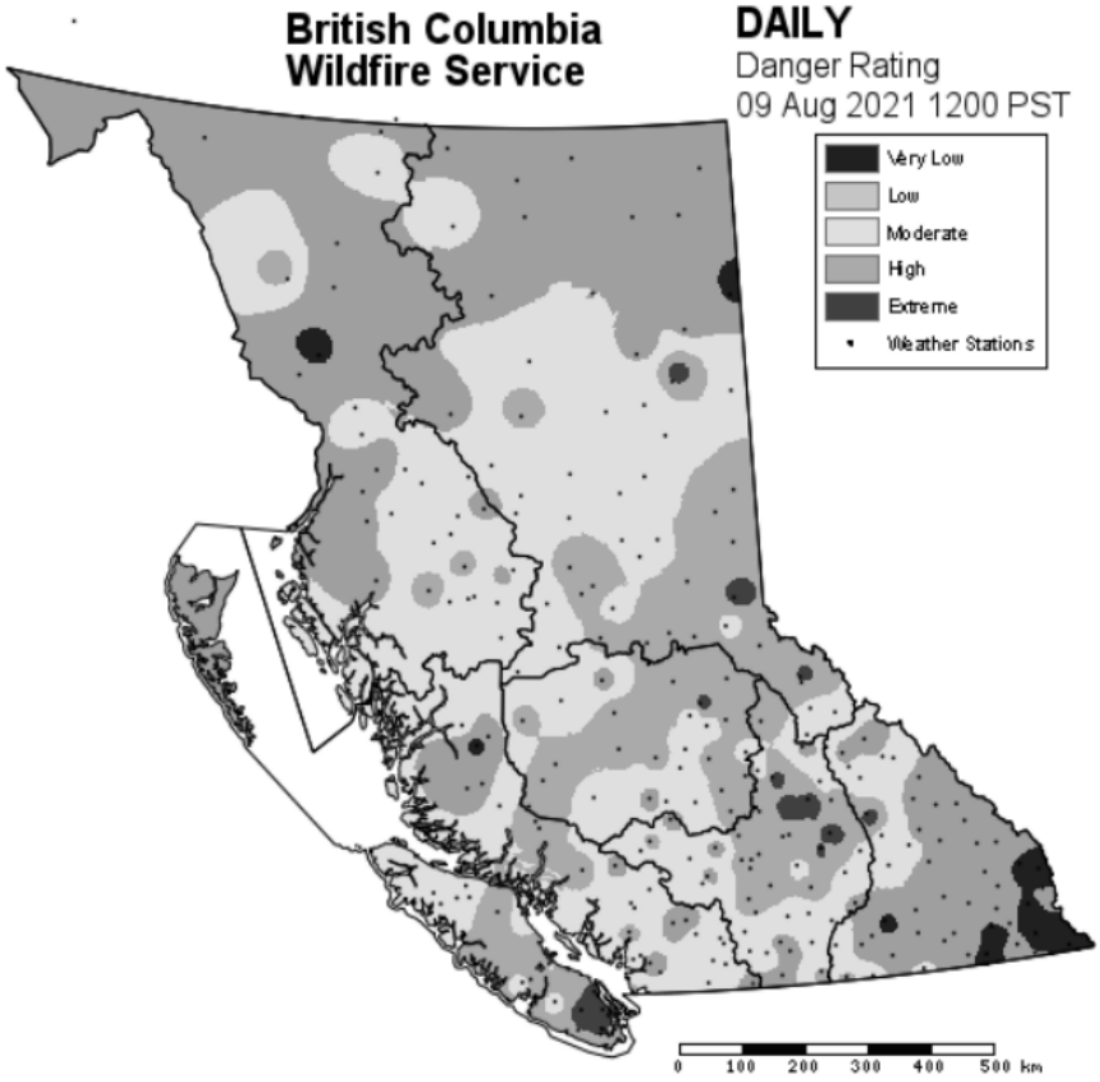
- On Aug 6, it was reported that the outbreak in the Central Okanagan tripled from around 300 cases to roughly 1,200 in a week. The highly transmissible delta variant accounts for 80 per cent of cases.

- A Medical Health Officer Order for mandatory face coverings and limits on the number of people allowed to gather together (both indoors and outdoors), is in place for the Central Okanagan and applies to all residents, workplaces, and visitors of the Central Okanagan.

- There is also a non-essential travel restriction in place for the Central Okanagan, unless people are fully vaccinated (i.e. 7+ days after their second dose). Any travel in and out of the area should be for essential reasons only; if people are not fully vaccinated, they are asked to not travel. Ongoing discussions on this topic are taking place within the Ministry of Health to support communication to the public.

## FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – August 9, 2021 17:00 PT



# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

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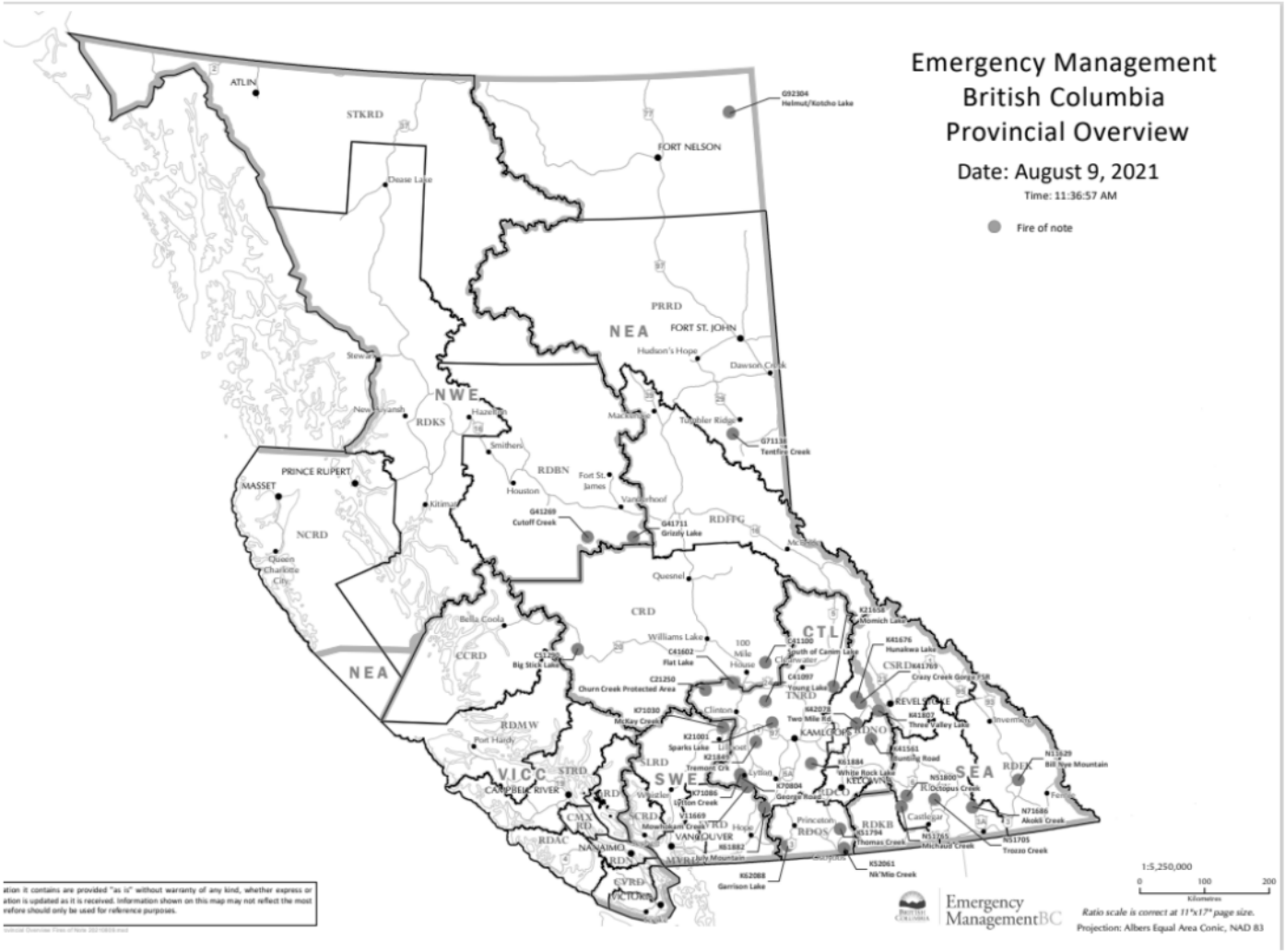

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 11, 2021
**Information current as of August 10, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,633 (+84) total personnel (including 1,207 (-59) contactors, and 341 (-23) out of province resources) and 203 (-6) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 262 (-9)
- Wildfires of note: 31 (0)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 6 (-6)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Aug 10, 17:00 | *Overnight Update*** |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 37 (-1) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 9 (-1) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 60 (-3) | - |
| Approx. properties on order | 5,392 (-872) | - |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 105 (+3) | - |
| Approx. properties on alert | 30,899 (-1,004) | - |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

**Overnight Updates** **no **new** Orders or Alerts issued

Young Lake Wildfire (C41097) - Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) - CTL Region
- TNRD downgraded an Order to an Evacuation Alert for 1 property in EA "E".

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception Centres: 12 (-2)
    - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Kelowna, Merritt, Oliver, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Williams Lake, Vernon.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 14,170 (+7)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds (540 Central/260 Southwest)
- Evacuees in Group Lodging: 180 (+93)

- Evacuees in Commercial Lodging: 862 (-15)

**NOTES:**

- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.
- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.

# OVERVIEW:

- Heat warnings have been issued across the Southwest region, including Victoria, the Sunshine Coast, Metro Vancouver, Whistler and the Fraser Valley.
- High daytime and overnight temperatures are expected to extend across the Interior tomorrow and persist until Saturday.
- Concerns have been raised around food security for some indigenous communities impacted by wildfire.

### Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- Wednesday: An incoming weather system will bring very hot and dry conditions to many areas. Temperatures today will be in the high 20s-30s over South coast and inland areas. Clear conditions are expected in the South but with localized smoky skies. There many be a few isolated showers in the extreme northwest corner of B.C. No thunderstorm activity expected today.

- Outlook: Temperatures in the high 20s and mid 30s are expected for BC regions south of Mackenzie. Temperatures could reach the mid-30s in the Thompson-Okanagan, Boundary and Fraser Canyon. The Okanagan is likely to reach a few degrees higher on Friday and Saturday.

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### New Evacuations

*Central Region*

**Splatsin First Nation** - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884).

- Evacuation Alert extended until August 13, 2021

**Regional District of Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**

- Evacuation Order partially rescinded. Evacuation Alert in place for Area D - Falkland for 613 properties

**Regional District North Okanagan (RDNO)**

- Evacuation Order partially rescinded in the vicinity of Electoral Area B - Irish Creek Rd, and Beatrice Rd (20 properties)

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**

- Evacuation Alert rescinded in Electoral Area G - Cool Creek (7 properties)

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**

- Evacuation Order issued in Area L Grasslands (8 properties)
- Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert in Area L Grasslands (429 properties)
- Evacuation Alert rescinded in Area L Grasslands (397 properties)
- Evacuation Order rescinded in Area N- Beautiful Nicola Valley South (98 properties)

*Northeast Region*

**Cariboo Regional District (CRD)**

- State of Local Emergency extended for Electoral Areas G, H, J, L, N until August 19, 2021

*Northwest Region*

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**

- Evacuation Alert was rescinded for 20 properties for Electoral Area D

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- EMBC is looking into how to best address concerns around food security that have been expressed by indigenous communities, in particular the Okanagan Indian Band, impacted by this year's wildfires.

- EMBC is in the process of developing and drafting potential Provincial Orders including to secure commercial accommodation and stand up a provincial fire department, if necessary.

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*Partnerships*

- Chief Maureen Chapman is confirmed as a guest speaker on the All Chiefs call this Friday (Aug 13). She will be speaking to, and answering questions from the group on, the recommendations from the Abbott/Chapman Report on the 2017 fire and flood season.

- The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Land Task Force continue to support BCWS fire operations, with efforts focussed on the Flat Lake and Thomas Creek Fires. Meanwhile, CAF aircraft are being used to relocate personnel and BCWS vehicles from Fort St John to Kamloops.

- The three Requests for Assistance (RFA) under which CAF is currently providing support to BC, are due to expire in the next 7-10 days. EMBC has initiated discussions with the Federal government regarding the next phase.

- 334 (+11) fire department personnel are currently deployed to support wildfire response, plus the following resources:

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*Agriculture*

- News release issued announcing Financial support, emergency feed available for B.C. farmers, ranchers

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 9,047 | 93 | 185 | 453 | 122 | 20 | 800 | 28 |
| Total Under Alert | 9,872 | 590 | 687 | 1,068 | 396 | 579 | 7,350 | 102 |

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- Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) EOC is receiving a high volume of agricultural producer requests. The TNRD has requested support from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (AFF) to help manage.

- AFF, with assistance of the BC Dairy Association, is continuing to explore capacity and feasibility of relocating impacted BC dairy cattle to Alberta.

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- Disaster Financial Assistance assessments of wildfire damage ongoing in several locations.

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- There is also a non-essential travel restriction in place for the Central Okanagan, unless people are fully vaccinated (i.e. 7+ days after their second dose). Any travel in and out of the area should be for essential reasons only; if people are not fully vaccinated, they are asked to not travel. Ongoing discussions on this topic are taking place within the Ministry of Health to support communication to the public.

## FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

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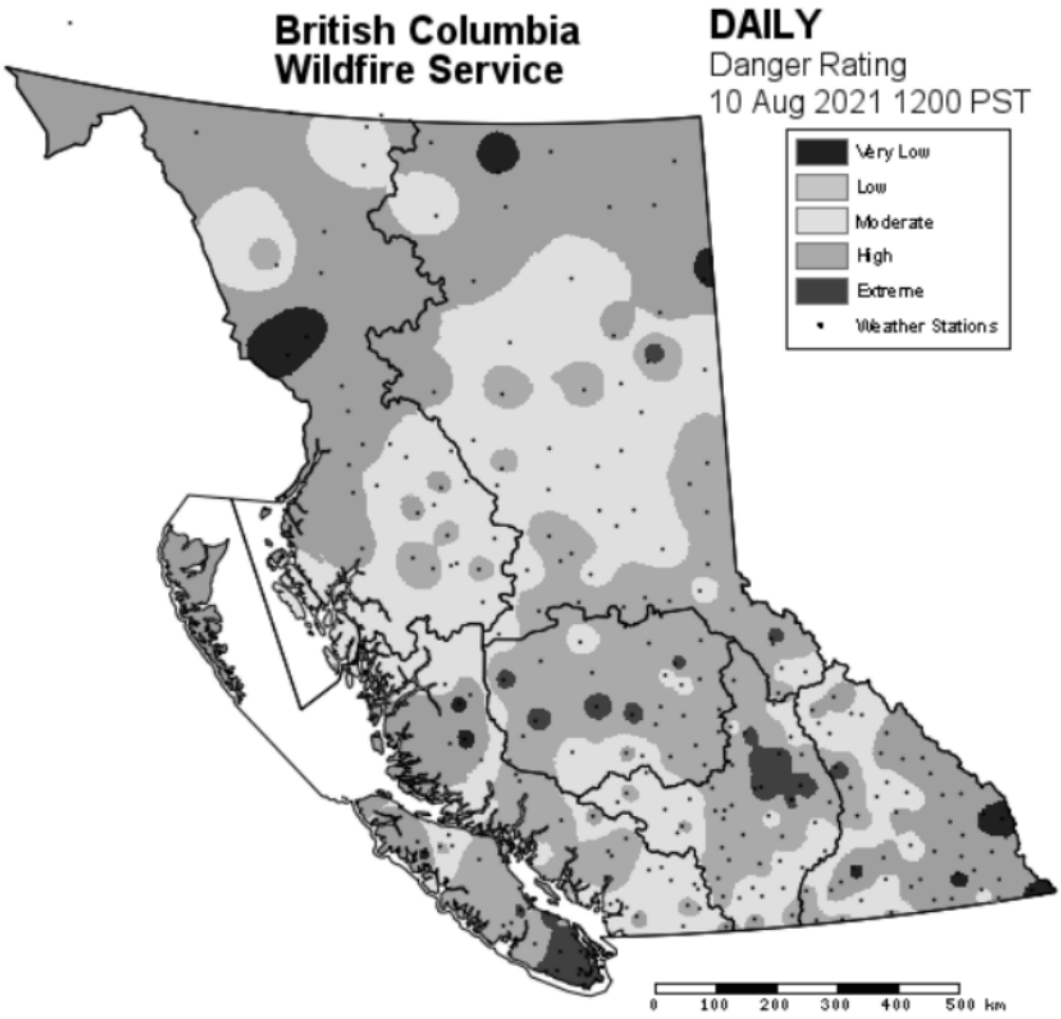

# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

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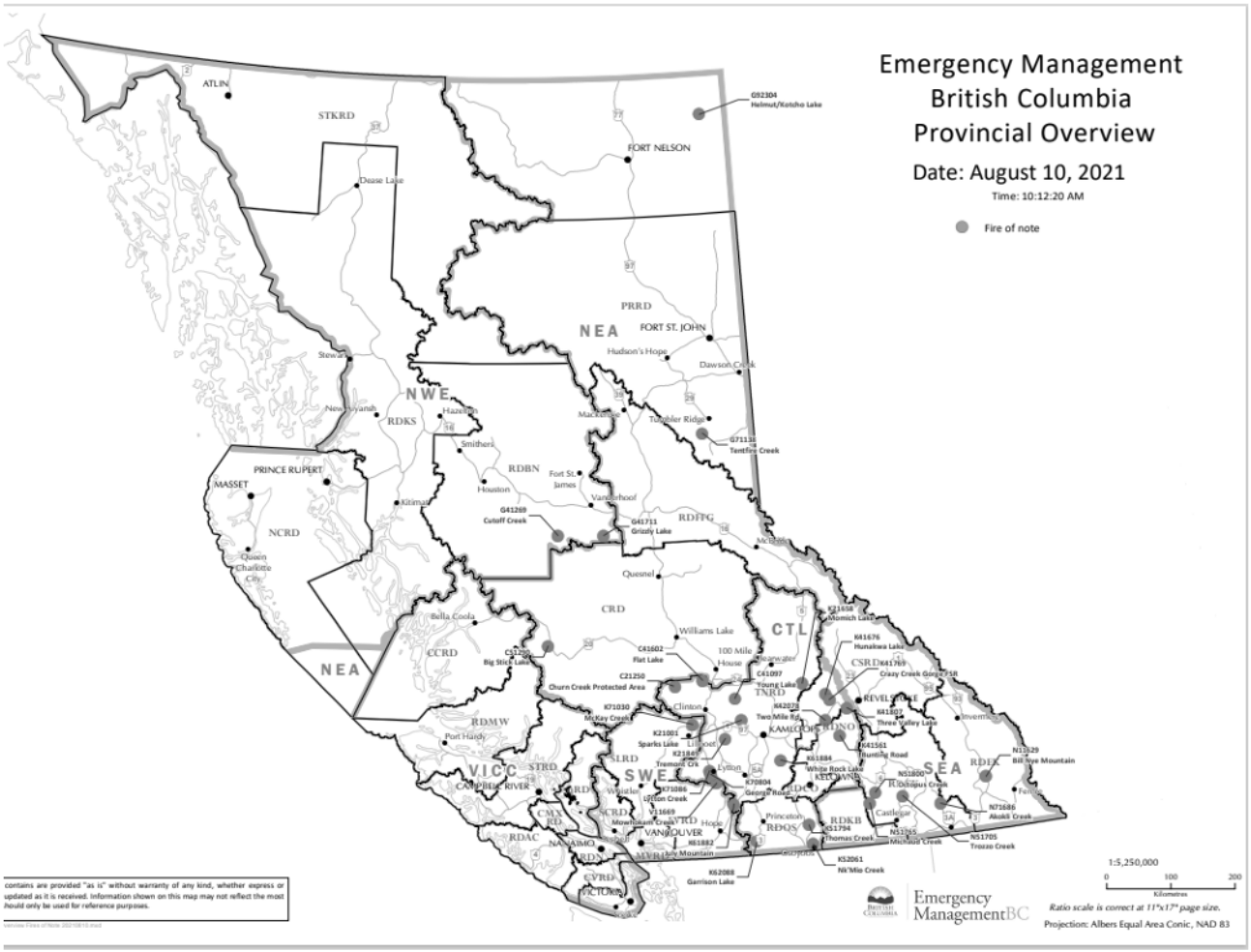

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 12, 2021
**Information current as of August 11, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,725 (+92) total personnel (including 1,174 (-33) contactors, and 439 (+98) out of province resources) and 207 (+4) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 262 (0)
- Wildfires of note: 30 (-1)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 16 (+10)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Aug 11, 17:00 | *Overnight Update*** |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 28 (-9) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 10 (+1) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 55 (-5) | - |
| Approx. properties on order | 4,592 (-800)* | - |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 105 (0) | - |
| Approx. properties on alert | 29,170 (-1,729)* | - |

**NOTES:**

* Change in part due to previous error in data entry for properties on order (-796) and alert (-1,263) in the Northeast region.

- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

**Overnight Updates** **no **new** Orders or Alerts issued

- A M7.1 earthquake occurred off the coast of the Philippines at 10:46 PDT. There was no tsunami threat to the BC coast and no reports of significant local damage.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception Centres: 12 (0)
    - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Kelowna, Merritt, Oliver, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Williams Lake, Vernon.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 14,128 (-42)*

- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds (540 Central/260 Southwest)
- Evacuees in Group Lodging: 181 (+1)
- Evacuees in Commercial Lodging: 624 (-238)*

  * Change in part due to previous error in data entry for evacuees registered and in commercial lodging in the Southwest region.

**NOTES:**

- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.
- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.

# OVERVIEW:

- Heat warnings are in effect across the Southwest region, including Victoria, the Sunshine Coast, Metro Vancouver, Whistler, Fraser Valley, North Thompson and 100 Mile.
- Cooling centres have been stood-up in more than 20 communities across Vancouver Island, the Southwest and Central regions, so far.
- A Yellow weather notification has been issued for the southern Interior: After several days of hot and dry weather, a cold front will bring strong winds and thunderstorms (with a chance of dry lightning) between Sunday and Monday (Aug 15-16).

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Thursday: Hot, dry conditions are expected in many areas of the province today. Daytime highs across southern B.C. will be 30-38ºC. Winds of 30-60km/h may occur in the Fraser Valley. No thunderstorm activity expected today.

- Outlook: Temperatures in the high 20s and mid 30s are expected for BC regions south of Mackenzie. Temperatures could reach the mid-30s in the Thompson-Okanagan, Boundary and Fraser Canyon. The Okanagan is likely to reach a few degrees higher on Friday and Saturday.

- A **Yellow weather notification** has been issued for the southern Interior: After several days of hot and dry weather, a cold front will bring strong winds, gusting 60-70km/h and thunderstorms (with a chance of dry lightning) between Sunday and Monday (August 15-16). These conditions may affect wildfires and possibly lead to local power outages. Up to 10mm rain may fall in the Cariboo and Columbia Regions by Monday afternoon, with up to 30mm in the mountains.
  **NOTE**: There is currently low to moderate confidence in this forecast.

- **Air Quality statement** (Smoky Skies bulletin)**:** Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, East Kootenay, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay.

- **Special Weather statement** (heat): Boundary, Nicola, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson.

- **Weather Warning** (heat): 100 Mile, Central Coast – inland sections, East Vancouver Island, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Greater Victoria, Howe Sound, Inland Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver, North Coast – inland sections, North Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast, Whistler.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**Xwisten (Bridge River) First Nation** - McKay Creek Fire (K71030)
- Evacuation Order issued for Apple Spring, Antoine Creek and Terry Creek

**Regional District of Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**
- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for Electoral Area E – K3 Cat Skiing Lodge

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)**
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Electoral Area A –Nk'mip (237 properties)

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**
- State of Local Emergency extended for Electoral Area L – Grasslands
- Evacuation Alert issued in Electoral Area O - Lower North Thompson (11 properties)
- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert Electoral Area E – Eagan Bonaparte Lake FSR (1 property)
- Evacuation Alert rescinded (July 25) for properties in Electoral Area J – Durrand Creek
- Evacuation Alert rescinded (July 15) in Electoral Area J - Durrand Creek (95 properties)

*Northwest Region*

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN)**
- Evacuation Alert was rescinded for Electoral Area C
- All Evacuation Orders and Alerts have now been lifted in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

*Southwest Region*

**Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD)** - North End Long Island Fire (V12262)
- State of Local Emergency extended for Area C until August 19, 2021

**Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD)** - McKay Creek Fire (K71030)
- State of Local Emergency extended for Area B until August 18, 2021

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*
- Press conference being held today (Aug 12) to respond to concerns expressed by communities impacted by the White Rock Lake fire.

- EMBC is working with Canadian Red Cross to establish lodging at Sun Peaks for evacuees, in the event of further evacuation orders being issued in the Central region.

- A total of 1,865 rooms in commercial lodging around the province have been secured until September 15, at a cost of $10M. Approx. breakdown of rooms by area Lower Mainland (~214), Kamloops and Kelowna (~1,300), Kootenays (~110), Prince George (~224).

- EMBC is in the process of developing and drafting potential Provincial Orders including to secure commercial accommodation and stand up a provincial fire department, if necessary.

- EMBC met with Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Destination BC, Tourism BC, Indigenous Tourism BC and the BC Hotel Association regarding the developing evacuation strategy and possible Provincial Orders. All expressed their willingness to support.

- EMBC is working to finalize contingency provincial mass evacuation strategy and operational plan, in coordination with PREOCs and partners.

- EMBC is looking into how to best address concerns around food security that have been expressed by citizens and indigenous communities, in particular the Okanagan Indian Band, impacted by this year's wildfires.

- Ongoing issues have been experienced with the evacuee registration system, ERAA (i,e, slow processing speed/capacity), Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is engaged.

*Donations*

- No new update.

*Partnerships*

- The Salvation Army, in partnership with Foodbanks BC, is providing ongoing food security to several First Nations communities located around Lytton. Delivering every Wednesday to 500+ people located at: Boston Bar, Kanaka, Siska, Skuppa, and West Side of Lytton and Nlakapamux (At the Stein Valley School) FN groups. This includes fresh, frozen, and non-perishable food.

- The Salvation Army has also been feeding both evacuees and first responders in the Cariboo and Interior. Additional Emergency Disaster Service teams, Community Response Units, and the mobile shower unit are on standby ready to respond in areas experiencing wildfires and evacuations as well as supporting Lytton's ongoing recovery.

- The Canadian Red Cross (CRC) continues to support the delivery of ESS and maintain a presence at resiliency centres in Lytton and Kamloops. CRC representatives have also been deployed to the Liaison and Recovery Unit within

the PECC and Central PREOC.

- To date 1644 households totalling 3473 individuals have registered with the Canadian Red Cross.

- Chief Maureen Chapman is confirmed as a guest speaker on the All Chiefs call this Friday (Aug 13). She will be speaking to, and answering questions from the group on, the recommendations from the Abbott/Chapman Report on the 2017 fire and flood season.

- The three Requests for Assistance (RFA) under which CAF is currently providing support to BC, are due to expire in the next 7-10 days. EMBC has initiated discussions with the Federal government regarding the next phase.

- 335 (+1) fire department personnel are currently deployed to support wildfire response, plus the following resources:

| SUMMARY of DEPLOYED RESOURCES | |
|---|---|
| Structure Protection Units -Type 1 | 6 |
| Structure Protection Units -Type 2 | 35 |
| Structure Protection Units -BCWS Urban Response Unit | 1 |
| SPU Crew (SPC) | 28 (-1) |
| Engine | 20 |
| Tenders | 22 |
| Wildland Trucks | 12 (+1) |

- EMBC has started to deploy government employees who responded to Deputy Minister Wanamaker's email (~150). Staff will be shared between BCWS and EMBC.

*Agriculture*

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 9,047 | 93 | 185 | 453 | 122 | 20 | 800 | 28 |
| Total Under Alert | 9,872 | 590 | 687 | 1,068 | 396 | 579 | 7,350 | 102 |

*Approximate numbers based on information available

- There are currently 36 dairies under evacuation order or alert in the province, and a further 55 dairies within 15km of an area under order or alert.

- AFF, with assistance of the BC Dairy Association, is continuing to explore capacity and feasibility of relocating impacted BC dairy cattle to Alberta.

- Concerns have been raised by producers and a First Nations chief regarding the lack of contact from and/or inability of some local authorities to respond to requests

in a timely manner, especially on the White Rock Lake Fire. AFF staff have offered to provide support for Local Authorities who are understaffed or are unsure of how to best support agricultural producers; and, to assist them in identifying potential contractor support with agricultural expertise to fill these roles moving forward.

*Infrastructure*

- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has reported damage in the:

*Thompson Nicola District*

- Signage: 20-50 impacted
- Culverts: Up to 5 impacted (pending review).
- he biggest impact in many locations is remaining danger trees

*Okanagan Shuswap District:*

- 1 post of a 2-post sign damaged.
- Need to review numerous areas still for wildfire damage.
- Damage to paved surface of McKinney from off road tracked machine (3-4km), and damage to pavement edges and shoulders from pushing shoulders back to create a firebreak.
- Surface damage on several gravel sideroads from equipment and traffic volumes yet to be quantified.

*Utilities*

- BC Hydro outages are affecting 2,598 customers in the Central Region due to wildfire: North of Tranquille Criss Creek Road near Kamloops (6 customers), Falkland (844 customers), Westwold (188 customers), East of Barnhartvale Rd, North-South-West of HWY 97 (311 customers), North-South-East-West of HWY 97 (188 customers), North-South-East of Westside Road, West of Okanagan Landing (1061 customers).

- Telus home services disrupted due to power outages and cable damage in:
    - Vernon: service has been restored to most customers; repair efforts continue for remaining impacted services.
    - Kamloops: may result in customers being unable to make/receive calls. Repair efforts are underway, there is no estimated time of restoration currently available.
    - Lytton: Due to cable damage, home services are currently experiencing a disruption, which may result in being unable to make/receive calls. Due to safety reasons, service technicians are standing down, and will continue to work with local authorities to ensure safe access to the site as quickly as possible.

*Transportation*

- Highway 8 closed in both directions, due to reopen at noon today (Aug 12). The Shackan Indian Band is no longer under evacuation order and can return to the community, alleviating any previous concerns around security.
- Highway 97 between Kamloops and Vernon is closed in both directions due to wildfire.
- Travel advisories in place on Highway 3, Highway 5 (Coquihalla) due to limited visibility with smoke.
- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

*Recovery*

- Disaster Financial Assistance assessments of wildfire damage ongoing in several locations.

*Lytton*

- EMBC, First Nations Health Authority, First Nations Emergency Social Services, Indigenous Services Canada and BC Housing met with Lytton First Nation (Aug 11) to support planning for interim housing options and immediate recovery needs.

- EMBC is continuing work with the Canadian Red Cross to understand and improve information sharing with the Village of Lytton in support of individual recovery/case management.

- Fire loss in Lytton First Nation is currently estimated at $19.5M and in the Village of Lytton $85.1M based on aerial survey by Office of the Fire Commissioner of structures lost. Estimate does not include possessions, vehicles. Assessment is nearly complete.

- The Office of the Fire Commissioner will be connecting with FNESS and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to share information on fire losses in Lytton First Nation.

**Landslide**

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary and being monitored. No significant change in past 24 hours.
- Evacuation alert remains in place for 40 properties (15 in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 25 in Valemount).
- A seniors' care home is one of several structures that may be at risk, pending assessment.

**Heat Warnings and Drought**

*Heat*

- Heat warnings are now in effect across the Southwest including Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver, North Thompson and 100 Mile. Special weather statements have been issued for regions in the Interior. High daytime and overnight temperatures are forecast until Saturday/Sunday.

- So far 24 cooling centres have been stood up in communities on Vancouver Island (10) and in the Southwest (12) and Central (2) regions. Fraser Valley Regional District had indicated that it may not be able to resource cooling centres, if needed.

- Some hospitals in the Interior Health Authority have cancelled surgeries to ensure capacity is available to address any patient surge caused by ongoing heat events. Additional acute care staff have been scheduled throughout the health system to prepare for increased pressures caused by the heat.

- Public information on heat-related illness and how to prevent it, can be found on the FNHA (First Nations Health Authority), HealthLinkBC and BCCDC websites.

*Drought*

- The long-range forecast from Environment Canada has indicated no significant precipitation is expected in the South until mid to late September.

- Across government, ministries including EMBC, FLNORD and AFF, are monitoring and considering appropriate supports in response to the ongoing drought in the Province.

**COVID-19**

- Boston Bar First Nation is now closed due to a cluster of COVID-19 cases (13, confirmed so far). Some members from Lytton First Nation are being accommodated in group lodging at Boston Bar, some of whom are believed to have also tested positive. Situation is being monitored. First Nations Health Authority and Fraser Health Authority are engaged.

- There are currently 3,585 active cases of COVID-19 in B.C., 57% (2,045 cases) of which are in Interior Health.

- A Medical Health Officer Order for mandatory face coverings and limits on the number of people allowed to gather together (both indoors and outdoors), is in place for the Central Okanagan and applies to all residents, workplaces, and visitors of the Central Okanagan.

- There is also a non-essential travel restriction in place for the Central Okanagan, unless people are fully vaccinated (i.e. 7+ days after their second dose). Any travel in and out of the area should be for essential reasons only; if people are not fully vaccinated, they are asked to not travel. Ongoing discussions on this topic are taking place within the Ministry of Health to support communication to the public.

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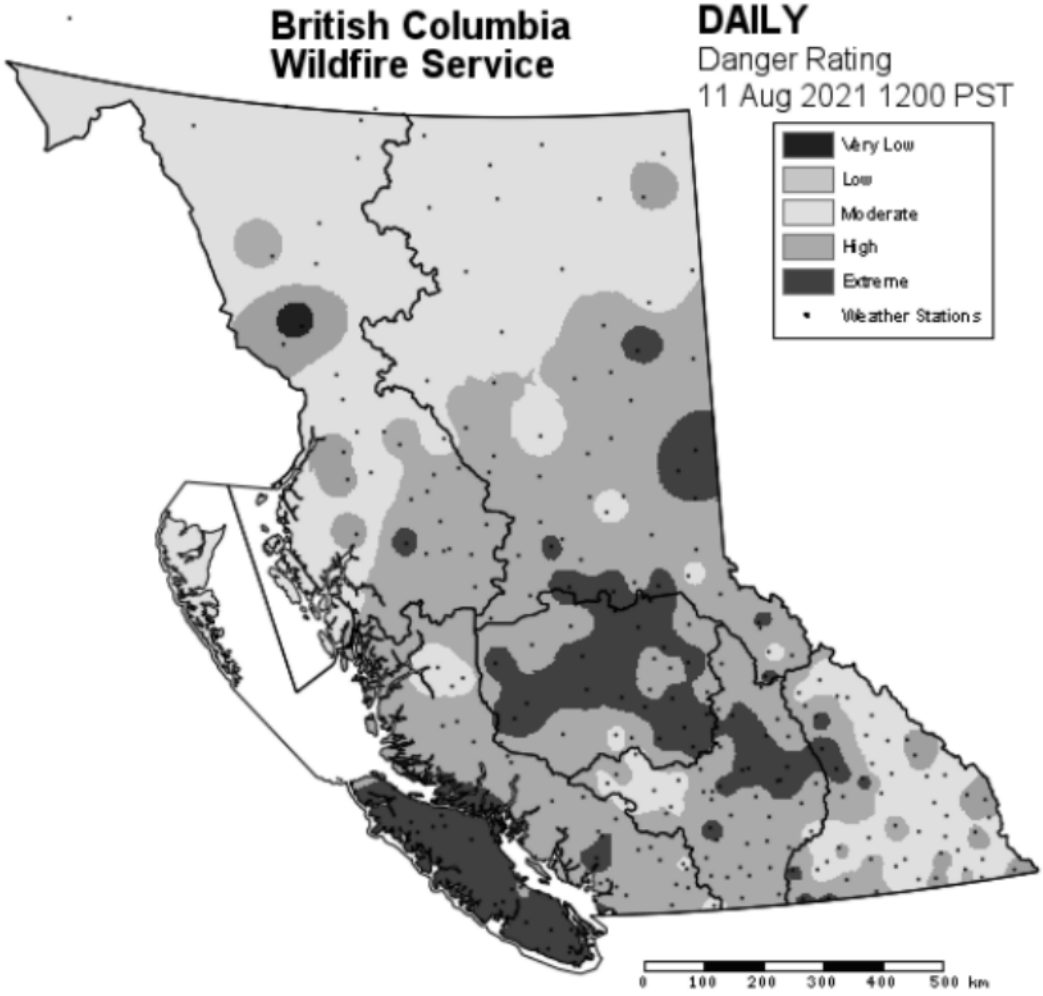

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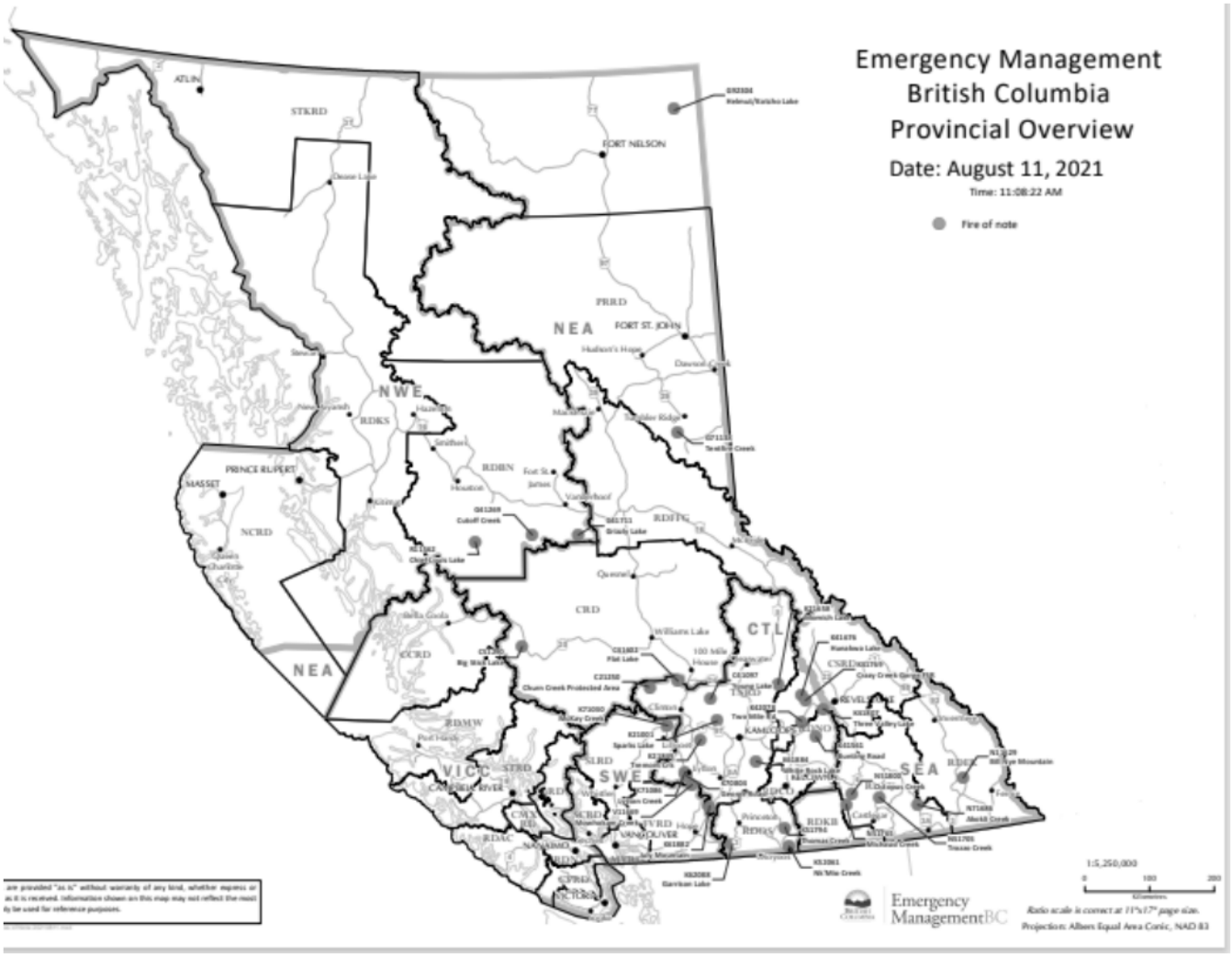

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 13, 2021
**Information current as of August 12, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,793 (+68) total personnel (including 1,214 (+40) contactors, and 411 (-28) out of province resources) and 205 (-2) aircraft

  **NOTE:** Personnel from Australia are "resting in place" and will be returning to work August 14.
- Active wildfires: 265 (+3)
- Wildfires of note: 30 (0)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 16 (0)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Aug 12, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 31 (+3) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 10 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 56 (+1) | *+3* |
| Approx. properties on order | 6,237 (+1,645) | *Unknown* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 108 (+3) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 27,417 (-1,753) | *+280* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

Tremont Creek Wildfire (K21849): Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)/Lower Nicola Indian Band - CTL Region

- Lower Nicola Indian Band issued an Evacuation Order for Pipsuel Reserve No. 3.
- TNRD issued an Evacuation Order in Electoral Area "J" (10 properties)
- TNRD issued an Evacuation Alert in Electoral Area "J" (280 properties)
- Evacuees were directed to the reception centre in Chilliwack.

Owen Bay Wildfire (V82577): Strathcona Regional District (SRD) - VICCR Region

- Located in Owen Bay, on Sonora Island, 31km north of Campbell River.
- Started as a structure fire and spread to the surrounding forest, other structures are threatened.
- Tactical evacuation of surrounding properties is being conducted.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception Centres: 12 (0)
    - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Kelowna, Merritt, Oliver, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Williams Lake, Vernon.

- Evacuees Registered Total: 14,130 (+2)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds (540 Central/260 Southwest)
- Evacuees in Group Lodging: 181 (0)
- Evacuees in Commercial Lodging: 624 (0)

**NOTES:**

- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.
- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.

## OVERVIEW:

- Growth on fires in the Central Region yesterday resulted in further evacuations including: Pipsuel Reserve #10 and the entire community of Logan Lake (approx. 2,000 residents) due to the Tremont Fire; and Fintry and La Casa areas (608 properties) due to the White Rock Lake Fire.
- The evacuation order issued by the District of Logan Lake advised that residents stay with friends, family or in their vehicles; EMBC working with District of Logan Lake to rectify.
- Heat warnings are in effect across the Southwest region, including Victoria, the Sunshine Coast, Metro Vancouver, Whistler, Fraser Valley, South Thompson, North Thompson and 100 Mile.
- A Yellow weather notification has been issued for the southern Interior: After several days of hot and dry weather, a cold front will bring strong winds and thunderstorms (with a chance of dry lightning) between Sunday and Monday (Aug 15-16).
- Minister Farnworth and Minster Conroy's visit to the Central PREOC (Aug 12) was very well received and helped to validate the hard work of staff at this critical point in the wildfire season.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Friday: Cloudy conditions and periods of rain in the North. Sunny and clear in central and southern B.C. Daytime highs for the South coast and southern interior will reach 30-40°C. Smoke trapped will affect air quality and visibility in the South. No thunderstorm activity expected.

- Outlook: A **Yellow weather notification** has been issued for the southern Interior: After several days of hot and dry weather, a cold front will bring strong winds, gusting 60-70km/h and thunderstorms (with a chance of dry lightning) between Sunday and Monday (August 15-16). These conditions may affect wildfires and possibly lead to local power outages. Up to 10mm rain may fall in the Cariboo and

Columbia Regions by Monday afternoon, with up to 30mm in the mountains. **NOTE**: There is currently low to moderate confidence in this forecast.

- **Air Quality statement** (Smoky Skies bulletin)**:** Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, East Vancouver Island, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Greater Victoria, Howe Sound, Inland Vancouver Island, Kootenay Lake, Metro Vancouver, Nicola, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast, West Columbia, West Kootenay, West Vancouver Island, Whistler.

- **Special Weather statement** (heat): Boundary, Nicola, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen.

- **Weather Warning** (heat): 100 Mile, Central Coast – inland sections, East Vancouver Island, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Greater Victoria, Howe Sound, Inland Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver, North Coast – inland sections, North Thompson, South Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast, Whistler.

**New Evacuations**

*Central Region*

**Kanaka Bar Indian Band** activated in response to Mowhowkam Creek Fire (V11669)

**Nooaitch Indian Band** - Lytton Creek Complex Fire (K71086)
- Evacuation Alert issued for IR#10

**Shackan Indian Band** - Lytton Creek Complex Fire (K71086).
- Evacuation Order downgraded to an Evacuation Alert for Shackan Reserve.

**District of Logan Lake** - Tremont Creek Fire (K21846)
- Evacuation Order and State of Local Emergency issued for the entire District

**Regional District of Columbia Shuswap (CSRD)**
- Evacuation Alert expanded for Electoral Area D

**Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO)** – White Rock Lake Fire (K61884) and Brenda Creek Fire (K51924)
- Evacuation Order issued for Fintry and La Casa
- Evacuation Alert issued for Ceasar's Landing
- Evacuation Order rescinded for Electoral Area H
- Evacuation Alert issued for Electoral Area H - Garrison Lake

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**
- Evacuation Order issued for Electoral Area O - Lower North Thompson

**Township of Spallumcheen** - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)
- Evacuation Alert issued in conjunction with the City of Armstrong

*Northeast Region*

**Nazko First Nation** EOC standing down and monitoring all fires

**Cariboo Regional District** - Churn Creek Fire (C21250)

- State of Local Emergency expansion for Electoral Areas A & B

**Northern Rockies Regional Municipality** - Kotcho Lake Fires (G92297) (G92303) (G92304) (G92305)

- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Helmut Area

*Vancouver Island and Central Coast Region*

**Cowichan Valley Regional District -** Holyoak Creek (Copper Canyon) Fire (V62452)

- State of Local Emergency extended until August 20, 2021

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- EMBC is working with Canadian Red Cross to establish lodging at Sun Peaks for evacuees, in the event of further evacuation orders being issued in the Central region.

- Public Safety Canada is exploring what facilities they could make available in the Lower Mainland to support group lodging.

- A total of 1,865 rooms in commercial lodging around the province have been secured until September 15, at a cost of $10M. Approx. breakdown of rooms by area Lower Mainland (~214), Kamloops and Kelowna (~1,300), Kootenays (~110), Prince George (~224). EMBC is working with the BC Hotel Association to identify additional capacity in commercial accommodation in Kelowna.

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- EMBC met with Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Destination BC, Tourism BC, Indigenous Tourism BC and the BC Hotel Association regarding the developing evacuation strategy and possible Provincial Orders. All expressed their willingness to support.

- EMBC is working to finalize contingency provincial mass evacuation strategy and operational plan, in coordination with PREOCs and partners.

- Following an approach from EMBC, the Ministry of Environment has expressed interest in providing Indigenous Conservation Officers to help support evacuations.

*Donations*

- Two truck loads of donations received and processed at the ADRA physical donations warehouse: awaiting the arrival of sea-cans from Camp Hope.

- Two pallets of mixed goods distributed to the Okanagan Indian Band currently evacuated to Vernon.

*Partnerships*

- EMBC is liaising with Alberta Emergency Management Agency on the availability and deployment of additional resources to EMBC, in particular to support Recovery and the Office of the Fire Commissioner.

- Soap for Hope has provided Lytton, Siska Fire Camp, Kamloops Evacuation Centre and an Indigenous Community near Williams Lake with essential hygiene amenities and linens.

- To date 1847 (+203) households totalling 3841 (+368) individuals have registered with the Canadian Red Cross to receive direct financial assistance. A total of $1,157,200 has been disbursed those who were evacuated from the Lytton region and those who are or have been under an evacuation order for 10 or more consecutive days.

- Chief Maureen Chapman is confirmed as a guest speaker on the All Chiefs call today Friday (Aug 13). She will be speaking to, and answering questions from the group on, the recommendations from the Abbott/Chapman Report on the 2017 fire and flood season.

- CAF aircraft used to reposition BCWS firefighting personnel and vehicles, also used to facilitate media flight.

- The three Requests for Assistance (RFA) under which CAF is currently providing support to BC, are due to expire in the next 7-10 days. EMBC has initiated discussions with the Federal government regarding the next phase and is working with BCWS to understand needs.

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| Wildland Trucks | 14 (+2) |

*Agriculture*

- Hay Program Administrators have begun to receive requests for emergency feed and these are being reviewed and validated.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
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*Infrastructure*

- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has reported damage in the Thompson Nicola and Okanagan Shuswap Regional Districts. This includes damage to signs, culverts and the road surface. The biggest impact in many locations is remaining danger trees. Numerous areas still need to be reviewed for fire damage.

*Utilities*

- BC Hydro outages are affecting approximately 2,598 customers in the Central Region due to wildfire.

- Telus home services disrupted due to power outages and cable damage in:
  - Vernon: service has been restored to most customers; repair efforts continue for remaining impacted services.
  - Kamloops: may result in customers being unable to make/receive calls. Repair efforts are underway, there is no estimated time of restoration currently available.
  - Lytton: home services are currently experiencing a disruption, which may result in being unable to make/receive calls.

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*Heat*

- Heat warnings are now in effect across the Southwest including Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver, North and South Thompson and 100 Mile. Special weather statements have been issued for regions in the Interior. High daytime and overnight temperatures are forecast until Saturday/Sunday.

- So far 28 (+4) cooling centres have been stood up in communities on Vancouver Island (11 (+1)) and in the Southwest (15 (+3)) and Central (2) regions. Fraser Valley Regional District had indicated that it may not be able to resource cooling centres, if needed.

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## FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

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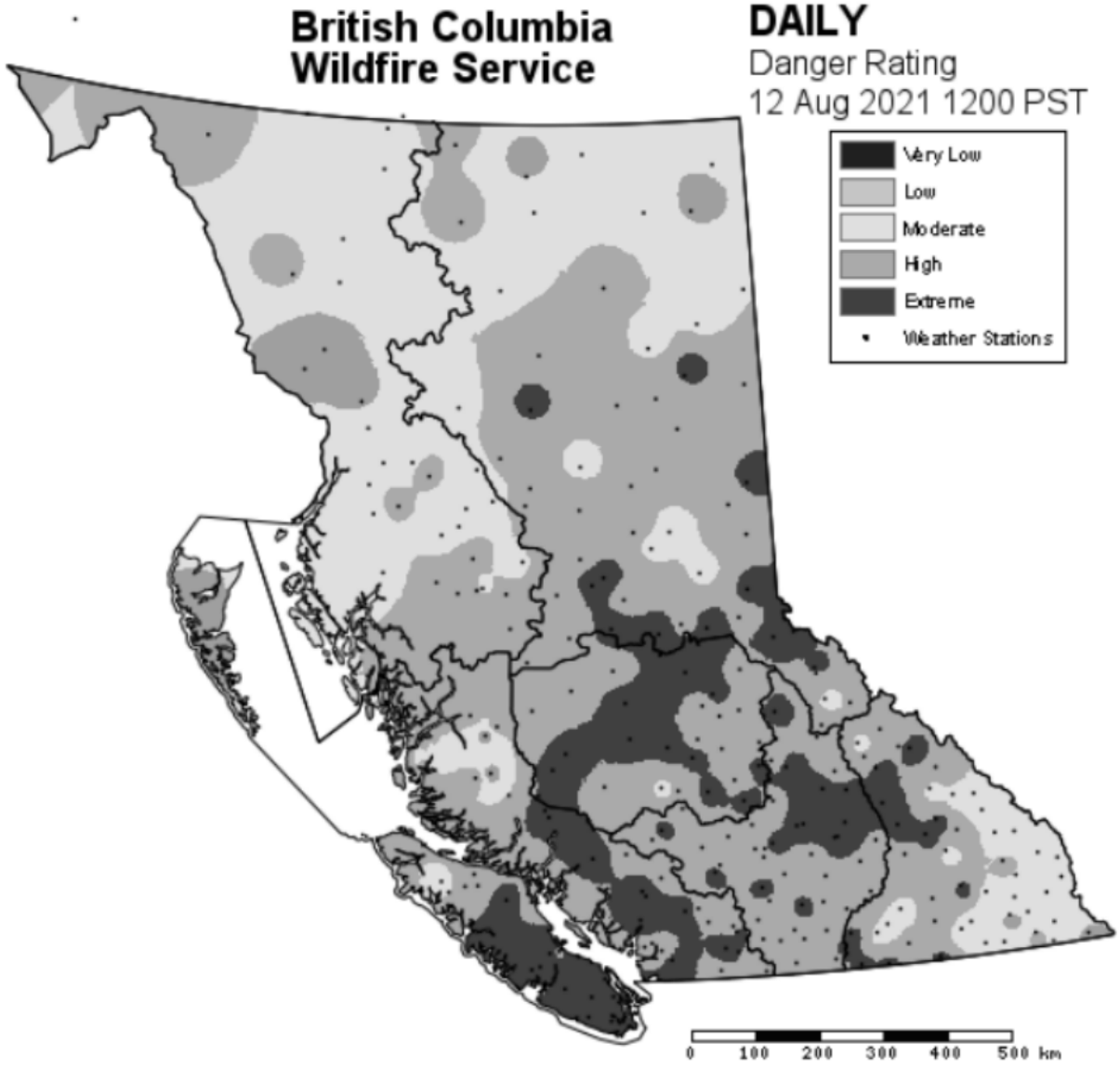

# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

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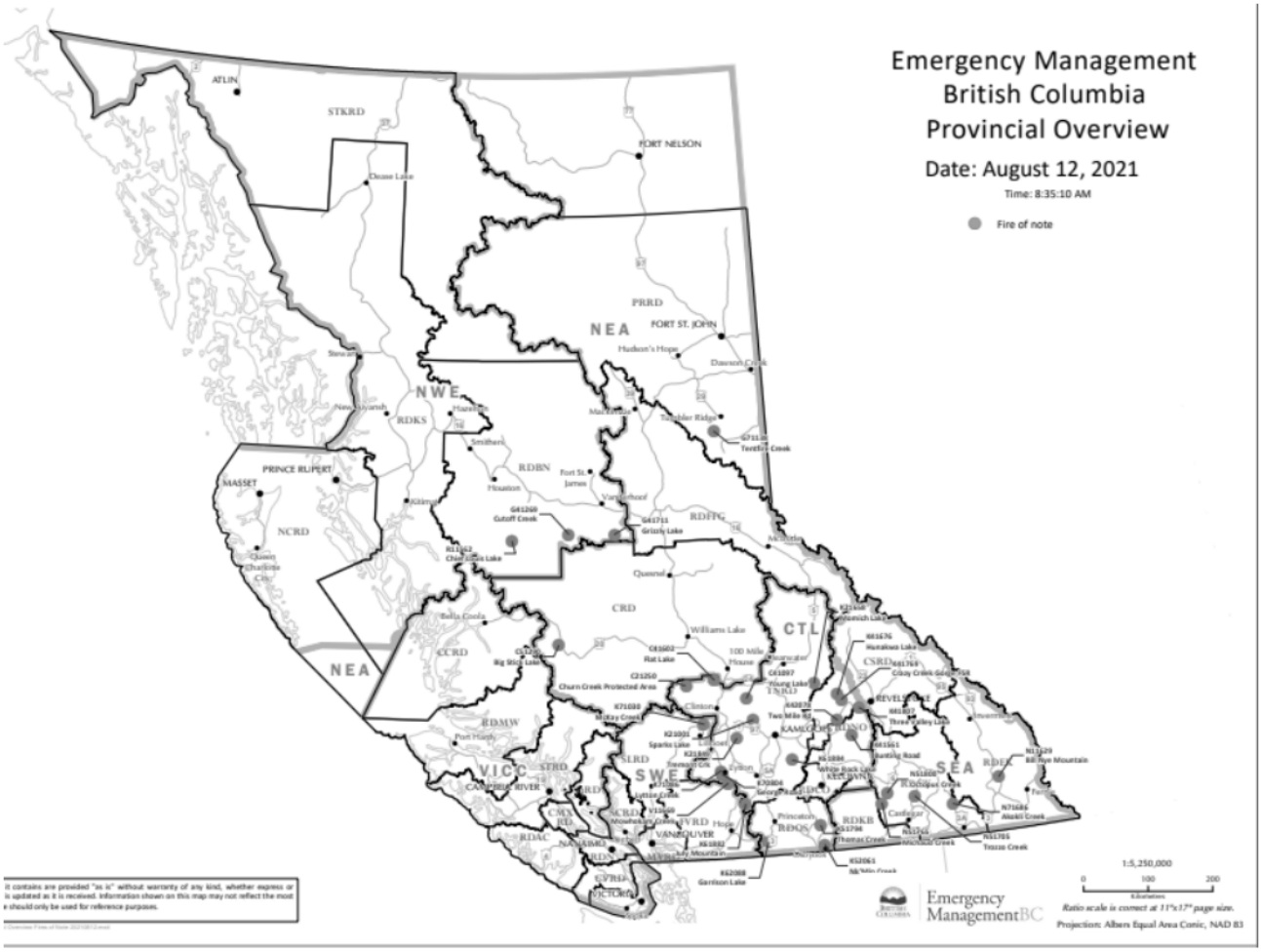

# Emergency Management BC
# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 14, 2021
**Information current as of August 13, 2021 at 17:00**

## DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,695 (-98) total personnel (including 1,165 (-49) contactors, and 404 (-7) out of province resources) and 207 (+2) aircraft

  **NOTE:** Approximately 250 additional personnel have been secured and will be arriving between August 13 - 18 from Quebec, Northwest Territories, New Brunswick, Alberta and Parks Canada.
- Active wildfires: 268 (+3)
- Wildfires of note: 30 (0)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 14 (-2)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

| | As of Aug 13, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 31 (0) | *+1* |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 10 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 59 (+3) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on order | 6,321 (+84) | *-263* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 112 (+4) | *+1* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 27,776 (+359) | *+307* |

**NOTES:**
- Properties numbers are approximate – some areas with regional districts do not provide property totals and orders and alerts from First Nations Communities generally not provide property counts.
- Orders and Alert remain in place in some areas for flooding and landslides. In addition, 59 Band Council resolutions remain in place for COVID-19.

### Overnight Updates

**Pine River Wildfire (G72591) - Peace River Regional District (PRRD)**
- Structures have been lost and additional structures are immediately threatened (numbers of losses not available). Structural Protection Units on route to setup protection for structures at risk.
- Initial reports include that one of the structures lost is a MOTI yard.
- No risk to Willow Creek Mine site at present.
- No risk to power supply for Southern BC at this time.
- BC Hydro has safe redundant supply if required.

**White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884) - Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**
- 246 properties in Electoral Area "L" downgraded to an Evacuation Alert.

**Sparks Lake Wildfire (K21001) – Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**

- Evacuation Order for 1 property in Electoral Area "J"

**Tremont Creek Wildfire (K21849) - Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**

- Evacuation Alert for 43 properties in Electoral Area "J" in the vicinity of Cherry Creek.

**McKay Creek Wildfire (K71030) - Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD)**

- State of Local Emergency declared for Electoral Area "A"
- Evacuation Order issued for Electoral Areas "A" & "B" in the Yalakom Valley

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception Centres: 12 (0)
    - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Kelowna, Merritt, Oliver, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Williams Lake, Vernon.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 14,236 (+105)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds (540 Central/260 Southwest)
- Evacuees in Group Lodging: 180 (-1)
- Evacuees in Commercial Lodging: 734 (+110)

**NOTES:**

- The max. capacity for group lodging is dependent not only on the number/size of sites, but also availability of volunteers, cots etc.
- The number of group lodging fluctuates due to activation and deactivation, depending on need, and the establishment of new sites.

## OVERVIEW:

- Growth on fires in the Central Region Aug 12 resulted in further evacuations including: Pipsuel Reserve #10 and the entire community of Logan Lake (approx. 2,000 residents) due to the Tremont Fire; and Fintry and La Casa areas (608 properties) due to the White Rock Lake Fire.
- Heat warnings are in effect across the Southwest region, including Victoria, the Sunshine Coast, Metro Vancouver, Whistler, Fraser Valley, South Thompson, North Thompson and 100 Mile.
- A Yellow weather notification has been issued for the southern Interior: After several days of hot and dry weather, a cold front will bring strong winds and thunderstorms (with a chance of dry lightning) between Sunday and Monday (Aug 15-16).

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Saturday: Extensive areas of smoke and light, variable winds. Variable cloudiness central and north. Scattered showers in the northwest.

- Outlook: A **Yellow weather notification** has been issued for the southern Interior: After several days of hot and dry weather, a cold front will bring strong winds, gusting 60-70km/h and thunderstorms (with a chance of dry lightning) between Sunday and Monday (August 15-16). These conditions may affect wildfires and possibly lead to local power outages. Up to 10mm rain may fall in the Cariboo and Columbia Regions by Monday afternoon, with up to 30mm in the mountains. **NOTE**: There is currently low to moderate confidence in this forecast.

- **Air Quality statement** (Smoky Skies bulletin)**:** Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, East Vancouver Island, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Greater Victoria, Howe Sound, Inland Vancouver Island, Kootenay Lake, Metro Vancouver, Nicola, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast, West Columbia, West Kootenay, West Vancouver Island, Whistler.

- **Special Weather statement** (heat): Boundary, Nicola, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen.

- **Weather Warning** (heat): 100 Mile, Central Coast – inland sections, East Vancouver Island, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Greater Victoria, Howe Sound, Inland Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver, North Coast – inland sections, North Thompson, South Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast, Whistler.

## New Evacuations

*Central Region*

**Lower Nicola Indian Band** - Tremont Creek Fire (K21849)
- Evacuation Order issued for Pipsuel Reserve #3

**Siska Indian Band** - George Road Fire (K70804)
- Evacuation Alert issued for entire Band

**District of Logan Lake** - Tremont Creek Fire (K21846)
- Evacuation Order and State of Local Emergency issued for the entire District

**Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO)** – White Rock Lake Fire (K61884) and Brenda Creek Fire (K51924)
- State of Local Emergency extended for RDCO West until August 22, 2021

**Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)** - Garrison Lake Fire (K62088), Thomas Creek Fire (K51794), Nk'Mip Creek Fire (K52061)

- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for 65 properties and 12 parcels of land in Electoral Area "H"

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**

- State of Local Emergency extended for Electoral Areas J, M and N until Aug 23
- Evacuation Alert issued for 280 properties in Electoral Area J – Copper Desert Country
- Evacuation Order issued for 10 properties in Electoral Area J – Copper Desert Country

*Northeast Region*

**Cariboo Regional District** - Churn Creek Fire (C21250)

- Evacuation Order issued for Moose Valley Area (replaces portions of Flat Lake North Area alert and Flat Lake-Green Lake Area alert)

**Peace River Regional District**

- State of Local Emergency for Electoral Area C extended until Aug 22

*Northwest Region*

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**

- Evacuation Alert issued for Electoral Area 3 – Cutoff Creek

*Southwest Region*

**Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD)** - McKay Creek Fire (K71030).

- Evacuation order for 3 properties east of IR Bridge River 1 on West Pavillion Road on August 12

*Vancouver Island and Central Coast Region*

**Strathcona Regional District (SRD)** activated in response to Owen Bay Fire (V82577)

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- Canadian Red Cross has an advanced team in place in Sun Peaks with the full team coming in today and tomorrow in the event of further evacuation orders being issued in the Central region.

- Public Safety Canada is exploring what facilities they could make available in the Lower Mainland to support group lodging.

- A total of 1,865 rooms in commercial lodging around the province have been secured until September 15, at a cost of $10M. Approx. breakdown of rooms by area Lower Mainland (~214), Kamloops and Kelowna (~1,300), Kootenays (~110), Prince George (~224). EMBC is working with the BC Hotel Association to identify additional capacity in commercial accommodation in Kelowna.

- EMBC is in the process of developing and drafting potential Provincial Orders including travel restrictions, securing commercial accommodation and standing up a provincial fire department, if necessary.

- EMBC met with Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Destination BC, Tourism BC, Indigenous Tourism BC and the BC Hotel Association regarding the developing evacuation strategy and possible Provincial Orders. All expressed their willingness to support.

- Following an approach from EMBC, the Ministry of Environment has expressed interest in providing Indigenous Conservation Officers to help support evacuations.

- Working with Elections Canada to determine how displaced persons can vote.

*Donations*

- No new information to report

*Partnerships*

- EMBC is liaising with Alberta Emergency Management Agency on the availability and deployment of additional resources to EMBC, in particular to support Recovery and the Office of the Fire Commissioner.

- The Salvation Army is engaged with feeding Logan Lake evacuees at the Kamloops Group Lodging site, feeding 200+ firefighters in Logan Lake, and supporting the Chilliwack reception centre as needed.

- To date 1,847 (+0) households totalling 3,841 (+0) individuals have registered with the Canadian Red Cross to receive direct financial assistance. A total of $1,157,200 has been disbursed those who were evacuated from the Lytton region and those who are or have been under an evacuation order for 10 or more consecutive days.

- Chief Maureen Chapman was a guest speaker on the FNLC/ISC/EMBC All Chiefs call Aug 13. Strong interest in reviewing the implementation status of the recommendations.

- CAF aircraft used to reposition BCWS firefighting personnel and vehicles, also used to facilitate media flight.

- The three Requests for Assistance (RFA) under which CAF is currently providing support to BC, are due to expire in the next 7-10 days. EMBC has initiated discussions with the Federal government regarding extensions and is working with BCWS to understand needs. Anticipate extension request and approval this

weekend.

- 379 (+39) fire department personnel are currently deployed to support wildfire response, plus the following resources:

| SUMMARY of DEPLOYED RESOURCES | |
|---|---|
| Structure Protection Units -Type 1 | 6 |
| Structure Protection Units -Type 2 | 33 (+2) |
| Structure Protection Units -BCWS Urban Response Unit | 1 |
| SPU Crew (SPC) | 24 (-2) |
| Engine | 28 (+8) |
| Tenders | 24 (+3) |
| Wildland Trucks | 15 (+1) |

*Agriculture*

- Hay Program Administrators have begun to receive requests for emergency feed and these are being reviewed and validated.

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

| Status* | Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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- No new information to report

*Utilities*

- BC Hydro outages are affecting 128 customers in the following areas:
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  - 5 – Kamloops: Savona Mountain
  - 52 – Monte Lake: east of Barnhardtvale

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- EMBC will travel to the Village of Lytton on Monday (Aug 16) to support site assessments and plan for interim housing.

- The ADM Committee for Lytton Recovery continues activation of the sector-based approach outlined in the Interim Disaster Recovery Framework.

- Canadian Red Cross (CRC) met with the Village of Lytton and the Thompson Nicola Regional District to discuss recovery information sharing and supports available from CRC.

- EMBC assigned dedicated resource for Village of Lytton and LFN re-entry coordination role to include project management for ash sifting, debris removal and public communications

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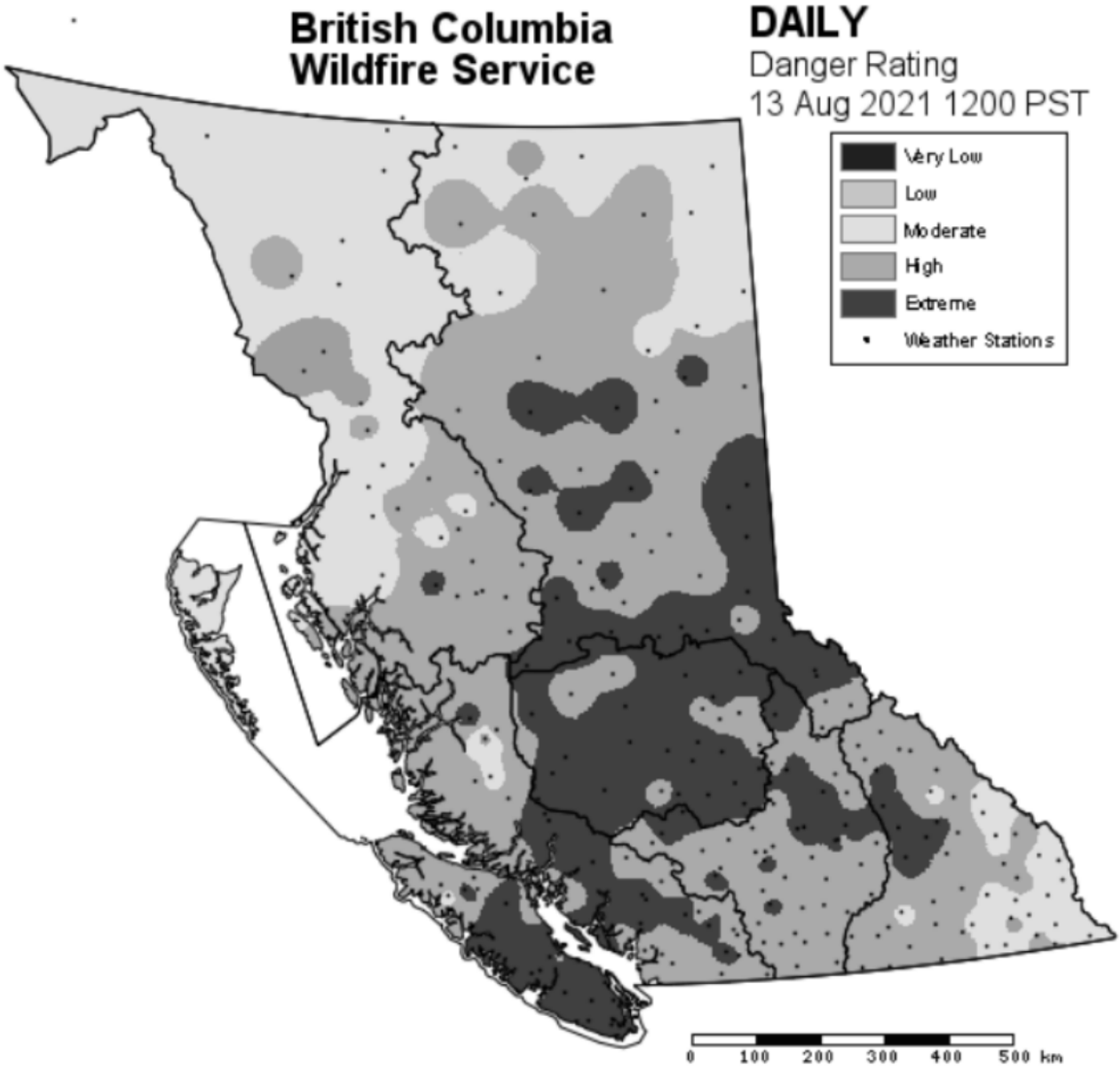

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# OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS
## August 15, 2021
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| | As of Aug 14, 17:00 | *Overnight Update* |
|---|---|---|
| **States of local emergency** | 34 (+2) | - |
| **Band Council resolutions** | 10 (0) | - |
| **Evacuation orders** | 61 (+2) | *+13* |
| Approx. properties on order | 5,890 (-431) | *+320* |
| **Evacuation alerts** | 120 (+8) | *+5* |
| Approx. properties on alert | 13,863 (-13,061)** | *+333* |

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**change is largely (~12,000 properties) a result of a previous error in data entry received from Vernon

### Overnight Updates

**Brook Creek Wildfire (K62615) - Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**
- RCMP conducted tactical evacuations on properties immediately threatened by fire activity.
- Evacuation Order for 99 properties in Electoral Area "N"
- Evacuation Alert for 89 properties in Electoral Areas "M"&"N"

**White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884) - Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) -**
- Downgraded 74 properties to an Evacuation Alert in EA "L". 45 properties remain on Evacuation Order.

**Tremont Creek Wildfire (K21849) - Thompson-Nicola Regional District / District of Logan Lake / Lower Nicola Indian Band**

- Lower Nicola Indian Band: Evacuation Order for Speous IR #8.
- District of Logan Lake: Evacuation Order for the Highland Valley Copper Mine.
- TNRD: Evacuation Alert for 59 properties in Electoral Area “I” (Blue Sky Country) & “M” (Beautiful Nicola Valley-North).
- TNRD: Evacuation Order for 117 properties in the Pasha Lake area in Electoral Area "J"

**Lytton Creek Wildfire Complex (K71086 + K70804) - Thompson-Nicola Regional District / Village of Lytton / Shackan Indian Band / Siska Indian Band / Skuppah Indian Band**

- Skuppah Indian Band: Evacuation Order for IR# 1, 2, 2A, 2B and 4
- Siska Indian Band: Evacuation Order for Indian Reserve No's 3,5 and 8
- Shackan Indian Band: Evacuation Order for IR #1, 3, 4, 4b, 4c, 7, 11, 16, 17, 19
- Village of Lytton: Evacuation Order for all properties within its boundaries.
- TNRD: Evacuation Order for 102 properties in Electoral Area “I”, “M” and “N” (Blue Sky Country; Beautiful Nicola Valley-South/North)
- TNRD: Evacuation Order for 6 properties in the Torgensen Rd area of EA "N"
- TNRD: Evacuation Alert for 111 properties in the Sunshine Valley, EA "M"&"N"

**Flat Lake Wildfire (C41602) – Cariboo Regional District**

- Evacuation Order for the Moose Valley #2, EA "G"

**Garrison Lake Wildfire (K62088) - Regional District Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS)**

- Evacuation Order for approximately 70 properties in Electoral Area “H”.

**Mowhokam Creek Wildfire (V11669) – Fraser Valley Regional District / Boothroyd Indian Band**

- Evacuation Order for Area A and for the Boothroyd Indian Band IR 6 & 6A
- Evacuation Alert for Area A Boothroyd Indian Band

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception Centres: 14 (+2)
    - 100 Mile House, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Kamloops, Kelowna, Lillooet, Merritt, Oliver, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Williams Lake, Vernon.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 16,157 (+1922)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds (540 Central/260 Southwest)
- Evacuees in Group Lodging: 180 (+0)
- Evacuees in Commercial Lodging: 734 (+0)

**NOTES:**

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## OVERVIEW:

- Growth on fires in the Central Region on Aug 14 resulted in further evacuations including: further properties near the Lower Nicola Indian Band and Logan Lake due to the Tremont Fire; as well as Shackan, Siska, and Skuppah Indian Bands, and the Village of Lytton due to the Lytton Creek Fire Complex.

- RCMP conducted tactical evacuations of properties immediately impacted by the Brooks Creek Fire on Aug 14 (South of Merritt).

- Heat warnings are in effect across the Southwest region, including Victoria, the Sunshine Coast, Metro Vancouver, Whistler, Fraser Valley, South Thompson, North Thompson and 100 Mile.

**Weather Outlook and Alerts Update**

- Sunday: A cold front is forecast to move into the province on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, with some scattered precipitation along the north of the front through the Rockies/Fort Nelson zone, and bringing gusty winds across the province. Increase in fire growth and behaviour is expected, with a risk of lightning development in southern B.C..

- Outlook: On Monday, the cold front is anticipated to move southeast with continued gusty winds. Tuesday may bring some reprieve with overall cooler temperatures and an upper low tracking in from Washington State that could bring precipitation to the Southeast Fire Centre and southern part of the Kamloops Fire Centre.

- **Air Quality statement** (Smoky Skies bulletin)**:** Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, Cariboo, Chilcotin, East Columbia, East Kootenay, East Vancouver Island, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Greater Victoria, Howe Sound, Inland Vancouver Island, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, McGregor, Metro Vancouver, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Prince George, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Stuart-Nechako, Sunshine Coast, West Columbia, West Kootenay, West Vancouver Island, Whistler, Yellowhead, Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Weather Warning** (heat): 100 Mile, Central Coast – inland sections, East Vancouver Island, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Greater Victoria, Howe Sound, Inland Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver, North Coast – inland sections, North Thompson, South Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast, Whistler.

## New Evacuations

*Central Region*

**Kanaka Bar Indian Band** - Mowhowkam Creek Fire (V11669)

- Evacuation Order issued for Kanaka Bar Indian Reserve Nekliptum 1, Kanaka Bar 1A, Kanaka Bar 2

**District of Logan Lake** - Tremont Creek Fire (K21846)

- Evacuation Order partially rescinded to exclude TECK Highland Valley Copper Mine Property

**Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)**

- Evacuation Order rescinded for 322 properties in Electoral Area L - Grasslands
- Evacuation Alert issued for 246 properties in Electoral Area L – Grasslands
- Evacuation Order issued for 76 properties in Electoral Area L – Grasslands
- Evacuation Order issued for 1 property in Electoral Area J – Copper Desert Country
- Evacuation Alert issued for 43 properties in Electoral Area J - Copper Desert Country
- Evacuation Order issued for 22 properties in Electoral Area I – Blue Sky Country
- Evacuation Order issued for Electoral Area I (Blue Sky Country), M (Beautiful Nicola Valley-North), and N (Beautiful Nicola Valley-South)
- Evacuation Alert issued for 2 properties in Electoral Area I Blue Sky Country
- Evacuation Alert was rescinded for 12,747 properties for the Municipality of Vernon on August 7, 2021

*Northeast Region*

**Cariboo Regional District** - Churn Creek Fire (C21250)

- Evacuation Alert expansion issued to replace 108 Mile Ranch West Area Alert issued July 31, 2021 as well as the Flat Lake North Area Alert issued July 16, 2021
- Evacuation Order expansion for Moose Valley Order issued August 13, 2021
- Evacuation Alert issued for Electoral Area G & E - Flat Lake West
- Evacuation Alert issued for Electoral Area G - Moose Valley

**District of Chetwynd** activated due to response to Pine River Fire (G72591)

**Peace River Regional District** activated due to Pine River Wildfire (G72591)

*Northwest Region*

**Saik'uz Band** activated due to Cutoff Creek Wildfire (G41269)

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**

- State of Local Emergency issued for Electoral Area D - Fraser Lake Rural & F - Vanderhoof Rural until August 20, 2021
- Evacuation Order issued for Electoral Area F, and Evacuation Alert amended for Electoral Area D August 13, 2021
- Evacuation Order expanded for Electoral Area F, and Evacuation Alert amended for Electoral Area D August 14, 2021

*Southwest Region*

**Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD)** - McKay Creek Fire (K71030).

- State of Local Emergency declared for Electoral Area A - Yalakom Valley
- Evacuation Order issued for Electoral Areas A & B - Yalakom Valley

*Vancouver Island and Central Coast Region*

**Strathcona Regional District (SRD)** - Owen Bay Fire (V82577)

- Evacuation Alert issued for Sonora Island - Owen bay

## WILDFIRE SUPPORTS

*Evacuation Support*

- Canadian Red Cross has an advanced team in place in Sun Peaks with the full team coming in Aug 14 & 15 in the event of further evacuation orders being issued in the Central region. A total of 237 rooms are available for evacuees.

- A total of 2235 rooms in commercial lodging around the province have been secured until September 15, at a cost of $11M. Approx. breakdown of rooms by area Lower Mainland (~413), Kamloops and Kelowna (~1488), Kootenays (~110), Prince George (~224). EMBC is working with the BC Hotel Association to identify additional capacity in commercial accommodation in Kelowna.

- Group lodging at Tradex in Abbotsford is being set up today with 500 cots expected this afternoon and operated by Samaritans Purse. Set-up will be in phases. Phase 1 will be available this evening and is an Emergency Transitional Shelter - a place for evacuees to rest before moving to commercial accommodation. Phase 2 is a Group Lodging Site – for evacuees if all commercial accommodation options have been exhausted. Phase 2 will have the following supports: disasters psychosocial; first aid, washrooms and showers, catering, and security. All supports will be culturally appropriate.

- The City of Chilliwack has also advised that they can have there 150 bed group lodging site operating with 2 hours notice.

- EMBC is in the process of developing and drafting potential Provincial Orders including travel restrictions, securing commercial accommodation and standing up a provincial fire department, if necessary.

- Working with Elections Canada to determine how displaced persons can vote.

*Donations*

- No new information to report

*Partnerships*

- The Salvation Army is engaged with feeding Logan Lake evacuees at the Kamloops Group Lodging site, feeding 200+ firefighters in Logan Lake, and supporting the Chilliwack reception centre as needed.

- CAF aircraft used to reposition BCWS firefighting personnel and vehicles, also used to facilitate media flight.

- The three Requests for Assistance (RFA) under which CAF is currently providing support to BC have been approved for renewal to the end of August.

- 380 (+1) fire department personnel are currently deployed to support wildfire response, plus the following resources:

| SUMMARY of DEPLOYED RESOURCES | |
|---|---|
| Structure Protection Units -Type 1 | 6 |
| Structure Protection Units -Type 2 | 34 (+1) |
| Structure Protection Units -BCWS Urban Response Unit | 1 |
| SPU Crew (SPC) | 25 (+1) |
| Engine | 28 |
| Tenders | 24 |
| Wildland Trucks | 15 |

*Agriculture*

- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts:

| Status* | Beef | Dairy | Horses | Sheep | Swine | Goats | Poultry | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Under Order | 9,007 (-40) | 93 | 175 | 453 | 122 | 20 | 800 | 28 |
| Total Under Alert | 10,608 (+739) | 690 (+102) | 807 (+113) | 1,185 (+117) | 444 (+48) | 694 (+165) | 8,621 (+1271) | 141 (+39) |

*Approximate numbers based on information available

- Emergency Feed (Hay) and Range Rider Programs have now been fully implemented and are available for eligible producers.

*Infrastructure*

- BC Hydro main transmission line impacted by the Pine River Fire. Outages isolated to the immediate area (approximately 15 homes).

*Utilities*

- BC Hydro outages are affecting 1,853 customers in the following areas:
  - Chetwynd: 15 customers South-West of John Hart Hwy
  - Kamloops: 52 customers West of Westlund Rd; 5 customers on Savona Mountain
  - Merritt: 1,776 customers East-West of Hwy 5A
  - Lillooet: less than 5 customers 14800 block Pioneer Rd

*Transportation*

- Highway 97 between Kamloops and Vernon is closed in both directions due to wildfire.

- Highway 97C closed for 5.6km (54 to 60km south of Ashcroft) due to wildfire.
- Highway 97D closed for 21.1km (22 to 1km east of Logan Lake) due to wildfire.
- Travel advisories in place on Highway 3, Highway 5 (Coquihalla) due to limited visibility with smoke.
- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

*Recovery*

- The South region recovery unit is preparing for reach out to Monte Lake on immediate recovery needs.
- Disaster Financial Assistance assessments of wildfire damage ongoing in several locations.
- The North region recovery unit is coordinating with Regional District on Fraser-Fort George and Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine on recovery needs.

*Lytton*

- EMBC will travel to the Village of Lytton on Monday (Aug 16) to support site assessments and plan for interim housing.
- Canadian Red Cross (CRC) met with the Village of Lytton and the Thompson Nicola Regional District to discuss recovery information sharing and supports available from CRC.
- EMBC assigned dedicated resource for Village of Lytton and LFN re-entry coordination role to include project management for ash sifting, debris removal and public communications
- EMBC exploring options to action request from Lytton First Nation to manage donations, potential of pop-up grocery store to support emergent resident needs and long-term planning for identified donations needs.

**Landslide**

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary and being monitored.
- Evacuation Alert has been rescinded, affecting 25 homes

**Heat Warnings and Drought**

*Heat*

- Heat warnings are now in effect across the Southwest including Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver, North and South Thompson and 100 Mile. Special weather statements have been issued for regions in the Interior. High daytime and overnight

temperatures are forecast until Saturday/Sunday.

- 36 (+5) cooling centres have been stood up in communities on Vancouver Island (14 (+1)) and in the Southwest (20 (+4)) and Central (2) regions.

- Some hospitals in the Interior Health Authority have cancelled surgeries to ensure capacity is available to address any patient surge caused by ongoing heat events. Additional acute care staff have been scheduled throughout the health system to prepare for increased pressures caused by the heat.

- Public information on heat-related illness and how to prevent it, can be found on the FNHA (First Nations Health Authority), HealthLinkBC and BCCDC websites.

*Drought*

- The long-range forecast from Environment Canada has indicated no significant precipitation is expected in the South until mid to late September.

- Across government, ministries including EMBC, FLNORD and AFF, are monitoring and considering appropriate supports in response to the ongoing drought in the Province.

**COVID-19**

- A COVID-19 outbreak in the Tl'etinqox community has been reported by the Tŝilhqot'in National Government.

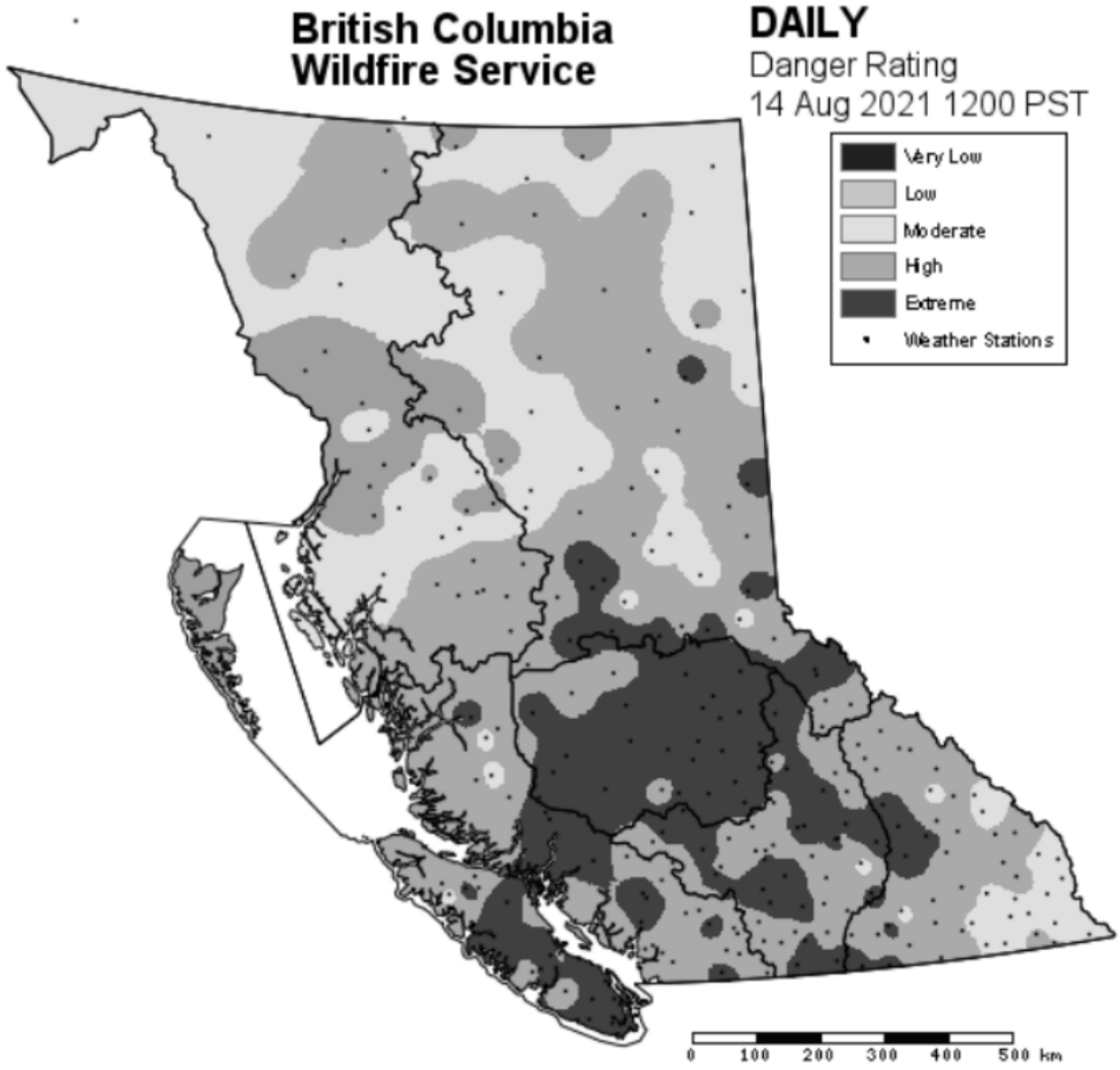
- Boston Bar First Nation is now closed due to a cluster of COVID-19 cases (19 confirmed so far). Some members from Lytton First Nation are being accommodated in group lodging at Boston Bar, some of whom are believed to have also tested positive. Situation is being monitored. First Nations Health Authority and Fraser Health Authority are engaged.

- A Medical Health Officer Order for mandatory face coverings and limits on the number of people allowed to gather together (both indoors and outdoors), is in place for the Central Okanagan and applies to all residents, workplaces, and visitors of the Central Okanagan.

- There is also a non-essential travel restriction in place for the Central Okanagan, unless people are fully vaccinated (i.e. 7+ days after their second dose). Any travel in and out of the area should be for essential reasons only; if people are not fully vaccinated, they are asked to not travel. Ongoing discussions on this topic are taking place within the Ministry of Health to support communication to the public.

## FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – August 14, 2021 17:00 PT



# EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

Source: EMBC Situation Report – August 14, 2021 11:10 PT

## EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX

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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 15, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Lots of activity today. New orders and alerts on several fires, and new reports continue to come in.**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 15.**

**Thanks,**

**Jordan Turner**
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**Releases:**

- **MOTI - Prepare for Highway closure due to wildfires: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021TRAN0122-001612**
- **Interior Health - proactively relocating vulnerable pops in 100 mile: https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/MediaCentre/NewsReleases/Documents/Interior%20Health%20responding%20to%20Thompson-Cariboo%20region%20wildfires%20100%20Mile.pdf**

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**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

**Fires:**

- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1,511 wildfires
  - 766,709 hectares
- Currently burning: 268
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 32
  - Coastal: 21
  - Kamloops: 86
  - Northwest: 5
  - Prince George: 60
  - Southeast: 64

**Resources:**

- Total personnel: 3,701
- Contract firefighters: 1,236
- Out-of-province personnel: 480
- Aircraft (rotary and fixed-wing): 213

**Evacuations:**

- Evacuation Orders: 74 (+13)
- Evacuation Alerts: 119 (-1)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 6,607 (+717)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 16,022 (+1,307)*
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0 Orders 2 Alerts
  - Northwest: 0 Orders 1 Alert
  - Northeast: 2 Orders 9 Alerts
  - Central: 63 Orders 95 Alerts
  - Southeast: 2 Orders 9 Alerts
  - Southwest: 7 Orders 3 Alerts

*Latest evacuation alert property numbers have been revised in today's release due to a previous reporting error. Today's numbers accurately reflect the current wildfire situation.

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- Boothroyd Indian Band (Facebook)
- Bridge River Indian Band (Evacuation Order; for Antoine Creek, Apple Spring & Terry Creek)
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Cariboo Regional District
- City of Kamloops

- City of Vernon
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Coldwater Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- District of Chetwynd
- District of Logan Lake (expanded Evacuation Order)
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- Kanaka Bar Indian Band (Evacuation Order)
- Lower Nicola Indian Band (Evacuation Order & Map – Pipsuel Reserve) (Evacuation Order – Speous Reserve) (Facebook page)
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- Okanagan Indian Band
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Peace River Regional District
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Regional District of Squamish-Lillooet
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Siska Indian Band (Evacuation Order)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page)
- Skuppah Indian Band (Evacuation Order)
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Township of Spallumcheen
- Village of Chase (Facebook)
- Village of Lytton

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,506 wildfires, resulting in nearly 710,652 hectares of area burned. About nine per cent of the 268 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 69 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining per centage has yet to be determined. There are currently 30 Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre.

**Weather Forecast**

Today: A vigorous cold front from Fort St John to Bella Coola will move southward to lie from Williams Lake to Barkley Sound late this afternoon. Gusty southerly winds ahead of the front will shift to west[1]southwest behind the front. Wind warnings are in effect for the Northwest and Cariboo fire centres. Showers with isolated, embedded lightning will develop along the front. A few afternoon thundershowers are likely in the north. Temperatures will peak in the mid-30s, and relative humidity values will dip into the low teens south of the front.

Tonight: Winds and rain showers along the front will continue overnight, but any lightning will diminish this evening. Relative humidity recoveries will be poor in the Kamloops and Southeast fire centres.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

- N/A – no meeting on Sunday.

**Communication Activities:**

- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Key Messages:**

- The evacuation alert numbers for the province were revised in Monday's morning release due to a reporting error. The updated numbers now accurately reflect the current wildfire situation.
- Given the changing state of wildfires in B.C., alert numbers and estimates change rapidly, and can fluctuate based on population level and estimated evacuees in a particular zone.
- In the past week, some early evacuation alert estimates – provided by communities – were mistakenly tabulated by Emergency Management BC (EMBC) staff in our tracking system and did not aligned with the final alert numbers issued by the local authorities.
- EMBC is taking measures to ensure that reporting functions are accurate, with additional quality control measures going forward.

*Are you looking at ways to better track these numbers?*

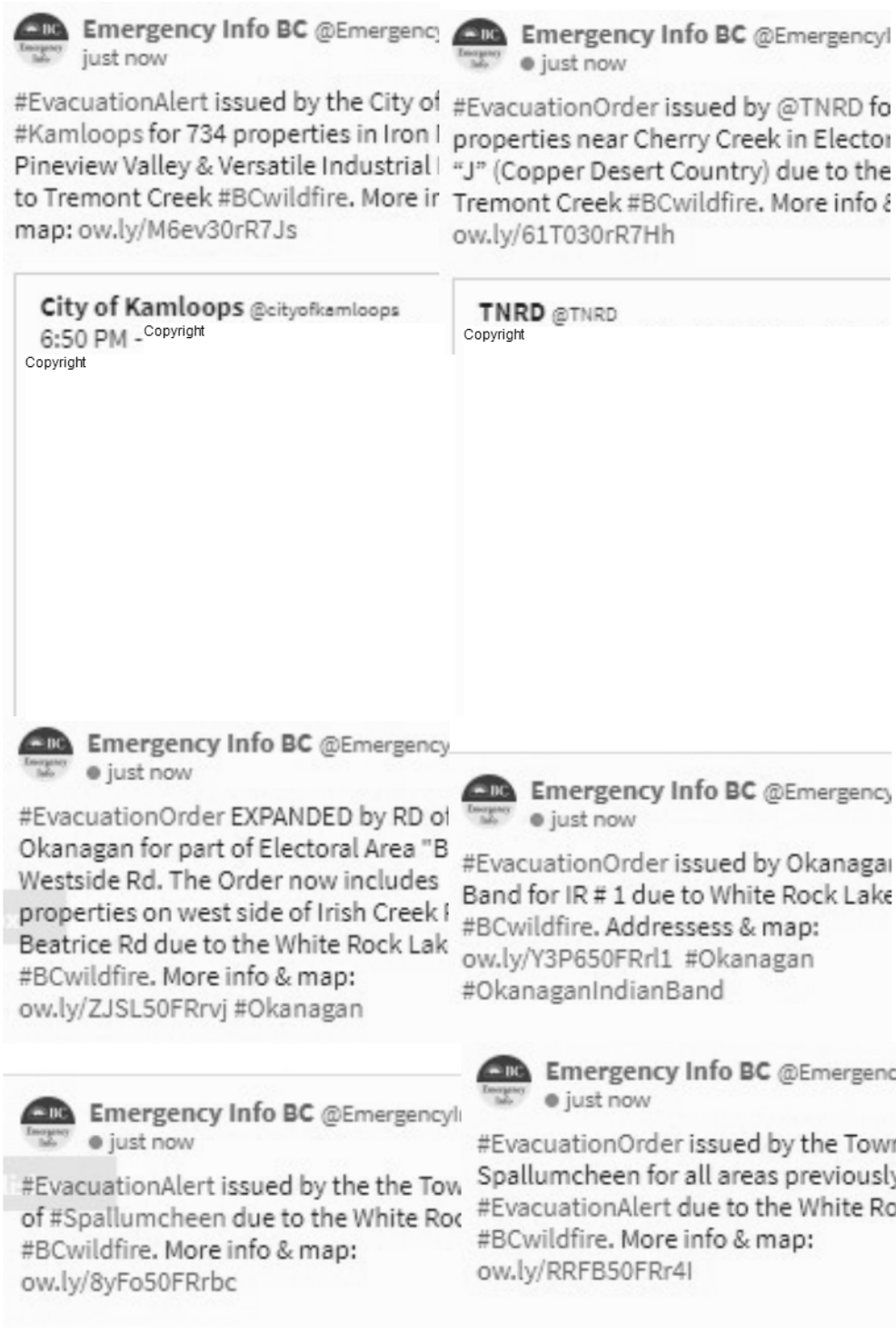
- EMBC is working on a web-based reporting system that local governments, regional districts, and Indigenous communities can use for faster data input and ensure greater accuracy.

*Why is the accurate tracking of evacuee numbers important?*

- An accurate snapshot of available Emergency Social Services resource needs is critical to providing supports to those who've been displaced by wildfires.

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Here is a snapshot of today's tweets on @EmergencyInfoBC: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#Kamloops for 734 properties in Iron
Pineview Valley & Versatile Industrial
to Tremont Creek #BCwildfire. More ir
map: ow.ly/M6ev30rR7Js
Emergency Info BC @Emergency
just now
#EvacuationOrder issued by @TNRD fo
properties near Cherry Creek in Electo
"J" (Copper Desert Country) due to the
Tremont Creek #BCwildfire. More info &
ow.ly/61T030rR7Hh
City of Kamloops @cityofkamloops
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just now
#EvacuationOrder EXPANDED by RD of
Okanagan for part of Electoral Area "B
Westside Rd. The Order now includes
properties on west side of Irish Creek
Beatrice Rd due to the White Rock Lak
#BCwildfire. More info & map:
ow.ly/ZJSL50FRrvj #Okanagan
Emergency Info BC @Emergency
just now
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Band for IR # 1 due to White Rock Lake
#BCwildfire. Addressess & map:
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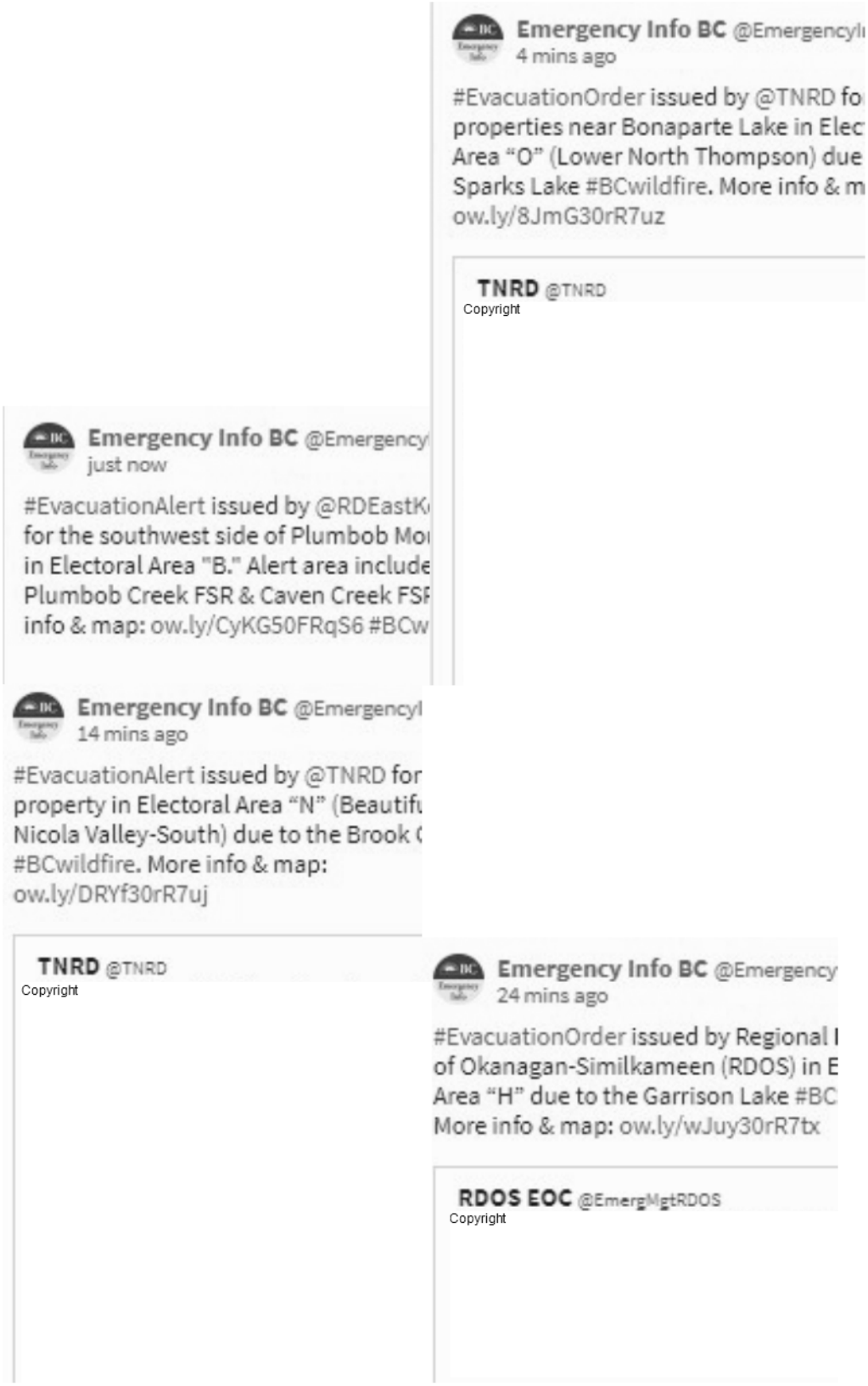
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Area "O" (Lower North Thompson) due
Sparks Lake #BCwildfire. More info & m
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TNRD @TNRD
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just now
#EvacuationAlert issued by @RDEastK
for the southwest side of Plumbob Mo
in Electoral Area "B." Alert area include
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info & map: ow.ly/CyKG50FRqS6 #BCw
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property in Electoral Area "N" (Beautifu
Nicola Valley-South) due to the Brook
#BCwildfire. More info & map:
ow.ly/DRYf30rR7uj
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24 mins ago
#EvacuationOrder issued by Regional
of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) in E
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RDOS EOC @EmergMgtRDOS
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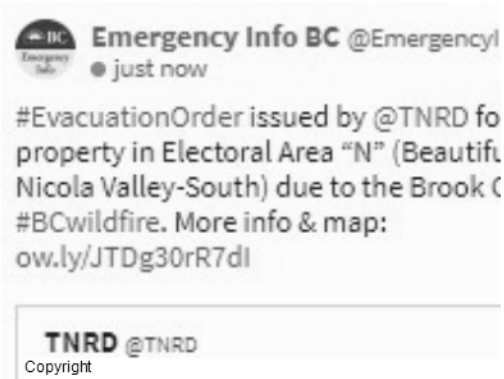





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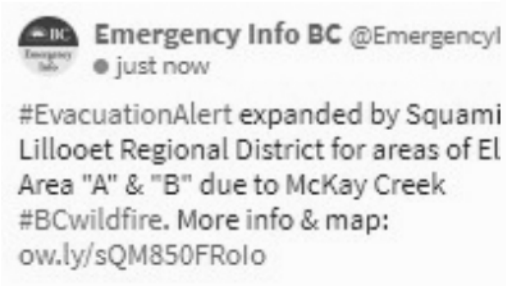

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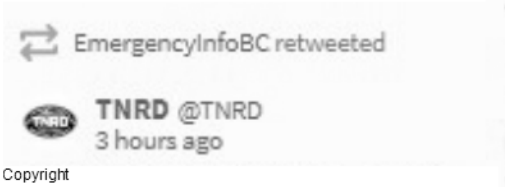


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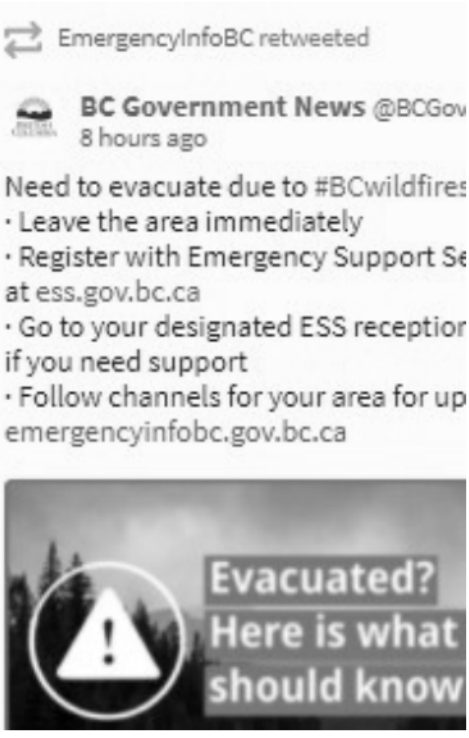

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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 14, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 14.**

**Note – there will not be a 6am IB tomorrow. There has been an error in the reporting numbers around Evacuation Alerts in the PECC.**

**The JIC will work tomorrow on sending an explanation, along with corrected numbers, with Monday's 6am IB.**

**Thanks,**

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**Releases:**

Drought level increasing in the Okanagan - **https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021FLNRO0068-001605**

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**Wildfires 2021**

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

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- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
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- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Regional District of Squamish-Lillooet
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Alert) (Facebook page)
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**Weather Forecast**

Today: A west-southwest flow aloft will bring variable cloud cover over central and northern B.C., with some scattered showers in the northwest. Southern B.C. will stay warm and dry, with smoke coverage affecting the temperatures and reaching the low 30s where clearer skies persist. Gusty inflow winds are expected this afternoon across southern B.C., with some gusty winds in the Peace and Cassiar zones.

Tonight: Extensive areas of smoke and inflow winds. Variable cloudiness central and north. The forecast cold front will move in, bringing gusty winds ahead the system.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

- **N/A – no Saturday meeting.**

**Communication Activities:**

- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

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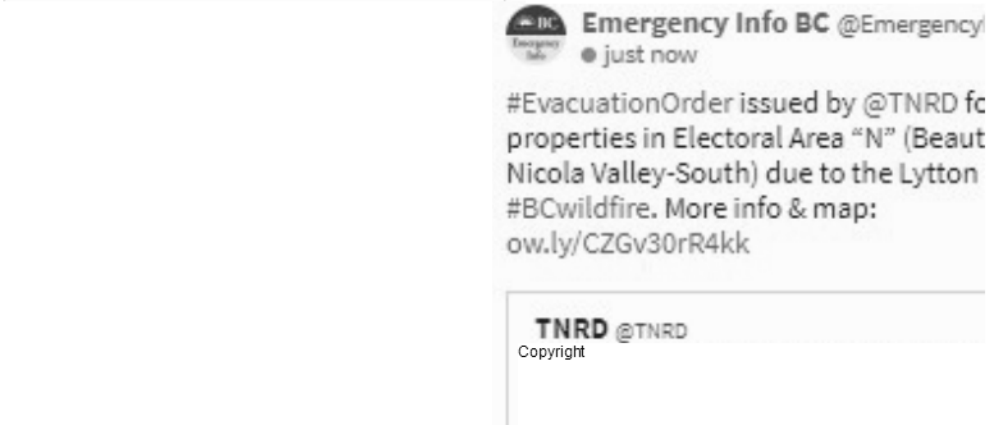
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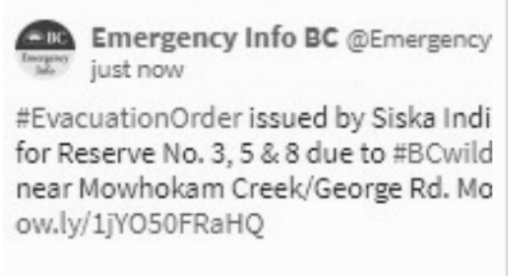
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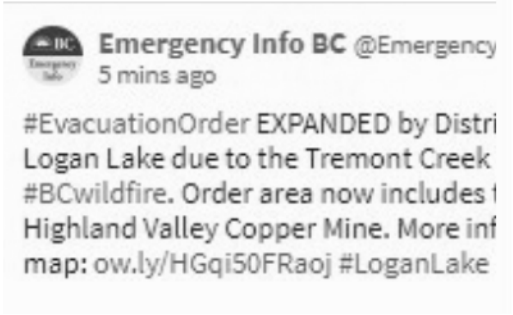
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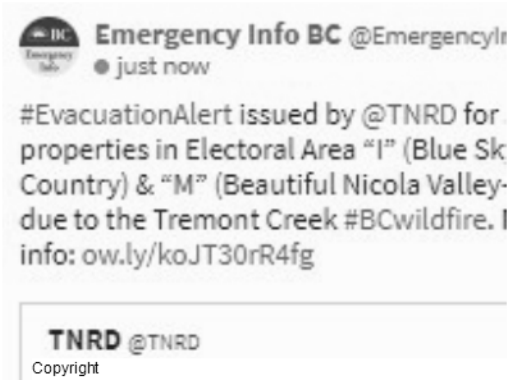

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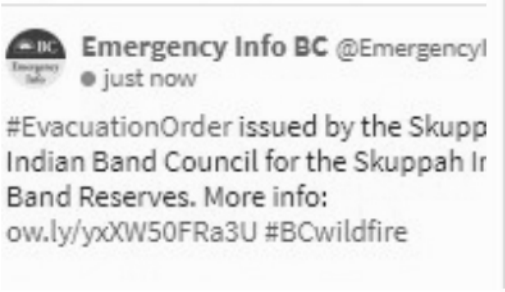

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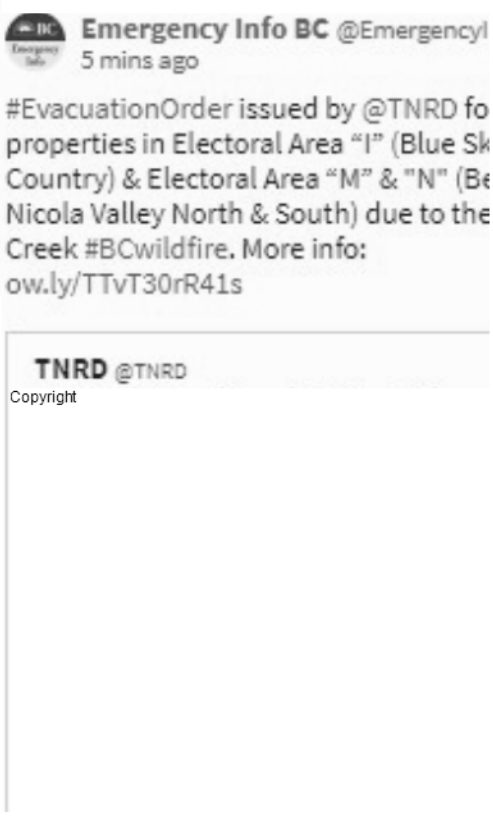

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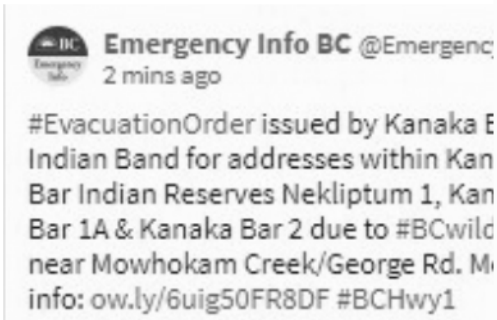


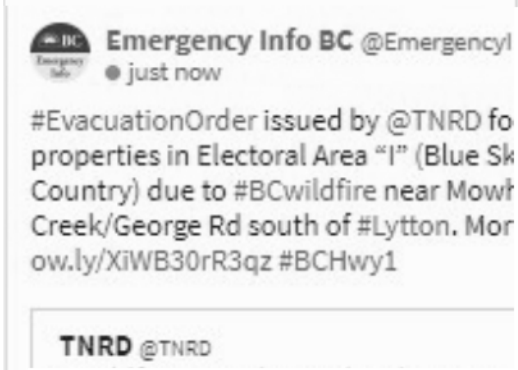


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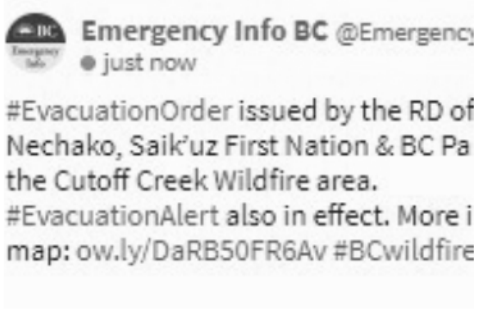
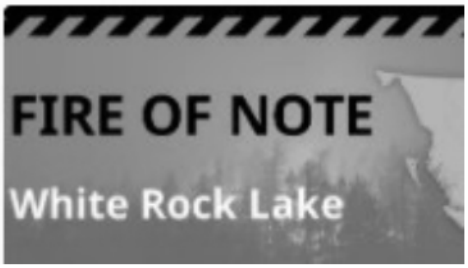



We also amplified the following messaging via retweet:

EmergencyInfoBC retweeted

**BC Wildfire Service** @BCGovFire
22 mins ago

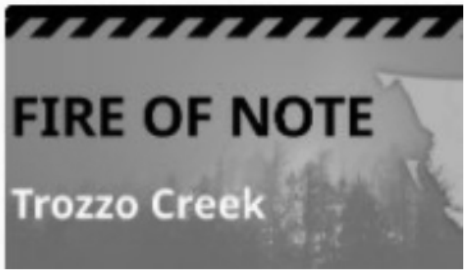
#Vernon and area is experiencing falli
and dark skies due the White Rock La
Tremont Creek wildfires. White Rock
wildfire is not moving E towards Vern
is actively burning north of the Fintry
Protection Area and west of Naswhitc




EmergencyInfoBC retweeted

**BC Wildfire Service** @BCGovFir
4 hours ago

UPDATE: Due to unfavourable conditi
this planned ignition was postponed
ow.ly/lAr650FR71k. Today, #BCWildfi
crews will reassess and undertake th
operation if it is safe to do so. Smoke
visible from #Slocan, #BCHwy6 and
surrounding areas.




EmergencyInfoBC retweeted

**BC Government News** @BCGov
9 hours ago

Many parts of the province continue t
experience high temperatures and pc
quality from wildfires. Take steps to k
cool and stay safe from smoke, and cl
loved ones and neighbours. For safet
and latest updates:
emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

#BCHeatWave #BCWildfire

EmergencyInfoBC retweeted

**BC Wildfire Service** @BCGovFire
9 hours ago

#BCWildfire has implemented an Area
Restriction for the vicinity of the Cutof
Creek wildfire (G41269).
This order takes effect at 12 p.m. (PDT
August 14, and replaces the previously
issued restrictions dated July 8 and Ju
For more info, visit: ow.ly/w8TD30rR3

EmergencyInfoBC retweeted

**City of Chilliwack** @City_Chilliwack
42 mins ago

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## EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX

**From:** Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX
**Sent:** August 13, 2021 18:59
**To:** GCPE Comm Directors; GCPE Executive (HQ); GCPE Comm Managers
**Cc:** EMBC Executive; Ralfs, Brendan R EMBC:EX; EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC PDM EMBC:EX; Samadi, Talieh FIN:EX; LP PREM Directors; Godlonton, Brian EMBC:EX; Allen, Jackie PREM:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX; Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX; Sanderson, Melanie PSSG:EX; Maartman, William PSSG:EX; Richards, Tara R EMBC:EX; Cunnings, Ian EMBC:EX; Fiala, Tony EMBC:EX; Wainwright, Ryan EMBC:EX; Morrison, Andrew EMBC:EX; Brach, Pader W EMBC:EX; Douglas, Andrew PSSG:EX; Williams, Susan GCPE:EX; Finkel, Paul PREM:EX; Murphy, Susanne GCPE:EX; Coultish, Jessica GCPE:EX; Harper, Aimee GCPE:EX; LP PO Communications Staff; EMBC PECC Online Communications 1 EMBC:EX; Hill, Briana FLNR:EX
**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 13, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 13.**

**Thanks,**

**Jordan Turner**
Communications Director | EMBC
Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre
**Phone**: (236) 478-0210 **Cell**: (250) 896-1928

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**Releases:**

- **Emergency Management BC**
  - Travel warning in parts of Interior: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0052-001609

- **Interior Health**
  - Interior Health supporting Armstrong care home residents impacted by wildfire: https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/MediaCentre/NewsReleases/Documents/Interior%20Health%20supporting%20Armstrong%20care%20home%20residents%20impacted%20by%20wildfire.pdf

- **BC Wildfire Service**
  - Area restriction for the B-Flat Peak wildfire rescinded: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3456

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

**Fires:**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 273
- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1, 499 wildfires
  - 670,923 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 35
  - Coastal: 21
  - Kamloops: 85
  - Northwest: 5
  - Prince George: 65
  - Southeast: 56

**Resources:**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,695
- Out-of-province firefighters: 404
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 207

**Evacuations:**

- Evacuation Orders: 59 (+3)
- Evacuation Alerts: 112 (+4)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 6,321 (+87)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 27, 776 (+359)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 1 Orders 0 Alerts
  - Northwest: 0 Orders 0 Alerts
  - Northeast: 1 Orders 8 (+2) Alerts
  - Central: 52 (+3) Orders 90 (+2) Alerts
  - Southeast: 2 Orders 8 (-1) Alerts
  - Southwest: 4 (+1) Orders 5 Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

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- Bridge River Indian Band (Evacuation Order; for Antoine Creek, Apple Spring & Terry Creek)
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Cariboo Regional District
- City of Vernon

- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Coldwater Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- District of Logan Lake
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- Lower Nicola Indian Band (Evacuation Order & Map)
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- Okanagan Indian Band
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Regional District of Squamish-Lillooet
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Alert) (Facebook page)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page)
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Township of Spallumcheen
- Village of Chase (Facebook)
- Village of Lytton

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,488 wildfires, resulting in nearly 662,379 hectares of area burned. About seven per cent of the 268 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 69 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining per centage has yet to be determined. There are currently 30 Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre.

**Weather Forecast**

Today: A strong upper ridge will persist over central and southern B.C. today, providing mainly sunny skies and very warm temperatures. Smoke thickness will reduce the amount of sunshine across the south. Variable cloudiness in the north with some showers in the Cassiar Zone. Tonight: Extensive areas of smoke and light, variable winds. Variable cloudiness central and north. Scattered showers in the northwest. Locally poor relative humidity recoveries in many areas. Outlook: Ridge is forecast to shift east, bring gusty winds to the south and Interior. Cold front is forecast to move into the province Saturday evening, bringing gusty winds and a chance of dry lightning. Increase in fire growth and behaviour is expected. More gusty winds expected all areas on Sunday ahead of and with the passage of the cold front.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- The big thing from us is the evacuation of Logan Lake and area last night – about 2,500 people and they're being given ESS in the lower mainland.
- Looking at the potential of more issues coming on the White Rock Lake Fire and working hard at monitoring that through the weekend and finding ways to support evacuees
- MMF will be on Power and Politics to talk about wildfire misinformation

**RCMP**

- Got a media inquiry from InfoNews looking for info about individuals around Monte Lake fire – video "the Valley Destroyed"
- Info News asking if we're investigating
- Responding that it was reported to Kamloops RCMP but priority is with evacuation orders and alerts rather than fining those who stayed behind.
- To date haven't issued any evacuation fines.
- I will say to check with BCWS

**BC Hydro**

- Managed to get about 245 back online around Monte Lake, about 71 still out – hopefully getting on this weekend or early next week.

**BCWS**

- Not aware of drone footage but on our radar
- White Rock Lake Fire – we're anticipating significant winds tomorrow and Sunday – expecting orders and alerts on Sunday and everyone should be prepared for that.

**Communication Activities:**

- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Key Messages:**

**Travel warning in parts of Interior**

- Given the current wildfire situation in B.C., which is expected to worsen over the weekend, the Province is asking people to not travel to parts of the Interior region until further notice.
- This includes the communities of Armstrong, Spallumcheen, Okanagan Indian Band, Enderby, and parts of the Regional District North Okanagan.
- A map of areas affected by this is available here: www.EmergencyInfoBC.ca
- Increased fire activity in the area is forecasted over the weekend, including significant winds that may move fires quickly due to the nature of the terrain. The next 72 hours will be critical, and the Province is preparing for more evacuation orders and alerts.
- We're taking this proactive step because we want to ensure people in these communities are able to evacuate if necessary, access the supports they need, as well as ensure the safety of our firefighters on the ground.
- While we are acting out of an abundance of caution, this situation is very serious and could get worse quickly.
- If you were planning to travel to the area, now is not the time to do so.

- There are multiple fires threatening communities in the region and thousands of people have been evacuated from their homes, many requiring commercial accommodation. Communities in the region are also extremely smoky and hot, with above seasonal temperatures.
- Interior Health has also advised that non-essential travel to and from the Central Okanagan should be avoided due to the current COVID-19 outbreak.
- For those who live in the region, government is not asking you to leave. Be ready to go if you're under an evacuation alert. For evacuation orders, leave immediately.

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Here is a snapshot of today's tweets on @EmergencyInfoBC:

You Retweeted
BC Government News @BCGovNews · 4h
High summer temperatures can be dangerous. Remember to check on your loved ones and neighbours to make sure they are staying safe and cool. Older adults and young children are especially vulnerable to heat illness. Learn more: healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature...
Check on loved ones during hot weather
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Show this thread

Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 4h
#EvacuationOrder issued by @slrd_bc for select properties in Electoral Area "B" in the vicinity of West Pavilion Rd & Lillooet-Pioneer Rd. More info & addresses: ow.ly/hr3A30rQXG3 #SLRD #BCwildfire
Squamish-LillooetRD @slrd_bc · 4h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 5h
#EvacuationOrder issued by @CaribooRD for the Moose Valley area. More info & map: ow.ly/IFox30rQXqu #BCwildfire
CRD @CaribooRD · 5h
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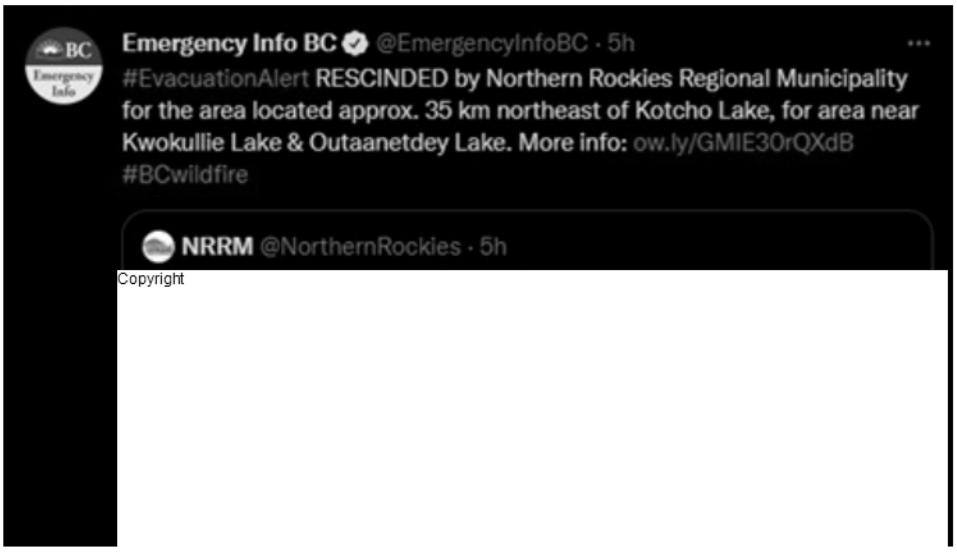
Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 5h
#EvacuationAlert RESCINDED by Northern Rockies Regional Municipality for the area located approx. 35 km northeast of Kotcho Lake, for area near Kwokullie Lake & Outaanetdey Lake. More info: ow.ly/GMIE30rQXdB #BCwildfire
NRRM @NorthernRockies · 5h
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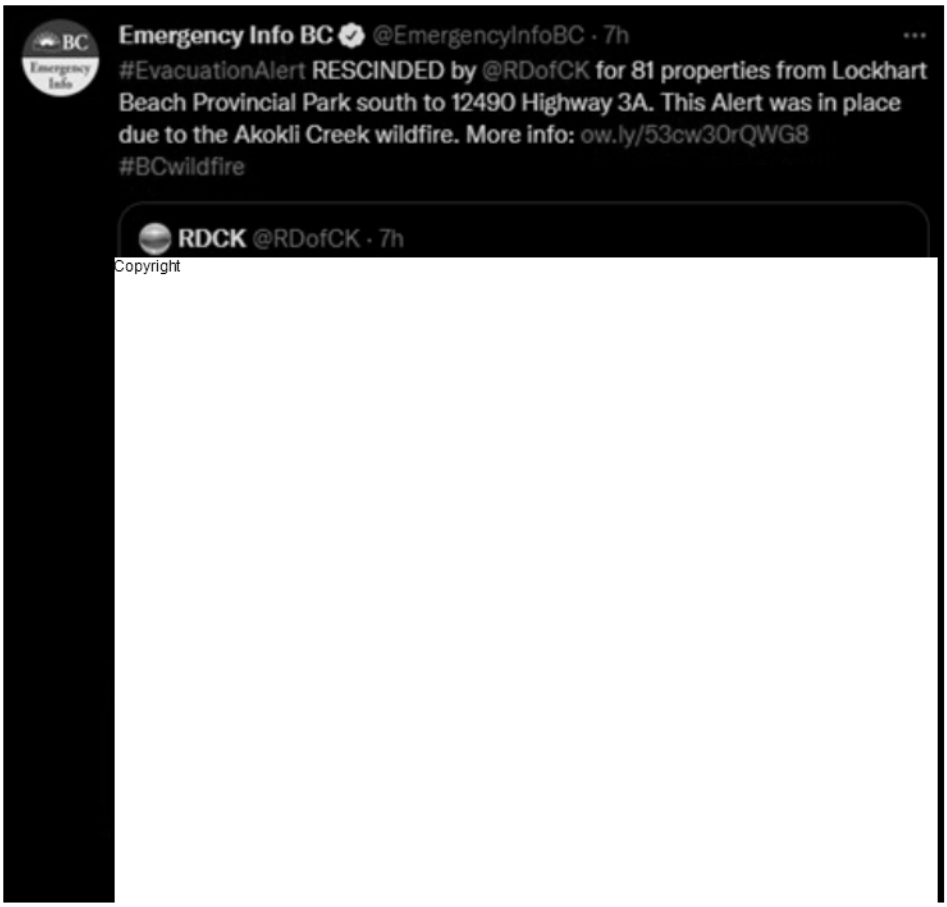
Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 7h
#EvacuationAlert RESCINDED by @RDofCK for 81 properties from Lockhart Beach Provincial Park south to 12490 Highway 3A. This Alert was in place due to the Akokli Creek wildfire. More info: ow.ly/53cw30rQWG8
#BCwildfire
RDCK @RDofCK · 7h
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You Retweeted
City of Chilliwack @City_Chilliwack · 20h
Copyright

Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 20h
#EvacuationOrder issued by Lower Nicola Indian Band for area within the Pipsuel Reserve No 3.
Evacuation Order: ow.ly/eeQC50FQc3z
Map: ow.ly/7EGg50FQc3A
#BCwildfire
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You Retweeted
BC Wildfire Service @BCGovFireInfo · 21h
UPDATE: #BCWildfire is preparing to conduct planned ignition operations on the McKay Creek wildfire (K71030), in the Apple Springs area, as early as Friday, August 13, 2021. If conditions permit, smoke will be visible from #BCHwy99 #BCHwy40 & surrounding areas. #Lillooet
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 22h
#EvacuationAlert issued by @TNRD for 280 properties in Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country) south of Cherry Creek. More info & map: ow.ly/Y7g230rQRT6 #BCwildfire
TNRD @TNRD · 22h
Copyright

Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 23h
#EvacuationOrder issued by @TNRD for 10 properties in Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country) due to a #BCwildfire in the vicinity of Tunkwa Lake. More info & addresses: ow.ly/QRwd30rQRAI
TNRD @TNRD · 23h
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## EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX

**From:** EMBC PECC Public Information 1 EMBC:EX
**Sent:** August 13, 2021 8:37
**To:** EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX
**Subject:** FW: JIC Communications Situation Report - August 12, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

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**From:** Harper, Aimee GCPE:EX <Aimee.Harper@gov.bc.ca>
**Sent:** August 13, 2021 8:36 AM
**To:** EMBC PECC Public Information 1 EMBC:EX <pecc.pio1@gov.bc.ca>
**Subject:** FW: JIC Communications Situation Report - August 12, 2021

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**Releases:**

- **BC Wildfire Service**
  - Small-scale planned ignition for Trozzo Creek wildfire: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3454
  - Area Restriction for Ridgeview Creek Wildfire: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3455

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**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

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- Cariboo Regional District
- City of Vernon
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
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- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- District of Logan Lake
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- Okanagan Indian Band
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
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**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

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**Weather Forecast**

Today: An upper ridge moves inland and peaks today, bringing high temperatures and low relative humidity values to the Central and Southern Interior. Gusty winds in Cassiar and Peace regions. Winds easing overnight. No lightning expected. Tomorrow: A few more degrees of warming and drying central and south. Variable cloud north with a chance of showers in the northwest. Outlook: A cold front moves in Saturday evening and brings gusty winds and a chance of thundershowers to much of the province Sunday. Come Monday, temperatures moderate and potential for showers in the south.

**Key Facts**

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https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- No major changes overnight on the fire front
- Around 260 active fires
- A few rescinded evac alerts and orders.
- No new major issues
- One new evacuation order put in place for 11 properties in lower North Thompson near Momich Lake
- A lot of improvements but of course as mentioned yesterday we had a heat wave event with health and EMBC has been keeping our EmergencyInfoBC website updated on cooling centres and tips to stay cool
    - https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/
- Expecting the heat wave will challenge firefighting efforts
- Minister Farnworth and Minister Conroy currently doing a tour in Kamloops – EMBC regional office, evac support office at McArthur Island and tour of provincial wildfire coordination centre
- They're also joining our regularly scheduled 2pm media avail along with regular staff reps to talk about their day, who they met with and how that went
- Wildfire avail at 10am this morning – FLNRO can expand

**Health**

- We'll loop in with EMBC if there are any more heat or wildfire info bulletins

**FLNRO**

- Media avail that started at 10 is still in progress
- Tour of fire camp in Vernon near White Rock Wildfire
- Pool camera filming overheard view
- Jordan – do you have any feedback on what questions are being asked?
- Not yet, but will ask
- Jordan – please share if you can

**RCMP**

- I'll be on the 2pm call later today but won't have a statement – just available for questions

**Destination BC**

- In the last 24 hours the Okanagan has reported a significant uptick in cancellations in the region because of recent media reports putting forward the tone that the entire region is on fire
- I know there might be some different messaging and I know you're pushing the Know Before You Go
- Want to make it clear that there are communities that have blue skies
- Any opportunity to amplify that message would be appreciated by the industry in that region
- Jordan – we did put out some social media about know before you go the other day but we took the lines directly from you. I know we've been bringing it up, but accommodation for evacuees is a challenge so it's a bit of a fine line
- Totally understand

**Red Cross**

- Now have a one pager about registration and eligibility for assistance. Will send it your way Jordan, and it's available on our website – https://www.redcross.ca/2021bcfires
    - One-pager: https://www.redcross.ca/crc/documents/How-We-Help/Current-Emergency-Responses/2021-BC-Fires_-Red-Cross-registration-and-assistance_August-2021.pdf
- We've seen some people wondering where they can access in-person locations where Red Cross workers are available in person

**Jordan**

- Busy one for us today on the fire front
- If there's anything that comes up before tomorrow's call, please let me know.

**Communication Activities:**

- Monitored MLA line
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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 11, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 11.**

**Note: Minister Farnworth and Minister Conroy are doing a tour of the Central EMBC Office and the PWCC tomorrow.**

**Thanks,**

**Jordan Turner**
Communications Director | EMBC
Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre
**Phone**: (236) 478-0210 **Cell**: (250) 896-1928

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**Releases:**

- **Ministry of Health**
  - B.C. prepares for heat wave, thanks people for taking steps to help: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0052-001583
- **Interior Health**
  - Interior Health heat warning reminders: https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/MediaCentre/NewsReleases/Documents/Interior%20Health%20heat%20warning%20reminders%20-%20August%2011.pdf
- **BC Wildfire Service**
  - Preparations underway for aerial ignition at the Arrow Lake complex: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3453

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

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**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

**Fires:**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 264
- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1, 472 wildfires
  - 656,445 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 33
  - Coastal: 21
  - Kamloops: 84
  - Northwest: 5
  - Prince George: 58
  - Southeast: 63

**Resources**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,725
- Out-of-province firefighters: 439
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 207

**Evacuations:**

- Evacuation Orders: 55 (-5)
- Evacuation Alerts: 105
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 4,592 (-800)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 29,170 (-1,729)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 1 Orders 0 Alerts
  - Northwest: 0 Orders 0 (-1) Alert
  - Northeast: 1 (-4) Orders 7 Alerts
  - Central: 47 (-2) Orders 86 (+1)Alerts
  - Southeast: 2 Orders 9 Alerts
  - Southwest: 4 (+1) Orders 3 Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

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- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
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- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Village of Chase (Facebook)
- Village of Lytton

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,468 wildfires, resulting in nearly 656,231 hectares of area burned. About seven per cent of the 262 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 71 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining per centage has yet to be determined. There are currently 30 Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre.

**Weather Forecast**

An upper ridge will move inland and strengthen towards the north today. There will be a mix of sun and cloud in the north with a chance of showers in the far northwest. The central and southern part of the province will see mainly sunny skies. Temperatures will reach highs of 30 to 35 in the south, mid 20s in central regions and low 20s in the north. Some gusty winds will continue across the north and lighter winds will remain in the south.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- Around 260 active fires. Around 31,000 properties on alert and 5,400 on order.
- No significant changes since yesterday to orders and alerts.

- As you all know, there is a heat warning come
- We are planning an avail with HLTH at 130pm today
- Of course this heat wave will bring more active fire challenges and we're keeping a close eye on that
- Receiving a lot of media attention the last few days around a lot of issues
- Mostly related to the White Rock Lake fire – how it's been fought, resources, when people were told to evacuate
- s.13
- MKC and DM Manwaring did a great job yesterday at our availability setting the record straight on some of those pieces
- Planning for some other events
- Advisory out for some media activity around Vernon and White rock planned for tomorrow – more info from Forests

**MIRR**

- For federal counterparts – I just caught a news clip from the Narwhal talking about FNs being disproportionally impacted by wildfires. A national study
    - https://thenarwhal.ca/wildfires-first-nations-forests-2021-study/
- Also, as we know there's been media interest in FN discussion about Abbott Chapman report
- Chief Maureen Chapman will be attending Aug. 13 All Chiefs call

**Health**

- Holding a media avail with Min Dix, DBH and MMF
- Follow-up on a NR that went out 15 minutes ago
    - https://news.gov.bc.ca/25127
- A comprehensive list of actions beings taken during the heat wave
- Digital content that's going out today and through the heat wave
    - https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/photos/a.258924264125873/4820879981263589/

**Agriculture**

- Keeping an eye on media coverage related to AAF's response to the wildfires

**Environment**

- 43 parks closed due to wildfires
- 29 on alert or with partial closures

**FLNRO**

- Media advisory about the media avail in Vernon
- Good pick up on that. Expecting 25 reporters – the maximum we can accommodate
- Will have DM Rick Manwaring, the Incident commander and structure protection specialist
- Minister Conroy will be in Kamloops the same day

**Destination BC**

- Update on potentially asking people to cancel or postpone trips to areas with higher wildfire activity?
- Jordan – yes, we used some of that messaging during media availability and some social media that went out this morning. Not quite cut and dry but more "Know before you go" on EmergencyInfoBC. Might ramp up if fire activity changes
    - https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC/status/1425503111335092229
- Can someone from your team flag it with DBC?
- Jordan – yes. The point of ramping up is to avoid taking greater steps of having to use any other means to clear out hotels. It's a balance and we're trying to make that work and still have a place for people to stay.

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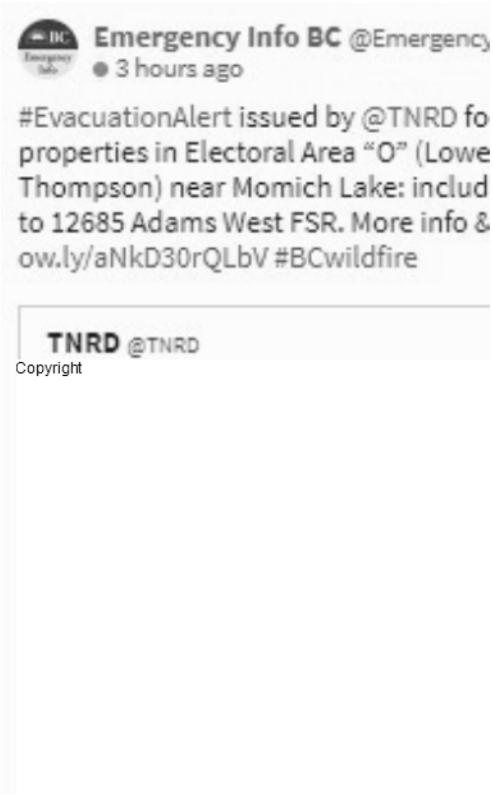

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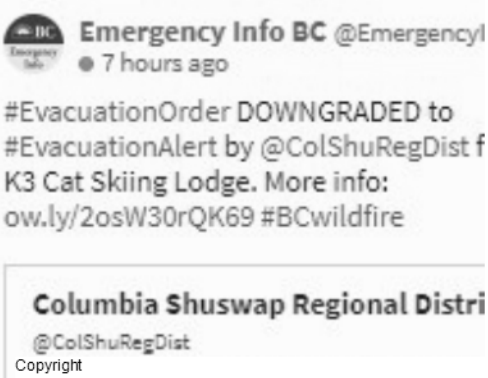

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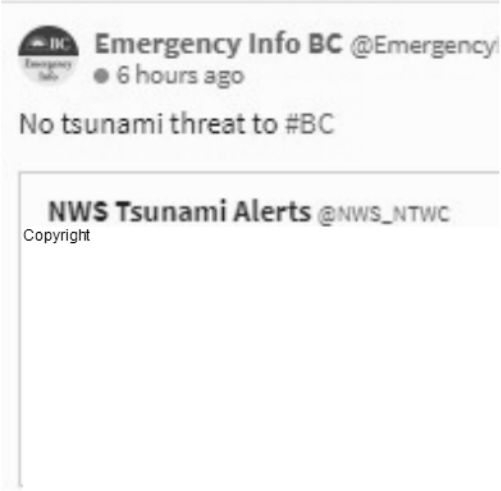

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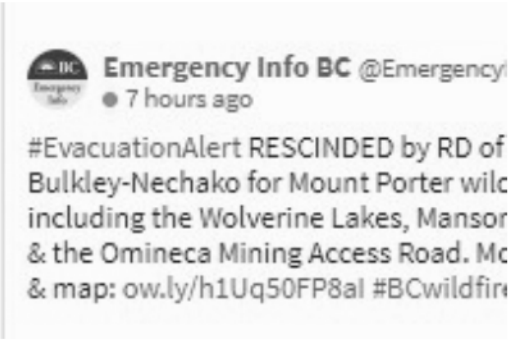


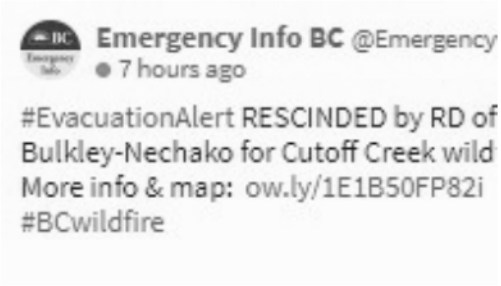

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EmergencyInfoBC retweeted

**BC Government News** @BCGovNe
3 hours ago

High summer temperatures can be dangerous. Remember to check on you ones and neighbours to make sure they staying safe and cool. Older adults and children are especially vulnerable to he illness. Learn more: healthlinkbc.ca/he feature...

#BCHeat #ProvinceofBC

EmergencyInfoBC retweeted

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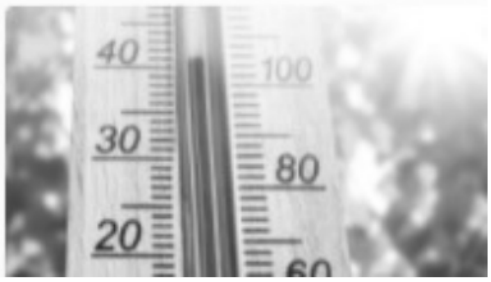
3 hours ago

The BC Wildfire Service is preparing to conduct aerial ignitions on the Octopu and Michaud Creek wildfires as early a Thursday, August 12, 2021. Smoke will visible from #BCHwy6 and surroundin For further details, visit: ow.ly/7wEd30 #BCWildfire

EmergencyInfoBC retweeted

**PreparedBC** @PreparedBC
4 hours ago

With high temps expected in BC, coolir centres are opening up in some areas. with your local government for locatio your community. Learn more about he related illness & how to prevent it: ow.ly/iRqz50FPdU1 @EmergencyInfoB



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**Releases:**

- **Ministry of Agriculture**
  - Financial support, emergency feed available for B.C. farmers, ranchers https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AFF0052-001574
- **Interior Health**
  - Interior Health begins returning Chase evacuees: https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/MediaCentre/NewsReleases/Documents/Interior%20Health%20begins%20returning%20Chase%20evacuees.pdf

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**RESOURCES**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,633
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- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 203

**EVACUATIONS**

- Evacuation Orders: 60 (-3)
- Evacuation Alerts: 105 (-3)
- Properties:
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  - Number of properties on Alert: 30,899 (-1,004)
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**Weather Forecast**

An upper ridge builds from the west today. Variable cloudiness will occur throughout the province. Dry conditions will prevail except for scattered showers in the Northwest Fire Centre and along the Rockies. In the south and central parts of the province, temperatures will reach a high in the mid twenties to lower thirties. Upper teens to low twenties will reach the north. Gusty winds will persist in the north while remaining lighter to the south with gusts in some areas during the afternoon.

**Key Facts**

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**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- White Rock Lake Fire continues to be our biggest challenge – operationally and arising issues around it.
- Many of the evac orders and alerts have been lifted in the past few days due to favourable weather including lifting evac alerts for larger communities like parts of Kamloops, Vernon and Chase
- Federal government has issued another weather statement or heat warning for bottom quarter of the province so keeping an eye on that
- Will lead to more difficult fire behaviour
- Main issues are making sure we get ahead of misinformation about fire response and accommodations for evacuees

- With that we're trying to address some of the more pressing issues on today's 2pm media avail, which will feature Rick Manwaring, DM, Forests and Minister Conroy

**Health**

- Interior Health – they are returning care home evacuees back to Chase and community care clients that were evacuated proactively

**Agriculture**

- NR went out a few minutes ago announcing financial support for ranchers and livestock owners in the province who can access feed, and change to annual programs that will improve cash flow for this year
- Jordan – can your team put together a coles notes version to put on our support website?
- Yes, we'll get something to you

**FLNRO**

- Working on a possible media avail in Vernon fire camp – don't have all the details but would take place on Thursday.
- Jordan – what time of day? Let me know once it's a go
- We're looking roughly at 10am but not confirmed yet

**RCMP**

- We'll be on the call later and all we'll say is that we're recognizing that there is some lack of patience of people getting through check stops and with people at heck stops
- They aren't police and asking people to be patience. We understand if there is an evac order or alert but they need to do it in an orderly manner and respect the people that are doing the job there

**BC Hydro**

- Just starting to rebuild our structures around community of Monte Lake

**TACS**

- We did a tourism call this morning and some of the RDMOs mentioned they're hearing that some hotels were providing much higher pricing to customer
- Emphasized on the call to have people go through ESS to book hotels because it's high season so they have a different rack rate
- Don't have any data to back it up but heard it anecdotally through our networks
- If you can re-emphasize going through ESS that would be helpful
- Jordan – there's probably going to be a bigger push on people avoiding areas that are fire impacted – around Kamloops, Vernon, Okanagan Lake. We're hearing it from PHO but also due to the fire issues and will be repeated for often on our end

**Destination BC**

- When you talk about a bigger push – are you talking about people cancelling reservations in Kamloops?
- Jordan – yeah, that could be the next step. Not initially, we're still having conversations about that.
- DBC - Please keep us posted – will require communication with the region

**Communication Activities:**

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**Key Messages:**

**Vernon/hotels**

- We always try to keep evacuees as close to home as possible but at this time, accommodation is extremely limited.
- Emergency Management BC (EMBC) is booking blocks in commercial accommodation through to September to accommodate evacuees through this challenging wildfire season.
- Local Government Emergency Support Services (ESS) teams book rooms based off availability at the time. Sometimes, these may only be for a couple of days, in which case an evacuee would have to move.
- We encourage people in wildfire-affected communities to plan their accommodations in advance in the event of an evacuation order, and stay with friends and family when possible.
- Emergency officials have appreciated significant cooperation from hotels and expect them to continue to help house people in this difficult time.

**Travel guidance**

- Travelers to the Vernon area should be aware that hotel space is needed for evacuees and to consider traveling to another area of the province or seeking alternate accommodation.
- Destination BC's Know Before You Go page is regularly updated and serves as a one-stop shop for visitors looking to access key information resources such as DriveBC, the BC Wildfire Service, Emergency Management BC, and more.
- If the area you were planning to travel to is impacted by wildfires, or under an evacuation alert or order, please connect with a local visitor centre to rebook your trip to another area of the province. British Columbia is a very large and diverse province, and there are many areas that are not directly impacted and are open for business.
- There are plenty of options if your plans need to change. BC's network of community Visitor Centres is a great resource for info on local conditions, and activity and accommodation suggestions, should you wish to modify your plans.
- Accommodation, transportation, and experience provider listings can also be found at ExploreBC.com/Book. Visit ExploreBC.com/TravelUpdates for key travel information and resources.

**COVID-19 measure in reception centres**

- We continue to battle COVID-19, and additional steps need to be taken to protect our health.
- Being fully vaccinated remains our first line of defense against COVID-19.
- There have not been any COVID-19 outbreaks in reception centres.

- Interior Health recently issued a series of new measures in the central Okanagan due to an outbreak in the region, which covers the District of Peachland, City of West Kelowna, City of Kelowna, District of Lake Country and the Regional District of Central Okanagan.
- Prior to the fire season, the Province provided detailed guidelines to First Nations and local governments on how to operate Emergency Support Services (ESS) safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The guidelines were developed with information with the Provincial Health Officer, BCCDC and EMBC.
- ESS reception centres are encouraged to use these best practices to provide services to evacuees.
- Some reception centres are offering remote and virtual services to minimize physical contact between volunteers and evacuees.
- For those centres where virtual delivery isn't possible, the following practices are recommended:
    - Encourage evacuees to utilize the COVID-19 BC Support App and Self-Assessment Tool: https://bc.thrive.health/
    - Maintain physical distancing of at least two metres or six feet.
    - Discourage the sharing of paperwork or other supplies such as pens between individuals
    - Provide hand sanitizer at each table for both the evacuee and responder
    - Ensure frequent cleaning of workspaces

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

This afternoon we relaunched the heat wave content and list of Cooling Centres on the web at EmergencyInfoBC.gov.bc.ca.

Also, here is a snapshot of today's tweets on @EmergencyInfoBC:

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Temperatures are expected to rise thi
in BC. Here are some tips to stay safe
Check out these resources from
HealthLinkBC healthlinkbc.ca/health-
feature...
Prevent wildfires. Follow @BCGovF
Don't travel to areas impacted by
wildfires. Follow @TranBC

EmergencyInfoBC retweeted

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6 hours ago

A heat warning is in effect in many pa
BC. Make sure to stay hydrated, and s
time in cool spaces. Check in on your
ones and neighbours, especially seni
Learn more about heat illness and ho
can stay safe: healthlinkbc.ca/healthl
f... #BCHeat

## EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX

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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 9, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

Hi all,

Sending on behalf of Jordan Turner.

Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 9.

Thanks,

**Aimée Harper** (she/her)
Senior Public Affairs Officer
Emergency Management BC
Joint Information Centre
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**Releases:**

- **BC Wildfire Service**
  - Increased winds expected in areas of the Northwest Fire Centre: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3451
  - Area restriction reduction for Akokli and Redding Creek fires: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3452
- **Interior Health**
  - Interior Health wildfire readiness in Vernon and North Okanagan: https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/MediaCentre/NewsReleases/Documents/IB_White%20Rock%20Lake%20Vernon_8Aug2021.pdf
- **Government of Canada**

- Minister Jonathan Wilkinson Issues Statement on the 54th Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC-54): https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2021/08/minister-jonathan-wilkinson-issues-statement-on-the-54th-session-of-the-intergovernmental-panel-on-climate-change-ipcc-54.html

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**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

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**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Monday, Aug. 9, 2021.

For real-time updates on evacuation alerts and orders, visit: https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC

For the latest wildfire information, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

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* 1,451 wildfires

* 650,582 hectares burned

* Active fires by fire centre:
* Cariboo: 32

* Coastal: 22

* Kamloops: 80

* Northwest: 6

* Prince George: 58

* Southeast: 62

Crews and equipment:

* Firefighters and other personnel fighting the fires: 3,549

* Out-of-province firefighters: 364

* Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 209

Evacuations:

* Evacuation orders: 63 (-3)

* Evacuation alerts: 108 (+2)

* Properties:
* Number of properties on order: 6,219 (-373)

* Number of properties on alert: 31,903 (-628)

* Orders and alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
* Vancouver Island Central Coast: 1 order, 0 alerts

* Northwest: 0 orders, 2 alerts

* Northeast: 5 orders, 7 alerts

* Central: 52 (-3) orders, 86 (+2) alerts

* Southeast: 2 orders, 10 alerts

* Southwest: 3 orders, 3 alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- Boothroyd Indian Band (Facebook)
- Bridge River Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Cariboo Regional District
- City of Vernon
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Coldwater Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- District of Logan Lake
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- Okanagan Indian Band
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan

- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page)
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Village of Chase (Facebook)
- Village of Lytton

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,447 wildfires, resulting in nearly 648,227 hectares of area burned. About six per cent of the 271 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 70 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 23 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 31 Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre. For more information visit the Wildfires of Note webpage.

**Weather Forecast**

A weak upper trough will be present over northern B.C. today. Variable cloud with isolated to scattered showers will occur centrally and in the north. This afternoon, there is a risk for thundershowers in the northeast corner of the province. A mix of sun and cloud will arrive in the south. Gusty winds will remain central and in the north, winds will be lighter in the south.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Aimée Harper**

- There continues to be significant wildfire activity in the province, with 8 new fires in the last 24 hours. There are 272 active wildfires in the province, including 40 interface fires and 31 wildfires of note.
- Currently, there are 106 Evacuation Alerts affecting 32,531 properties and 66 Evacuation Orders issued for 6,592 properties.
- Today will be mainly sunny with season temperatures across the province. Northwest regions may see cool and rainy conditions.
- There will be local smoke near active wildfires in the interior.
- We're expecting hot conditions for later this week, moving above seasonal temperatures again.
- We're monitoring media coverage about evacuation hesitancy and people staying behind to fight fires, particularly in Monte Creek. The minister was on Global last night to clarify BCWS' response to the fire and reiterate that it's not safe to stay in an area under order.
- We will have our 2pm update tomorrow with EMBC, BC wildfire, RCMP and public health reps.

**MIRR**

- s.16 All Chiefs call on Friday:
  - Minister level rep expected at the calls
  - s.16
  - 
  - Aimee – there was a call about access permits on Sunday – they're developing a new process that should resolve issues

**Health**

- Over the weekend, Interior Health issued a number of IBs about preparing to evacuate, including in Vernon

**Agriculture**

- Release coming later this week on supports for farmers and ranchers

**RCMP**

- Redeploying services to Vernon area

**BC Hydro**

- Friday – lost at least 15 powerline structure due to White Rock Lake fire. Will take a week and a half to rebuild once able

**Destination BC**

- Continuing with know-before-you-go messaging.
- Corporate website updated with new messaging guide for US visitors
    - https://www.destinationbc.ca/content/uploads/2021/08/Industry-Messaging-Guidance_US-Visitors_August-2021_FINAL.pdf

**Communication Activities:**

- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Key Messages:**

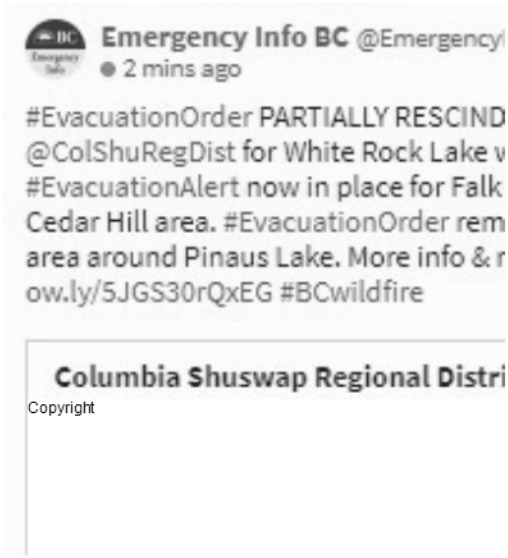
**White Rock Lake fire initial response**

From FLNRO (Aug. 9, 2021)

- The first report of this fire was made around 4 p.m. on July 13, our first Initial Attack crew arrived within 30 minutes
- The fire was burning aggressively in heavy timber and already 10 hectares in size, this fire grew to 300 ha by the next day
- Crews were pulled off response to tactically evacuate properties in the area as the fire was a threat to life and property
- Tolko and partners from the Douglas Lake Ranch responded alongside BCWS working to build guards
- Helicopters with 1,000-litre capacity responded
- Airtanker response was requested but the intensity of the fire and its growth were beyond airtanker resources/capacity
- Due to the conditions and heightened activity throughout the fire centre, we were already responding to a number of significant fires at the time which were a direct threat to homes and infrastructure but continued to allocate resources (for example, July Mtn. was discovered the same day).
- At the time the BCWS was responding to over 300 fires and prioritizing responses accordingly

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Here is a snapshot of today's tweets on @EmergencyInfoBC:



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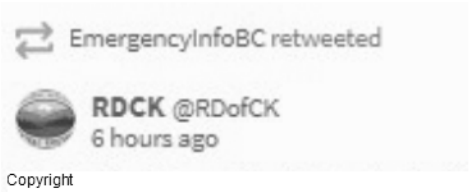


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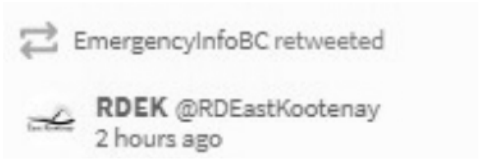
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RDEK @RDEastKootenay
2 hours ago

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## EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX

**From:** Harper, Aimee GCPE:EX
**Sent:** August 8, 2021 19:04
**To:** GCPE Comm Directors; GCPE Executive (HQ); GCPE Comm Managers
**Cc:** EMBC Executive; Ralfs, Brendan R EMBC:EX; EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC PDM EMBC:EX; Samadi, Talieh FIN:EX; LP PREM Directors; Godlonton, Brian EMBC:EX; Allen, Jackie PREM:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX; Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX; Sanderson, Melanie PSSG:EX; Maartman, William PSSG:EX; Richards, Tara R EMBC:EX; Cunnings, Ian EMBC:EX; Fiala, Tony EMBC:EX; Wainwright, Ryan EMBC:EX; Morrison, Andrew EMBC:EX; Brach, Pader W EMBC:EX; Douglas, Andrew PSSG:EX; Williams, Susan GCPE:EX; Finkel, Paul PREM:EX; Murphy, Susanne GCPE:EX; Coultish, Jessica GCPE:EX; LP PO Communications Staff; EMBC PECC Online Communications 1 EMBC:EX; Hill, Briana FLNR:EX; EMBC PECC Public Information 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC PECC Public Information 2 EMBC:EX
**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 8, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

Hi all,

Sending on behalf of Jordan Turner.

Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 8.

Thanks,

**Aimée Harper** (she/her)
Senior Public Affairs Officer
Emergency Management BC
Joint Information Centre
P: 778 698-1608
C: 250 883-4731

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**Releases:**

- **BC Wildfire Service**
  - Tremont Creek Wildfire Area Restriction Update: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3448
  - Garrison Lake wildfire Area Restriction Order: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3447
  - Nk'Mip Creek wildfire Area Restriction Order Update: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3446

**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021.

For real-time updates on evacuation alerts and orders, visit: https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC

For the latest wildfire information, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

**Fires:**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 273
- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1,445 wildfires
  - 644,420 hectares burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 35
  - Coastal: 24
  - Kamloops: 86
  - Northwest: 7
  - Prince George: 60
  - Southeast: 61

**Crews and equipment:**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,583
- Out-of-province firefighters: 382
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 214

**Evacuations:**

- Evacuation orders: 66 (-5)
- Evacuation alerts: 106 (-3)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on order: 6,592 (-310)
  - Number of properties on alert: 32,531 (-3,173)
- Orders and alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 1 order, 0 alerts
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**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

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- Village of Chase (Facebook)
- Village of Lytton

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**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,439 wildfires, resulting in nearly 639,766 hectares of area burned. About six per cent of the 279 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 71 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 22 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 31 of which are Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre. For more information visit the Wildfires of Note webpage.

**Weather Forecast**

An upper low tracks across the south spreading showers and thunderstorms to the Southeast Fire Centre. Wind will be more present in the north, but will remain slightly lighter than Saturday, but remaining noteworthy. The Cariboo and north start to warm and dry out as a ridge begins to build. Fire behaviour slows with both below seasonal temperatures and relative humidity that is about 40% for all zones.

**Key Facts**
For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**
**N/A**

**Communication Activities:**

- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Key Messages:**
**We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.**
N/A

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Here is a snapshot of today's tweets on @EmergencyInfoBC:

**CRD** @CaribooRD · 11m

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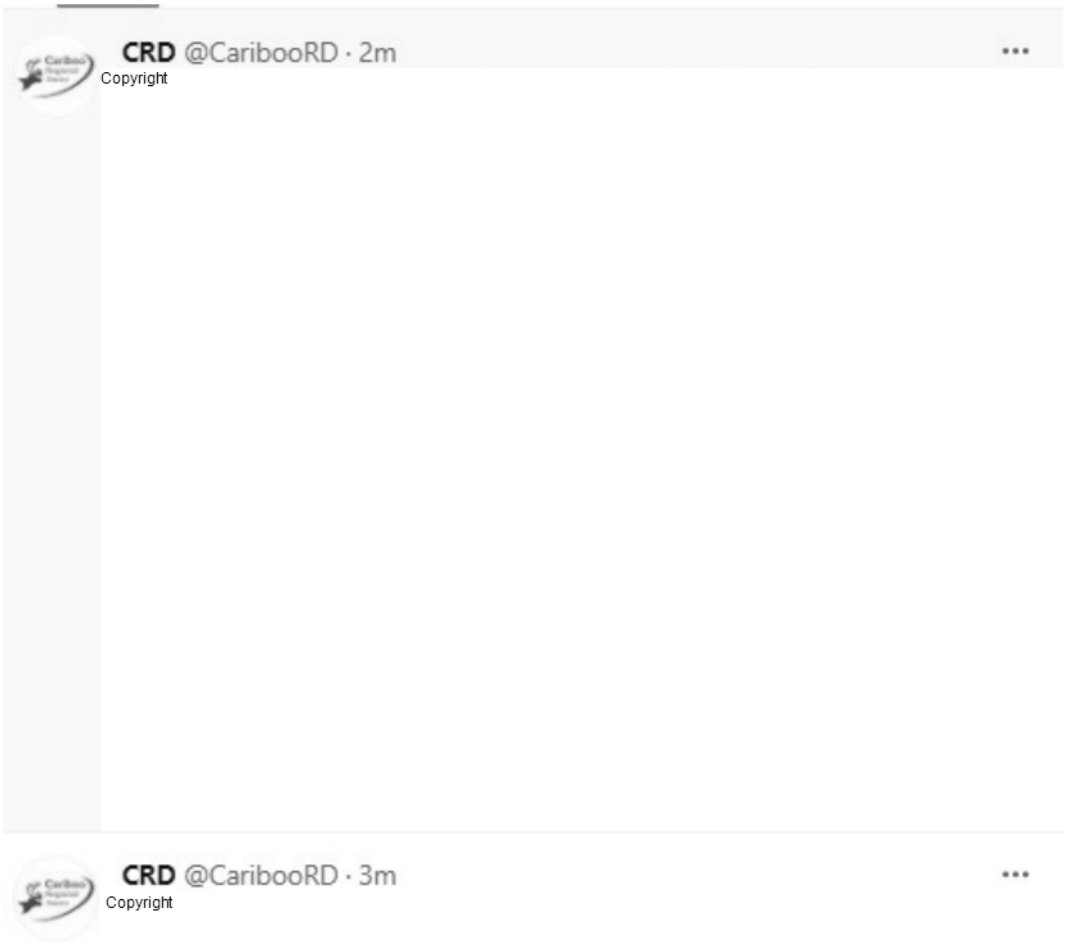
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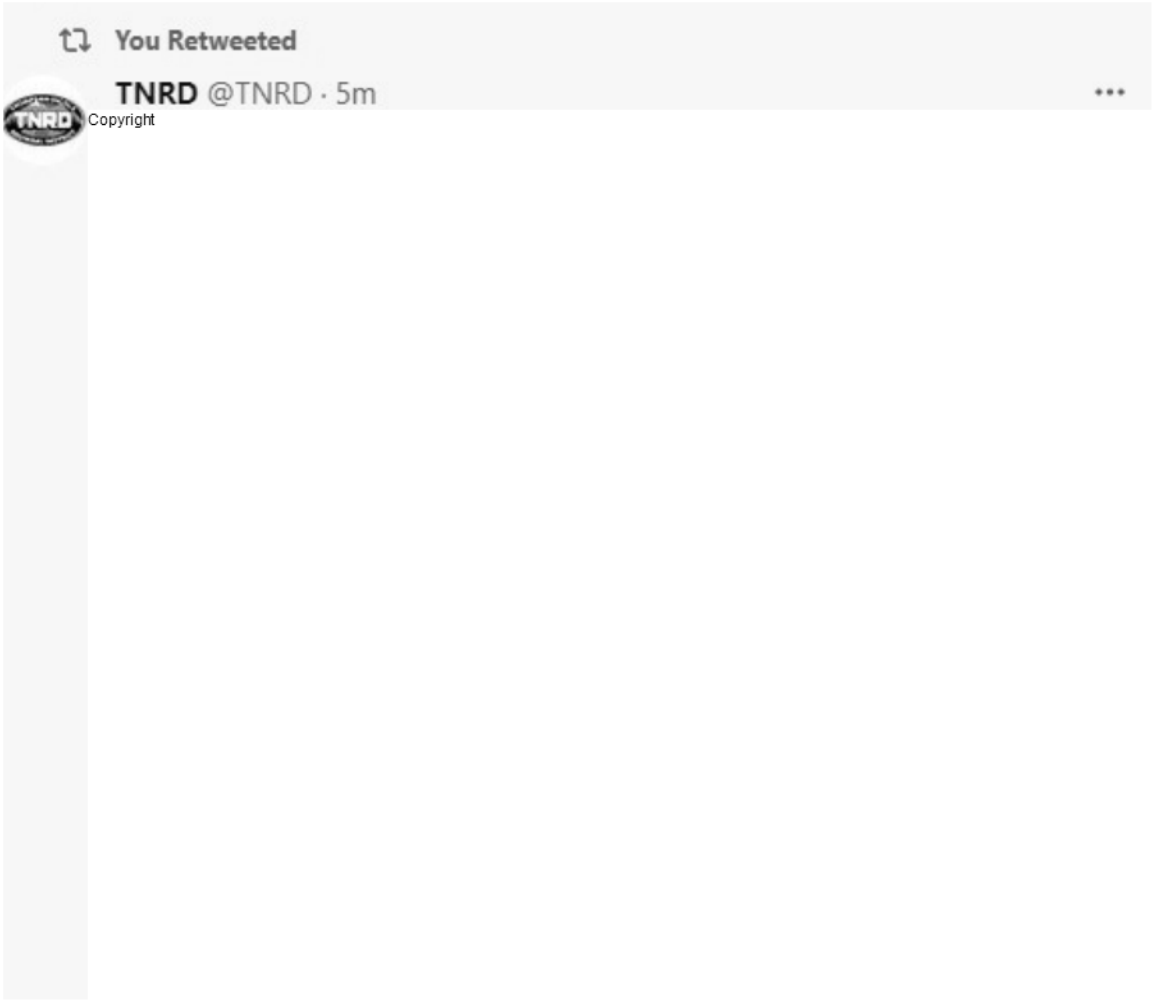
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**Central Ok Emergency** @CO_Emerg · 3m

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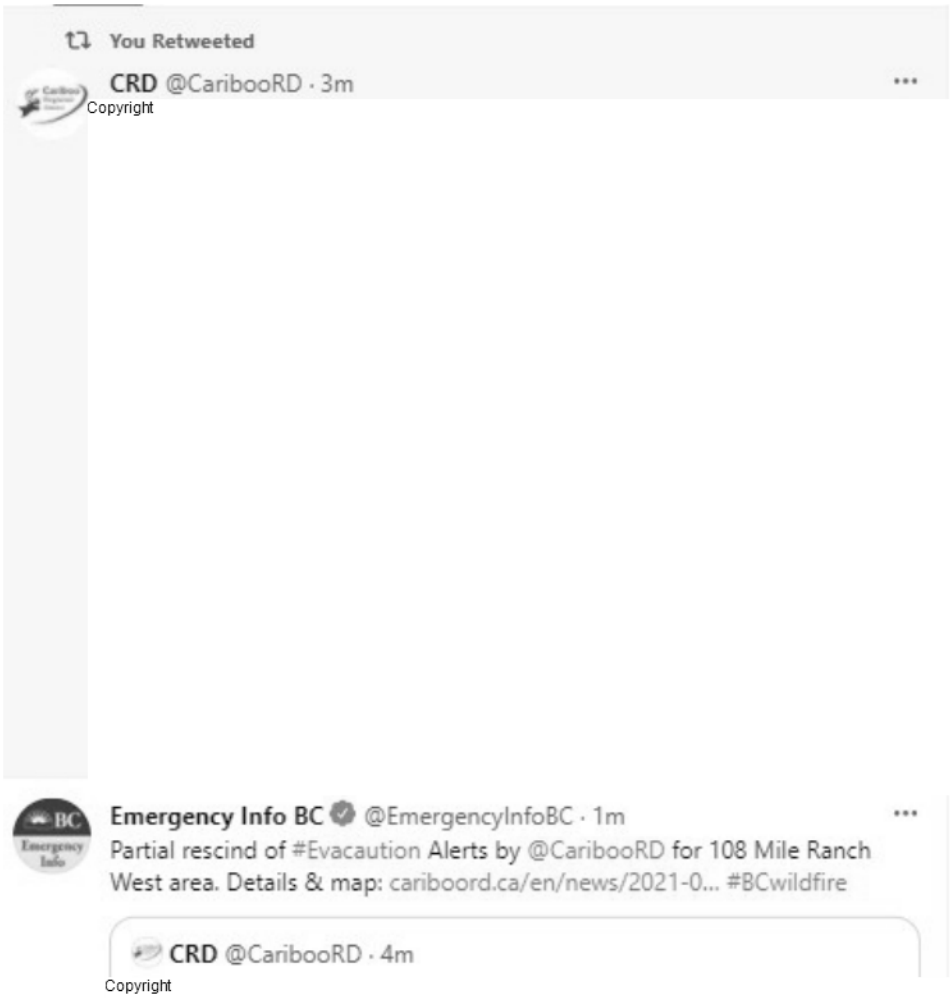
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#Evacuation Alert rescinded by the City of Armstrong. Details: cityofarmstrong.bc.ca #BCwildfire
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**CRD** @CaribooRD · 1h

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**BC Wildfire Service** @BCGovFireInfo · 12h

The #BCWildfire Service has expanded the Area Restriction Order for the vicinity of the Dewar Creek wildfire (N11960). Dewar Creek wildfire (N11960), originated 36 northwest of Kimberly.
For more information, please refer to the Information Bulletin:
ow.ly/GYb830rQm4E

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 13h

Evacuation Orders issued by @TNRD on June 29, June 30, and July 4 have been downgraded to Evacuation Alerts for 60 properties in the vicinity of the Sparks Lake #BCWildfire, while 15 properties remain on #EvacuationOrder in that area.

tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...

#EvacuationAlert

> **TNRD** @TNRD · 13h

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**City of Kamloops** @cityofkamloops · 17h

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**CRD** @CaribooRD · 18h

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 18h

#EvacuationOrder downgraded to #EvacuationAlert by the Regional District of Central #Kootenay for some properties in the vicinity of the Octopus Creek #BCwildfire.

More info: rdck.ca/EN/meta/news/n...

**RDCK** @RDofCK · 19h

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**Central Ok Emergency** @CO_Emerg · 2m

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 13s

#Evacuation Order downgraded to Alert by @NorthernRockies for Helmut area. Info & map: northernrockies.ca/EN/meta/news/a... #BCwildfire

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 8m

#EvacuationAlert partially rescinded by @CityofVernon. Canadian Lakeview Estates in its entirety, Adventure Bay in its entirety & Tronson Rd (from 8125 to 9280) REMAIN on alert. Info & map:

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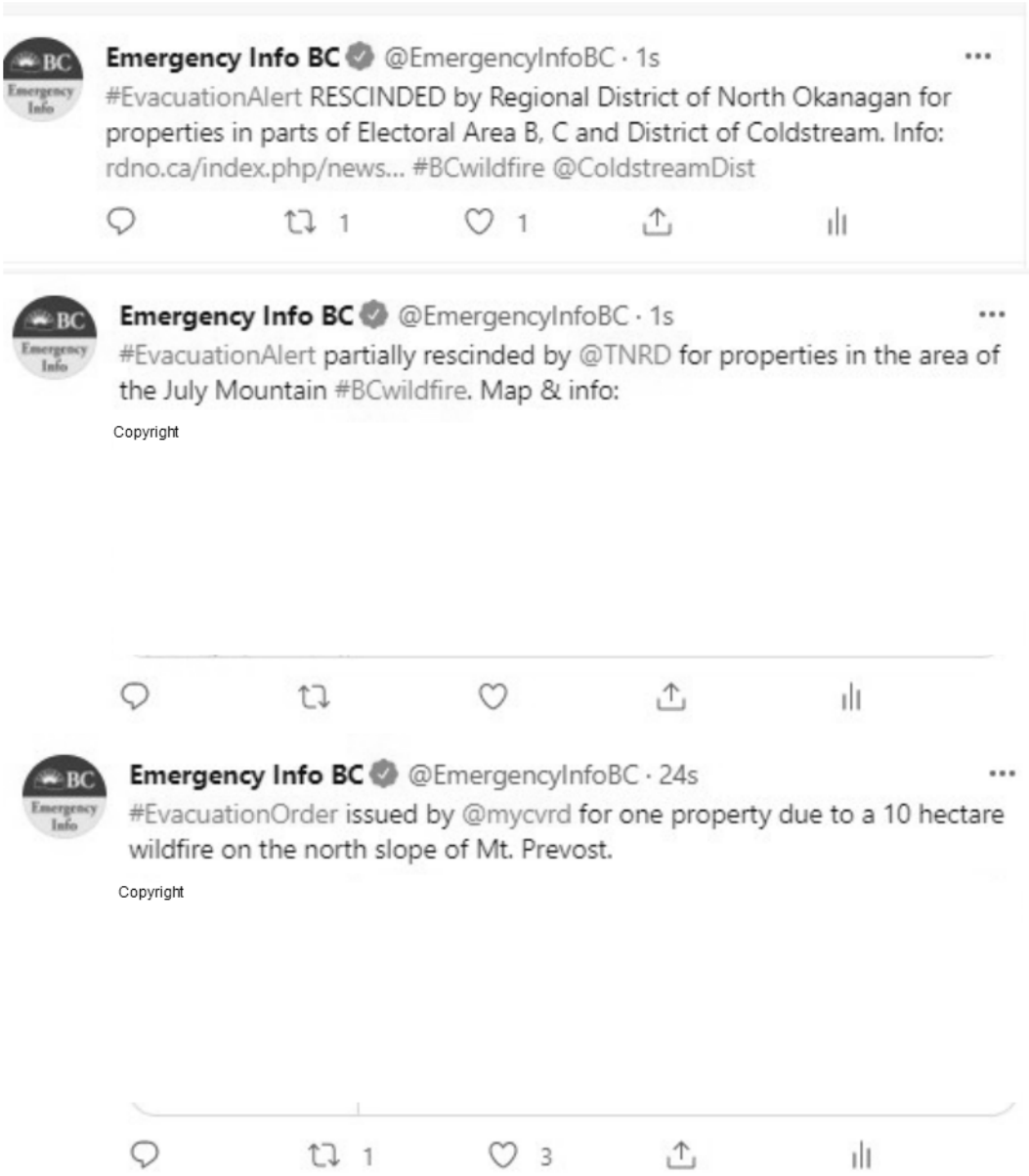
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#EvacuationAlert RESCINDED by Regional District of North Okanagan for properties in parts of Electoral Area B, C and District of Coldstream. Info: rdno.ca/index.php/news... #BCwildfire @ColdstreamDist
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#EvacuationAlert partially rescinded by @TNRD for properties in the area of the July Mountain #BCwildfire. Map & info:
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#EvacuationOrder issued by @mycvrd for one property due to a 10 hectare wildfire on the north slope of Mt. Prevost.
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## EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX

**From:** EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX
**Sent:** August 8, 2021 9:39
**To:** EMBC PECC Public Information 2 EMBC:EX
**Subject:** FW: JIC Communications Situation Report - August 7, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

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**From:** Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX <Jordan.Turner@gov.bc.ca>
**Sent:** August 7, 2021 6:23 PM
**To:** GCPE Comm Directors <PABDirectors@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; GCPE Executive (HQ) <PABExec@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; GCPE Comm Managers <GCPECM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
**Cc:** EMBC Executive <EMBCEXEC@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; Ralfs, Brendan R EMBC:EX <Brendan.Ralfs@gov.bc.ca>; EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX <pecc.lia1@gov.bc.ca>; EMBC PDM EMBC:EX <EMBCPDM@gov.bc.ca>; Samadi, Talieh FIN:EX <Talieh.Samadi@gov.bc.ca>; LP PREM Directors <PREMDIR@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; Godlonton, Brian EMBC:EX <Brian.Godlonton@gov.bc.ca>; Allen, Jackie PREM:EX <Jackie.Allen@gov.bc.ca>; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Marriott@gov.bc.ca>; Sanderson, Melanie PSSG:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>; Maartman, William PSSG:EX <William.Maartman@gov.bc.ca>; Richards, Tara R EMBC:EX <Tara.Richards@gov.bc.ca>; Cunnings, Ian EMBC:EX <Ian.Cunnings@gov.bc.ca>; Fiala, Tony EMBC:EX <Tony.Fiala@gov.bc.ca>; Wainwright, Ryan EMBC:EX <Ryan.Wainwright@gov.bc.ca>; Morrison, Andrew EMBC:EX <Andrew.Morrison@gov.bc.ca>; Brach, Pader W EMBC:EX <Pader.Brach@gov.bc.ca>; Douglas, Andrew PSSG:EX <Andrew.Douglas@gov.bc.ca>; Williams, Susan GCPE:EX <Susan.Williams@gov.bc.ca>; Finkel, Paul PREM:EX <Paul.Finkel@gov.bc.ca>; Murphy, Susanne GCPE:EX <Susanne.Murphy@gov.bc.ca>; Coultish, Jessica GCPE:EX <Jessica.Coultish@gov.bc.ca>; Harper, Aimee GCPE:EX <Aimee.Harper@gov.bc.ca>; LP PO Communications Staff <POCOMM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; EMBC PECC Online Communications 1 EMBC:EX <pecc.oncom1@gov.bc.ca>; Hill, Briana FLNR:EX <Briana.Hill@gov.bc.ca>
**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 7, 2021

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 7.**

**Thanks,**

**Jordan Turner**
Communications Director | EMBC
Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre
**Phone**: (236) 478-0210 **Cell**: (250) 896-1928

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

**FIRES**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 283
- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1, 432 wildfires
  - 637,729 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 45
  - Coastal: 21
  - Kamloops: 84
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  - Prince George: 59
  - Southeast: 67

**RESOURCES**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,603
- Out-of-province firefighters: 455
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 214

**EVACUATIONS**

- Evacuation Orders: 71 (+4)
- Evacuation Alerts: 109 (-5)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 6,902 (+1,252)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 35,704 (+10,760)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 1 (+1) Orders 0 (-1) Alerts
  - Northwest: 0 Orders 2 Alert
  - Northeast: 5 Order 11 (-2) Alerts
  - Central: 58 (+3) Order 83 (+2) Alerts
  - Southeast: 4 Orders 10 Alerts
  - Southwest: 3 Orders 3 Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

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- City of Vernon
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- Coldwater Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)

- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- District of Coldstream
- District of Logan Lake
- District of 100 Mile House
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
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- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
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- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Chase (Facebook)
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**Weather Forecast**

A broad upper low present over northern Alberta will bring moisture across the northeast with heavy rain present. The trough across southern B.C. will support scattered showers across most zones along with cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity. Slightly lighter gusty westerly winds than yesterday will persist across the B.C. Interior today. There is a risk of thundershowers over the North Thompson and west of the Cariboo Fire Centre. All lightning will be accompanied with some rain.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

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**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**N/A**

**Communication Activities:**

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- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.

**Key Messages:**

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N/A

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Here is a snapshot of today's tweets on @EmergencyInfoBC:

EmergencyInfoBC is updated to reflect the latest changes in orders/alerts as well as current ESS Reception Centres.

**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 1m

The best way to help people affected by the current #BCwildfire situation is through a financial donation. The @BCGovNews and @Canada governments are still matching donations to @redcrosscanada. Learn more about donating safely: emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/how-you-can-he...

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 10s

#EvacuationAlert rescinded by @CaribooRD for the Canim Lake S to Mahood Lake area. Info & map: cariboord.ca/en/news/2021-0... #BCwildfire

**CRD** @CaribooRD · 2m

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**Columbia Shuswap Regional District**
@ColShuRegDist

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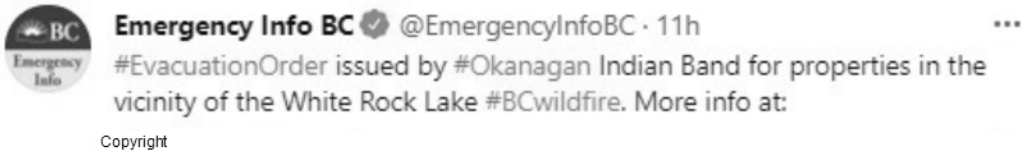


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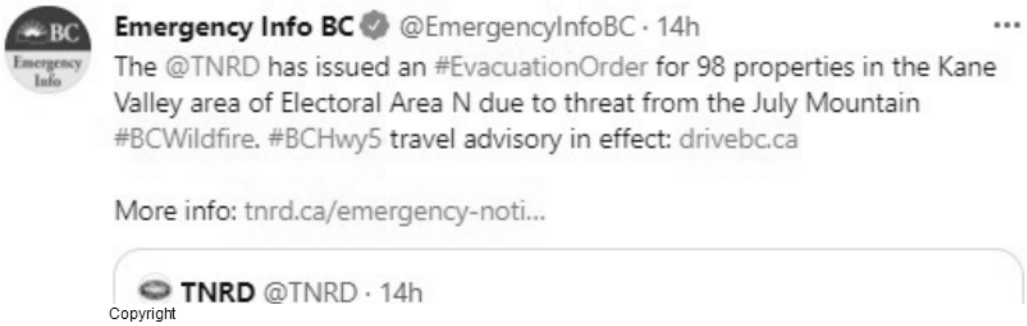

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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 7, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 7.**

**Thanks,**

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

**FIRES**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 283
- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1, 432 wildfires
  - 637,729 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:

- Cariboo: 45
- Coastal: 21
- Kamloops: 84
- Northwest: 7
- Prince George: 59
- Southeast: 67

**RESOURCES**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,603
- Out-of-province firefighters: 455
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 214

**EVACUATIONS**

- Evacuation Orders: 71 (+4)
- Evacuation Alerts: 109 (-5)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 6,902 (+1,252)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 35,704 (+10,760)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 1 (+1) Orders 0 (-1) Alerts
  - Northwest: 0 Orders 2 Alert
  - Northeast: 5 Order 11 (-2) Alerts
  - Central: 58 (+3) Order 83 (+2) Alerts
  - Southeast: 4 Orders 10 Alerts
  - Southwest: 3 Orders 3 Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Bridge River Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Cariboo Regional District
- City of Armstrong
- City of Vernon
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Coldwater Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- District of Coldstream
- District of Logan Lake
- District of 100 Mile House
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- Okanagan Indian Band
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page)
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Chase (Facebook)
- Village of Lytton

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1, 429 wildfires, resulting in nearly 631,142 hectares of area burned. About six per cent of the 283 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 72 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 21 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 30 of which are Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre. For more information visit the Wildfires of Note webpage.

**Weather Forecast**

A broad upper low present over northern Alberta will bring moisture across the northeast with heavy rain present. The trough across southern B.C. will support scattered showers across most zones along with cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity. Slightly lighter gusty westerly winds than yesterday will persist across the B.C. Interior today. There is a risk of thundershowers over the North Thompson and west of the Cariboo Fire Centre. All lightning will be accompanied with some rain.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**N/A**

**Communication Activities:**

- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.

**Key Messages:**

**We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.**

N/A

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Here is a snapshot of today's tweets on @EmergencyInfoBC:

EmergencyInfoBC is updated to reflect the latest changes in orders/alerts as well as current ESS Reception Centres.

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The best way to help people affected by the current #BCwildfire situation is through a financial donation. The @BCGovNews and @Canada governments are still matching donations to @redcrosscanada. Learn more about donating safely: emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/how-you-can-he...

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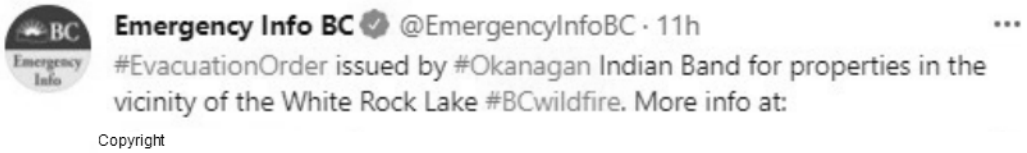


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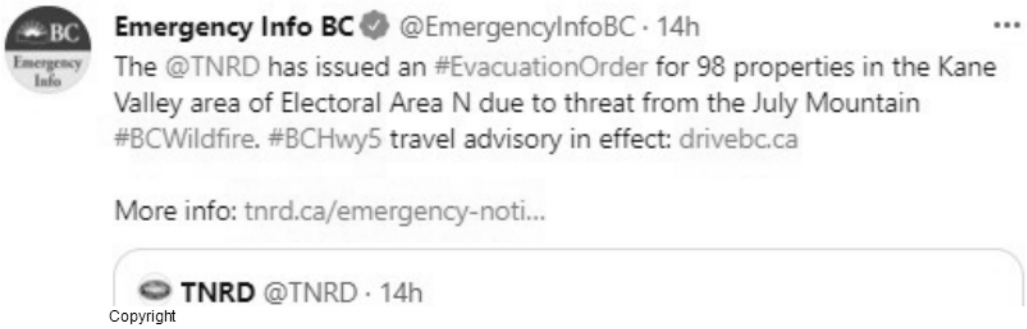


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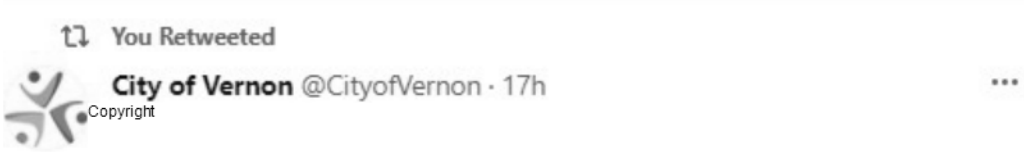


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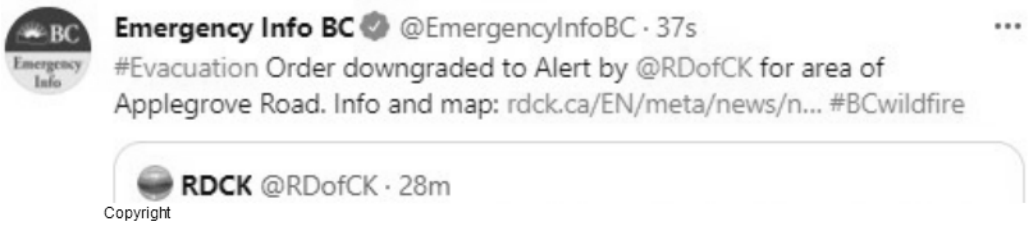
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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 6, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

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**Thanks,**

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Friday, August 6, 2021.

For real-time updates on evacuation alerts and orders, visit: https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC

For the latest wildfire information, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

**Fires:**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 291
- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1,425 wildfires
  - 608,178 hectares burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 47
  - Coastal: 21
  - Kamloops: 84
  - Northwest: 7
  - Prince George: 65
  - Southeast: 67

**Resources:**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,530
- Out-of-province firefighters: 609
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 281

**Evacuations:**

- Evacuation Orders: 67 (+7)
- Evacuation Alerts: 114 (+7)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 5,650 (+1,136)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 24,944 (+3,884)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0 Orders 1 (+1) Alerts
  - Northwest: 0 Orders 2 Alert
  - Northeast: 5 Order 13 (-3) Alerts
  - Central: 55 (+6) Order 85 (+9) Alerts
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**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

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**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,412 wildfires, resulting in nearly 583,942 hectares of area burned. About six per cent of the 303 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 71 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 23 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 33 of which are Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre. For more information visit the Wildfires of Note webpage.

**Weather Forecast**

Scattered showers across much of the province, cooler conditions, and higher relative humidities. Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast remain dry and warm. Strong, gusty westerly winds across interior BC in the wake of a sweeping cold front. Risk of thunderstorms persists for Prince George Fire Centre, Vanjam, and Bulkley. Slight risk for the Southeast. Tonight, showers along the coast, rockies, and rain over Fort Nelson. Still dry across the south. A chance of overnight thunderstorms in the Peace. Good recoveries across the province. Winds remain elevated above ~ 1,500m across the southern Interior overnight.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

**Jordan gave an update about the White Rock lake fire and shared that there will be a press conference at 12:30 pm.**

**RCMP – All is going well and more resources have been sent to support Vernon and Kamloops. For the most part people are willing to evacuate. There have been rotating road closures due to smoke.**

**BC Hydro – The fire tripped the Monte Lake substation causing damage and cutting off power. It will be looked at today to evaluate damage and see if there are any issues. Any power lines on the highway have been cleared.**

**Red Cross – The new in-person registration centre in Abbottsford opened this morning.**

**BC Wildfire Service – White Rock Lake remains the fire of concern today. There are more strong winds in the west, elevating concerns for Chase. There are challenges with misinformation spreading online – will be working to put out safe guard messaging.**

**Jordan: Next call will take place on Monday.**

**Communication Activities:**

- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Responded to media requests throughout the day
- Distributed media advisory
- Coordinated presser for Minister Mike Farnworth

**Key Messages:**
**We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.**

**EMBC Lytton Supports**

**KM/QA**

August 6, 2021,

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**Key Messages**

- Emergency Management BC (EMBC) is leading the coordination of this recovery across provincial agencies, including BC Housing, as well as with outside parties and the federal government.
- EMBC is supporting displaced residents with Emergency Support Services (ESS), including accommodation and food.
- EMBC is working directly with the leadership of Lytton to identify temporary housing options for residents while the community rebuilds.
- The focus over the next few months will be ensuring the residents of Lytton have temporary accommodation and their immediate needs are met.
- There will also be opportunities for the community to convene with their leadership and define the vision for the rebuild of Lytton.
- We'll keep listening to the community to determine how we can best support them moving forward through recovery and rebuilding.

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1. **What role is EMBC playing in terms of planning for the creation of temporary housing for residents of Lytton to live over the next two years, while the permanent rebuild of Lytton takes place?**
    - Emergency Management BC (EMBC) is leading the coordination across all of the provincial agencies, including BC Housing, as well as with outside parties and the federal government, including recovery.
    - EMBC is supporting displaced residents with Emergency Support Services (ESS), including accommodation and food.

- EMBC is working directly with the leadership of Lytton to identify temporary housing options for residents while the community rebuilds.

2. **What is the plan? How many units of housing, where located, when available and who will pay costs?**

   - The focus over the next few months will be ensuring the residents of Lytton have temporary accommodation and their immediate needs are met.
   - There will also be opportunities for the community to convene with their leadership and define the vision for the rebuild of Lytton.
   - Funding for the rebuild of Lytton will come from various sources, including provincial and federal partners, corporate donations and homeowners' insurance.
   - Last Friday, the Province announced additional immediate supports for all Lytton evacuees.
   - We'll keep listening to the community to determine how we can best support them moving forward through recovery and rebuilding.

3. **Who else is working with EMBC on these plans? (Is there a committee/organization/other ministries/local governments? Who are its members?)**

   - EMBC is coordinating with other provincial ministries and the federal government to provide recovery support to Lytton.
   - This is in accordance with the Interim Provincial Disaster Recovery Framework, which is available online: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/local-government/provincial_disaster_recovery_framework.pdf
   - The Village of Lytton has also engaged the Fraser Basin Council in a scope of work related to recovery, and the Village has engaged other partners to support their Emergency Operations Centre and Resiliency Centres.

4. **How many residents have been allowed to return to the village to assess damage? Are residents permitted to stay in Lytton or must they leave after a certain number of hours/days? When were they given the green light to return?**

   - The Ministry of Environment continues to conduct damage assessments and has not cleared the site for re-entry.
   - An evacuation order was downgraded to an alert for the following areas on July 23rd:
     - Ponderosa Heights
     - Loring Way
     - Lytton Fire Base
     - Kent Road
     - Highway 1
   - We recommend reaching out to the TNRD or the Village of Lytton for more information about resident access to the Village of Lytton, as they are responsible for the decisions around Evacuation Orders and Alerts.

5. **Is there currently an evacuation order(s) in effect for the area?**

   - Yes, there is an evacuation order for most of the Village of Lytton. For details, see the Village of Lytton's website: https://lytton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Amended-Evacuation-Order-23-July-2021.pdf

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Here is a snapshot of today's tweets on @EmergencyInfoBC:

Messaging about leaving immediately during an Evac Order, and knowing the definitions of Order vs Alert, has been shared on PreparedBC's social media channels (Twitter and Facebook), EmergencyInfoBC's twitter feed and added to EmergencyInfoBC.ca We will continue to share throughout the weekend.

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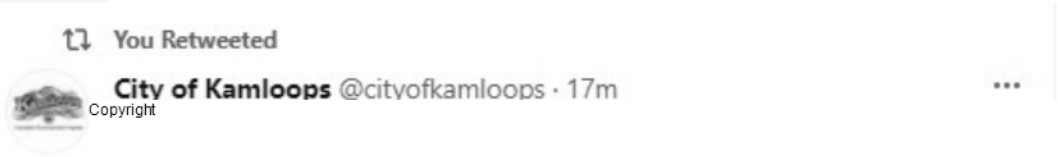

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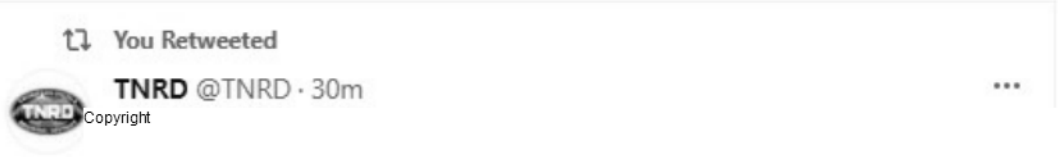

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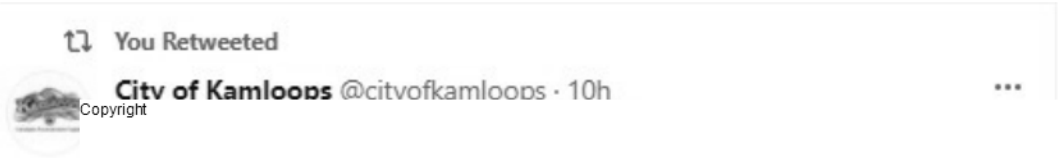
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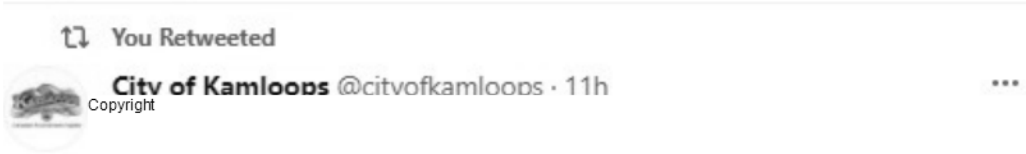

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The @TNRD has issued an #EvacuationOrder for 303 properties in Electoral Area "L" in the vicinity of Westwold/Monte Lake, which were previously on Alert, due to the White Rock Lake #BCWildfire.
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The @TNRD has issued an Evacuation Alert in Electoral Area "J" for 385 addressed properties in Tobiano due to the Tremont Creek #BCWildfire
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The #Cariboo Regional District has issued an Evacuation Alert for Gang Ranch Area and Canoe Creek – Dog Creek Area.
Interactive map: cariboord.ca/EOCorderalerts
Visit cariboord.ca for more information. #BCwildfire
CRD @CaribooRD · 14h

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## EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX

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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 5, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 5.**

**Thanks,**

**Jordan Turner**
Communications Director | EMBC
Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre
**Phone**: (236) 478-0210 **Cell**: (250) 896-1928

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**Releases:**

- Section of Highway 97 closed to support firefighting crews: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021TRAN0119-001552

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

**FIRES**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 291
- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1, 402 wildfires
  - 583, 118 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 51
  - Coastal: 20
  - Kamloops: 84
  - Northwest: 7
  - Prince George: 68
  - Southeast: 61

**RESOURCES**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,651
- Out-of-province firefighters: 610
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 214

**EVACUATIONS:**

- Evacuation Orders: 60 (-3)
- Evacuation Alerts: 107 (+4)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 4,514 (+286)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 21,060 (-343)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0 Orders 0 Alerts
  - Northwest: 0 Orders 2 Alert
  - Northeast: 5 (+2) Order 16 (+4) Alerts
  - Central: 49 (-6) Order 76 Alerts
  - Southeast: 4 (-1) Orders 10 (+1) Alerts
  - Southwest: 2 (+2) Orders 3 (-1) Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Bridge River Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Cariboo Regional District
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- District of Logan Lake
- District of 100 Mile House
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- Okanagan Indian Band
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay

- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page)
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Lytton

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,387 wildfires, resulting in nearly 573,354 hectares of area burned. About seven per cent of the 292 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 72 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 21 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 34 of which are Wildfires of Note, 17 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre. For more information visit the Wildfires of Note webpage.

**Weather Forecast**

A ridge of high pressure has shifted eastwards over Alberta and is being replaced by an upper low and frontal system pushing across the north coast. Showers will spread across the Coast range and into Prince George Fire Centre along with strong chance of thunderstorms east of the Rockies, with less risk to the west. Gusty westerly winds in the wake of the front with potential for strong downburst winds and heavy downpours near thunderstorms. Marked cooling for western half of BC. Tonight showers will extend down the Coast and eastwards across Cariboo. Thunderstorms are likely to continue across the Northeast. Good recoveries over most of the province, fair in Kamloops Fire Centre.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- The big news on fires will be some larger evacuation orders due to White Rock Lake Fire – on NW side of Okanagan Lake.
- As of now, around 1,200 properties on evacuation order from Monte Lake, Falkland, Westwold and Cedar Hill area.
- Additional 500 people from Okanagan Indian Band. Local authorities working to make sure everyone is out by noon. Forecasting some high winds that may push the fire in the direction of the smaller communities.
- I've checked with Prov Duty Manager and there's no major infrastructure in the area but obviously quite a few homes that are at risk and people moving out of that area now.
- They're evacuating to Vernon and Kamloops – mostly locally. Luckily we've had some evacuation orders come down in the last few days around Sparks Lake, s there are more accommodations available.
- Trying to keep people as close to home as possible.
- A few other fires – McKay Creek Fire – evacuation order for their electoral area B overnight.
- Just got a heads up about a new evacuation order for Long Island – on Harrison Lake. It's for about 12 cabins, no permanent homes. That one has seen some heavy fire activity overnight.

- From prov perspective – about 270 active fires
- Apart from ones I mentioned, we've seen quite a few evacuation rescinds and I would say other than this major one, we're looking better on the overall fire front and the overall threat risk.
- Moving into some cooler weather so hopefully we can get a handle on some of these bigger incidents.
- Having our usual media availability at 230pm today – BCWS, EMBC, RCMP and Health

**Agriculture**

- Just looking at possibly doing something on Emergency Hay Program – still in flux at the moment.
- Jordan – thanks, I've got Robert on that for us

**FLNRO**

- Continuing supporting minister with social media and fire prevention and evacuation safety messaging

**RCMP**

- Vernon will be putting out a NR on additional resources to support White Rock Lake Fire.
- Trying to gather numbers on our deployments – s.15
- Challenges with people respecting new evac orders
- Deployed about 380 members over the last few weeks, with about 80 or 90 every week as we rotate people out
- Jordan – I did some media prep with our spokesperson and he'll be very clear about evacuations, putting yourself, family and first responders at risk.
- Jordan – also have messaging about fire departments and apparatus we're moving into the area

**Red Cross**

- Our teams are setting up a new place for in-person registration in Abbotsford. Scheduled to open tomorrow, seven days a week

**Communication Activities:**

- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Key Messages:**

**We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.**

N/A

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Here is a snapshot of today's tweets on @EmergencyInfoBC:

List of ESS reception centres and areas with Orders & Alerts have been updated on EmergencyInfoBC.

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All #Evacuation Orders and Alerts issued by @shuswapemerg for the on Aug 4 White Rock Lake #BCwildfire remain in place. Info: csrd.bc.ca/news-notices/n...
Shuswap Emergency Program @shuswapemerg · 15m

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 40s

#EvacuationOrder downgraded to Alert by Osoyoos Indian Band. Info: rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/... @EmergMgtRDOS #BCwildfire

**RDOS EOC** @EmergMgtRDOS · 20m

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#EvacuationOrder downgraded to Alert by @EmergMgtRDOS for some areas of Nk'Mip Creek. Info: rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/... #BCwildfire
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#BCwildfire update from @shuswapemerg csrd.bc.ca/news-notices/n...
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The @TNRD has issued an #EvacuationOrder for 271 properties in the vicinity of Westwold/Monte Lake due to threat from the White Rock Lake #BCWildfire.

More info: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...

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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 4, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 4.**

**NOTE: We are expecting some larger evacuation numbers overnight and tomorrow morning due to the White Rock Lake Fire. More info to come.**

**Thanks,**

**Jordan Turner**
Communications Director | EMBC
Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre
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**Releases:**

- Insurance Bureau of Canada: Lytton wildfire causes $78 million in insured damage - http://www.ibc.ca/bc/resources/media-centre/media-releases/lytton-wildfire-causes-78-million-in-insured-damage
- BC Wildfire: Area Restriction for the Mineral Creek wildfire rescinded - http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3444

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

**FIRES**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 286
- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1,372 wildfires
  - 567,950 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 53
  - Coastal: 20
  - Kamloops: 78
  - Northwest: 8
  - Prince George: 59
  - Southeast: 68

**RESOURCES**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,612
- Out-of-province firefighters: 596
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 204

**EVACUATIONS:**

- Evacuation Orders: 63 (-1)
- Evacuation Alerts: 103 (+3)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 4,228 (-68)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 21,403 (+341)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0 Orders 0 Alerts
  - Northwest: 0 Orders 2 (+1) Alert
  - Northeast: 3 (+2) Order 12 (-2) Alerts
  - Central: 55 (-2) Order 76 (+3) Alerts
  - Southeast: 5 (-1) Orders 9 (+1) Alerts
  - Southwest: 0 Orders 4 Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- Ashcroft Indian Band (Facebook page)
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Bridge River Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Cariboo Regional District
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- District of Logan Lake (Evacuation Alert – July 24; Evacuation Alert – July 30; Evacuation Alert Map – July 30)
- District of 100 Mile House
- Fraser Valley Regional District

- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- Okanagan Indian Band
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page) (Evacuation Order)
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Lytton

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,345 wildfires, resulting in nearly 557,639 hectares of area burned. About seven per cent of the 269 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 69 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 24 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 32 of which are Wildfires of Note, 17 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre. For more information visit the Wildfires of Note webpage.

**Weather Forecast**

A mix of sun and cloud is expected throughout today. Cloud cover and light precipitation over the Kootenays. A frontal system will bring showers to the north coast and Skeena zones. There is a risk of afternoon thundershowers, primarily in the northeast and southeast regions. Temperatures in the mid twenties to mid thirties except upper teens to low twenties in the Cassiar Fire Zone. Light winds prevailing with weak afternoon inflows. Areas of smoke continuing across the south. Tonight, partly cloudy skies and mostly light and variable winds. Some showers spreading eastward to Nadina and Bulkley Fire Zones as well as the central coast. There is a risk of nocturnal thundershowers in the southeast corner of the province. Generally good relative humidity recoveries except in the south. Tomorrow, moderate risk of lightning along the Rockies. Further west the risk lessens.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- Fires – still hovering around 250 active fires with high fire danger in much of the problem areas
- Big Stick Fire – led to more evacuations and most updates were related to fires being controlled and evacuations being lifted so net positive
- Making sure we have space for evacuees as they need it
- As a flag – we had the Provincial SOE go out yesterday with quotes from MMF and MKC

- No major plans for today but we have our media briefing planned for 2pm tomorrow

**MIRR**

- Frustration from FNs for lack of backcountry closures
- BCWS said area restrictions may be sufficient for communities and while they support FNs' decision to close backcountry, s.13
- Will be discussed at All Chiefs Meeting and may come up publicly

**Canadian Forces**

- Tracking the CFJC story today released yesterday about Minister of National Defense and MMF visit to Kamloops
    - https://cfjctoday.com/2021/08/03/national-defense-minister-visits-kamloops-to-learn-more-about-assistance-needed-for-b-c-interior-fires/
- Tomorrow will be last day for combat camera team
- Jordan – thank you for sending that story over

**RCMP**

- Still deploying resources accordingly but shift now seems to be toward Vernon area
- Probably at 100+ cycling out per week
- Haven't had any issues or concerns with property theft on areas that are subject to evacuation orders
- Minor issues with road closures – supporting contract services and putting police officers as necessary
- Continuing investigation of suspicious fires in Salmo
- s.15
- Jordan – will it be you on our call tomorrow? May need to change the time to 230pm
- Yes, no issues for me

**Jordan**

- No major issues today, we are looking better as far as evacuation situation goes and hoping that continues

**Communication Activities:**

- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Key Messages:**

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## Lytton wildfire insurance damage estimate

Insurance Bureau of Canada NR: http://www.ibc.ca/bc/resources/media-centre/media-releases/lytton-wildfire-causes-78-million-in-insured-damage

Messaging from ENV:

- The Lytton fire is a tragedy, and our thoughts are with those who suffered so much as a result of the wildfire.
- While it is difficult to attribute climate change to a specific event, it is clear that we are seeing record forest fires, extreme droughts and dangerous flooding in our communities, and that we must build our resiliency to a changing climate and invest in the future now.
- That's why we are collaborating with all levels of government, communities, First Nations and industry to identify climate risks and develop the tools to respond.

- B.C.'s Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy strengthens our response to climate change now and into the future.
- Immediate actions include:
    - Improving data, monitoring and forecasting
    - Developing a B.C. Flood Strategy
    - Expanding community planning and disaster risk management
    - Expanding our understanding of climate risks to coastal communities and economies
    - Improving the provincial response to extreme heat and wildfire smoke
    - Working on a watershed security strategy and assessing risks to water quality under future climates
    - Promoting reliable transportation networks by assessing climate impacts on vulnerable highway culverts and resource roads
- We continue to support a resilient forest economy through integration of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures such as climate change-informed tree species selection and management, stand and landscape management, and harvesting strategies. We have invested $235 million for wildfire risk reduction, reforestation, forest rehabilitation and other projects.
- We are investing approximately $90 million in climate adaptation funding to restore and conserve species, ecosystems and wetlands, and reduce the risk of wildfires on Crown land.
- The CleanBC program is reducing greenhouse gas emissions and is an opportunity for B.C. to mobilize our skilled workers, natural resources and technology sector to reduce climate pollution and create good jobs and economic opportunities across the province.

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Here is a snapshot of today's tweets on @EmergencyInfoBC:

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 5s

No change in #Evacuation Order & Alert for areas of the Regional District of Central Okanagan. However, the White Rock Lake #BCwildfire is showing aggressive behaviour. Residents in alert areas should be prepared to leave on short notice if conditions change. @CO_Emerg

> **Central Ok Emergency** @CO_Emerg · 6m

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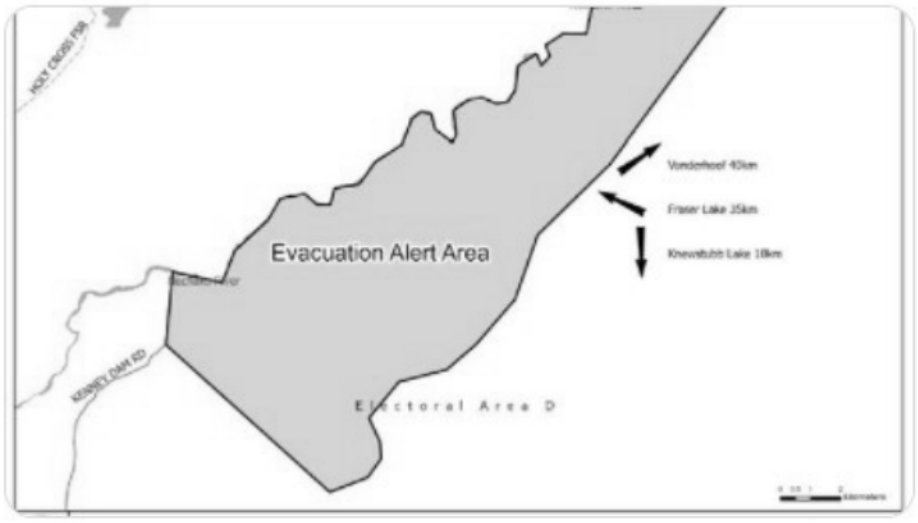
**BC Wildfire Service** @BCGovFireInfo · 17m

#BCWildfire continues to respond to the Cutoff Creek wildfire with personnel & aerial resources. The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has issued an Evacuation Alert for the vicinity of this fire. For a map of the affected area, please visit: rdbn.bc.ca

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 10h

#EvacuationOrder issued by #Cariboo Regional District for Big Stick Area 2 & 3.

Due to immediate danger, members of the RCMP or other groups will be expediting this action. Leave the area immediately.

Info at 1-866-759-4977 (until 12am) or online at: cariboord.ca/en/news/2101-0...

> **CRD** @CaribooRD · 10h

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 13h

#EvacuationAlert issued by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the Cutoff Creek area (an area ~40 km SW of #Vanderhoof, ~35 km SE of #FraserLake).

More info at: rdbn.bc.ca/departments/pr...

Cutoff Creek #BCWildfire

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 14h

#EvacuationOrder issued by Northern Rockies Regional Municipality for the Helmut Area (an area 35 km northeast of Kotcho Lake, ~130 km northeast of Fort Nelson) due to #BCwildfire risk.

More info at:

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**RDEK** @RDEastKootenay · 16h

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#EvacuationOrder downgraded to #EvacuationAlert by the Regional District #Okanagan Similkameen for 223 properties identified within the Nk'Mip Creek area of Electoral Area "A."

More info: rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/...

**RDOS EOC** @EmergMgtRDOS · 15h

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Shuswap Emergency Program @shuswapemerg · 16h

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 16h

Due to ongoing #BCwildfire activity, the provincial state of emergency has been extended to end of day August 17, 2021.

Provincial state of emergency extended

The B.C. government has extended the provincial state of emergency through the end of the day on Aug. 17, 2021, to support the ongoing ...

news.gov.bc.ca

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## EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX

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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 3, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 3.**

**Thanks,**

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**Releases:**

- BC Gov: Provincial state of emergency extended - https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021EMBC0053-001533
- BC Wildfire: Area Restriction expanded for the Gladstone Park wildfire - http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3441
- BC Wildfire: Mask and PPE donations for the Trozzo Creek wildfire - http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3442
- BC Wildfire: Northwest Fire Centre wildfire update - http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3443

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

For real-time updates on evacuation alerts and orders, visit: https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC

For the latest wildfire information, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

**FIRES**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 262
- Since April 1, 2021:
    - 1, 336 wildfires
    - 557,459 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
    - Cariboo: 50
    - Coastal: 20
    - Kamloops: 75
    - Northwest: 7
    - Prince George: 53
    - Southeast: 57

**RESOURCES**

- Personnel:

British Columbia: **2,737**

- 794 BCWS firefighters
- 376 BCWS support/overhead staff
- 1,187 contract firefighters
- 380 support/overhead staff

Out of Province: **568**

- 415 firefighters
- 153 support/overhead

- Aircraft (fixed and rotary)
    - BC: 211
    - Out-of-province: 0
- Fireline heavy and mobile equipment: 565

**EVACUATIONS:**

- Evacuation Orders: 64 (-1)
- Evacuation Alerts: 100 (+1)
- Properties:
    - Number of properties on Order: 4,296 (-324)
    - Number of properties on Alert: 20,994 (-48)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
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**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

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**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

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**Weather Forecast**

A mix of sun and cloud along with isolated showers for most of B.C. today. There is a risk of afternoon thundershowers from the Fraser River and Southeast, and over eastern sections of the Fort Nelson Fire Zone. Light winds will prevail with weak inflows during the afternoon. Some gusty winds developing in the Peace Region. Highs in the mid twenties north to mid thirties south except upper teens to low twenties in the Northwest. Extensive smoke continuing across the south.

Tonight, partly cloudy skies and mostly light and variable winds. There is a risk of nocturnal thundershowers in the far north and south. Generally good relative humidity recoveries except fair to locally poor in the south.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- Currently 244 active fires – 41 are interface fires
- Saw some evacuation numbers drop last week but over the weekend, numbers have risen again with weekend storms that were forecasted and a lot of wind
- Right now, currently at 21,000 properties on evac alert and about 4,620 on order
- Lots of press over the weekend about community of Eastgate near Manning Park being evacuated – about 100 properties
- Okanagan Indian Band had a lot of properties go from alert to order – about 800 properties
- We're looking into that one
- Overnight, saw around 1,000 properties come off alert which is good
- But over the weekend, continuing today there's been impacts to Kelowna and Penticton airports – no fly zones over fires
- For the weather coming up, more lightning today and tomorrow in Interior followed by cooling trend
- The Australian Incident Management Team will take control of Sparks Lake Fire
- For today, we have a staff media avail at 2pm with wildfire, EMBC, RCMP and Dr. Henry
- Have an MLA call at 3pm
- MFF is touring work of military with federal Minister Sajjan – feds are leading on it and sent out a media advisory this morning
- No major events or speaking opportunities – just letting media know they're in the area
- We have the provincial SOE is expiring tonight and midnight so will likely put a release out explaining that we'll be extending it – planned for 4pm

**MIRR**

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**Environment**

- Some media pickup on conservation officers handing out tickets for campfire violations

**Municipal Affairs**

- CBC story on Lytton residents who sent a letter to Minister Osborne requesting supporting for council as they rebuild
- We sent a reporter over to you this morning and will keep an eye on that

**FLNRO**

- Watching weather carefully over next few days
- Continue to support MKC on social media with fire prevention and precaution messaging
- Jordan – may be reaching out shortly about potential quote in the SOE NR

**MOTI**

- Media requests about wildfire activity and impacts on highways
- I pulled together KMs on Friday – happy to share them with you
- Jordan – I know there are a lot of highways threatened, I got a report on that this morning. I can probably share that. Beyond Hwy 97 – about half a dozen others that could be impacted
- We didn't give individual highways – just an overview and reminder to check DriveBC

**Red Cross**

- As many of you saw, there was an announcement on Friday about funding for wildfire evacuees
- Release is on BC gov website and you can visit www.redcross.ca/2021bcfires - kept regularly updated
- One-time financial assistance for people in Lytton and people under evac order for more than 10 consecutive days
- Doubling support to eligible households because of generous support
- Lytton households - $2,000
- Households evacuated for 10+ consecutive days - $1,200
- To access assistance, households must register with Red Cross to determine eligibility by calling
- Have shared updates on social media
- Jordan – we've also updated our EmergencyInfo BC website with a blurb
- Jordan – if you know of support through your agency or one of your stakeholders that evacuees could take advantage of, we've used that site for a hub for those links and information. Please flag for me if it's not already on the site.

**GCPE HQ**

- Following-up with HLTH about questions on hospital capacity based on the new health mask mandate, COVID and wildfires

**Communication Activities:**

- State of Emergency release
- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Key Messages:**

**We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.**

## COVID-19 Central Okanagan Orders & Enforcement

- Interior Health has issued a series of new measures in the central Okanagan due to an outbreak, which covers the District of Peachland, City of West Kelowna, City of Kelowna, District of Lake Country and the Regional District of Central Okanagan.
- Health measures enforceable by Police and other officials include:
    - A regional mandatory mask order for all public indoor spaces. The order applies to individuals older than12 years of age.
- There will also be continued enforcement of the Province's Step 3 Restart Plan:
    - When businesses in the central Okanagan experience three or more COVID-19 cases, medical health officers will have the option to issue a closure order.
    - Interior Health is working with our municipal partners, WorkSafe BC and Interior Health environmental public health officers to support businesses in the central Okanagan to maintain compliance with mandatory safety measures.

- These orders aren't voluntary. They have been enacted to protect individuals from a deadly virus – as well as mitigate the effects on our communities and economy – and people are required by law to follow them.

**IF ASKED HOW THESE ORDERS CAN BE ENFORCED AFTER THE END OF THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY:**

- COVID-19 is a serious, global issue, with far-reaching effects on the health, safety and security of British Columbians.
- We were under a state of provincial emergency for COVID-19 from March 18 2020 to July 1, 2021, and since that time, a series of Emergency Program Act orders remain in place to adapt our response to this rapidly evolving situation.
- This includes the Protective Measures order, which allows Police and other officials to continue to enforce and ticket contraventions health orders where necessary to keep people safe.

**IF ASKED ABOUT THE MASK ORDER:**

- We continue to battle COVID-19, and additional steps need to be taken to protect our health.
- This order gives us the tools we need to enforce the medical health officer order that masks must be worn in all indoor public places.
- Most people will do the right thing and wear a mask because they want to keep themselves and others safe, but there will always be some who choose to defy the law and put others and themselves at risk.
- These measures give police and other enforcement officials the tools to issue tickets to those disregard the rules.

**IF ASKED ABOUT MASK EXEMPTIONS:**

- This order recognizes that there are legitimate reasons that some people can't wear masks and provides exemptions accordingly. A doctor's note is not necessary.
- Everyone should keep in mind that there are valid reasons for some people not to wear masks, and not take it upon themselves to comment or intervene.

**IF ASKED ABOUT TRAVEL TO THE CENTRAL OKANAGAN:**

- People from outside the central Okanagan are discouraged from non-essential travel to the area for the duration of the outbreak unless they are fully vaccinated.

## Emergency Info BC Messaging:

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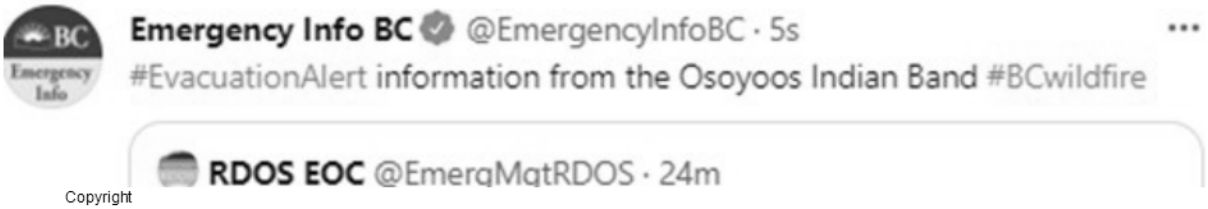
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#EvacuationAlert information from the Osoyoos Indian Band #BCwildfire
RDOS EOC @EmergMgtRDOS · 24m

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The @BCGovFireInfo is aware of online fundraising platforms being used to solicit donations to purchase masks & other PPE for firefighters, which are NOT needed. Donate carefully & learn more at:
emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/how-you-can-he... #BCwildfire
BC Wildfire Service @BCGovFireInfo · 42m
An information bulletin is available here: ow.ly/apfO50FJMN6
To share support for firefighting personnel, you can do so by posting encouraging social media comments, messages or signage on your property.
Show this thread
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 12m
#EvacuationAlert rescinded by the @CaribooRD for the Canim Lake Area.
More info at: cariboord.ca/en/index.aspx
#BCwildfire
CRD @CaribooRD · 16m

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#EvacuationAlert partially rescinded by @CaribooRD for the Horse-Lake Sheridan Lake Area #3.
More info at: cariboord.ca/en/index.aspx
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CRD @CaribooRD · 20m

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#EvacuationAlert partially rescinded by @CaribooRD for Green Lake Area.
More info at: cariboord.ca/en/index.aspx
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#EvacuationOrder for Trozzo Creek wildfire downgraded to #EvacuationAlert by @RDofCK Info: rdck.ca/EN/meta/news/n... #BCwildfire
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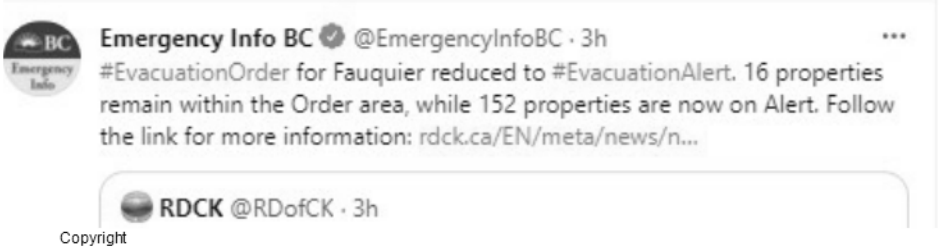

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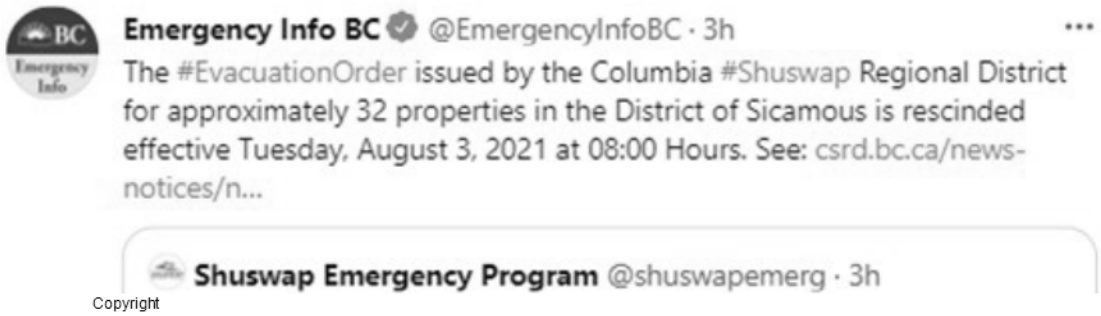
Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 3h
The #EvacuationOrder issued by the Columbia #Shuswap Regional District for approximately 32 properties in the District of Sicamous is rescinded effective Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 08:00 Hours. See: csrd.bc.ca/news-notices/n...
Shuswap Emergency Program @shuswapemerg · 3h

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TNRD @TNRD · 17h

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 15h

The #EvacuationAlert area for the Akokli Creek #BCwildfire has been reduced. 160 properties remain in the Alert area, from Lockhart Beach Provincial Park south to 11721 Hwy 3A. Follow the link for more information: ow.ly/v6Rb50FIZzy

**RDCK** @RDofCK · 18h

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The @TNRD has rescinded an @EvacuationAlert to All Clear for 650 properties in the vicinity of South Green Lake. The threat of wildfire in the area no longer poses an imminent risk to the safety of residents.
#BCWildfire
tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
TNRD @TNRD · 18h

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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 15h
The TNRD has rescinded an #EvacuationAlert to All Clear for 199 properties in the vicinity of 70 Mile House and Chasm. The threat of wildfire in the area no longer poses an imminent risk to the safety of residents. #BCWildfire
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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - August 2, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 2.**

**Thanks,**

**Jordan Turner**
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**Releases:**

- BC Wildfire: Area restriction for the Marion Lake wildfire rescinded - http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3439
- BC Wildfire: Area Restriction in effect for B-Flat Peak area - http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3440

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

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**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

**FIRES**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 250
- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1,308 wildfires
  - 555, 904 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 43
  - Coastal: 15
  - Kamloops: 75
  - Northwest: 6
  - Prince George: 51
  - Southeast: 60

**RESOURCES**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,245
- Out-of-province firefighters: 301
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 212

**EVACUATIONS:**

- Evacuation Orders: 65 (+2)
- Evacuation Alerts: 99 (-3)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 4,620 (+434)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 21,042 (-102)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
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**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

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**Weather Forecast**

Today, potential for lightning in the northeast Cariboo into the Prince George Fire Zone. Some lightning may occur in the southeast. Local rainfalls of 10-15 mm in the Mackenzie Fire Zone. The coast and western Interior turn dry and the smoke is expected to clear from the south coast as the upper flow turns southwest. Lightning will continue overnight in the northwest. Winds will ease except where thunderstorms persist. Overnight recoveries will be fair to good locally poor from the Cariboo to Kamloops Fire Centres. Anticipating a shift by the end of next week, bringing about cooler temperatures and some rain. Ridge forecast to build once again over the weekend.

**Key Facts**

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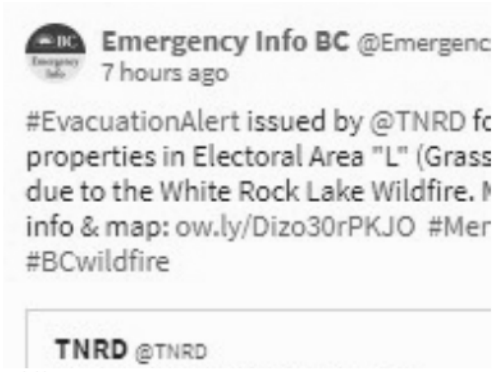


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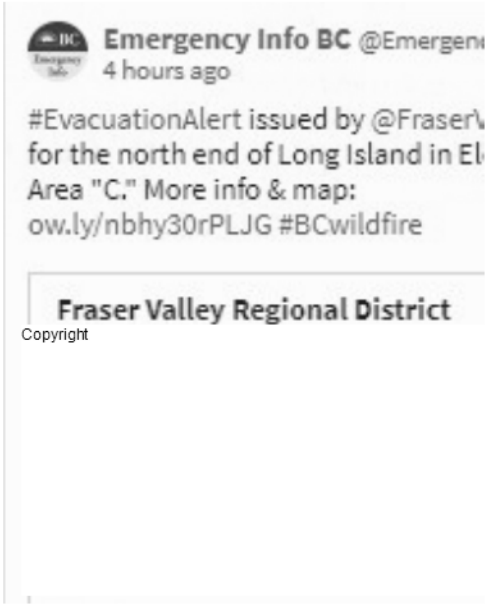


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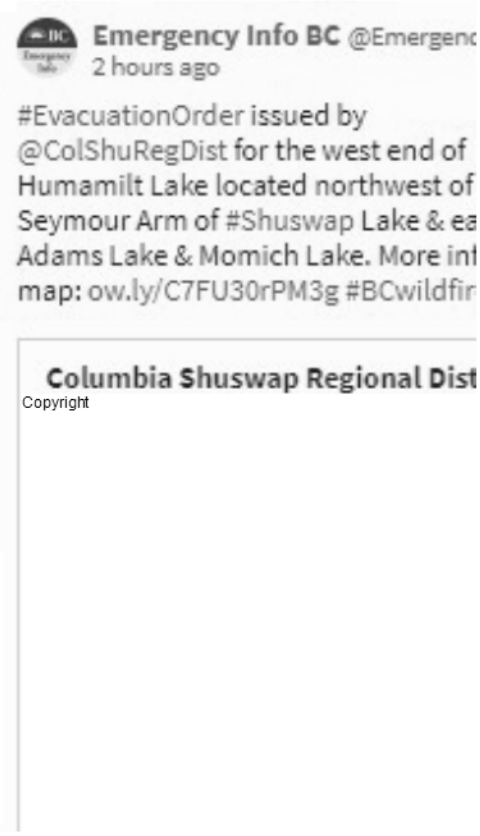


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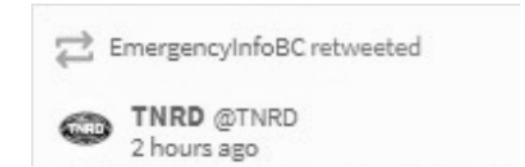


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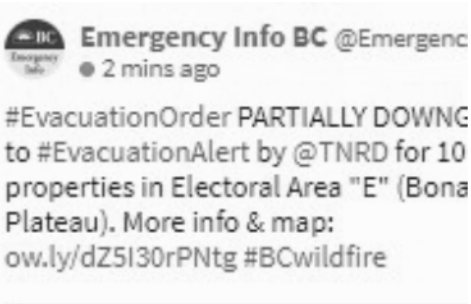

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**Releases:**

- **Increased fire activity on the Bill Nye Mountain fire:**
  http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3438
- **Swift Creek landslide evacuation alert:**
  https://valemount.ca/uploads/Media-Release-J31-200-pm.pdf
- **BC Wildfire Service update – July 31, 2021:**
  https://www.rdos.bc.ca/assets/Uploads/21-71W22KC-Okanagan-Complex-Community-Bulletin-July-31.pdf

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**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,280 wildfires, resulting in nearly 526, 361 hectares of area burned. About seven per cent of the 241 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 68 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 25 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 37 of which are Wildfires of Note, 18 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre. For more information visit the Wildfires of Note webpage.

**Weather Forecast**

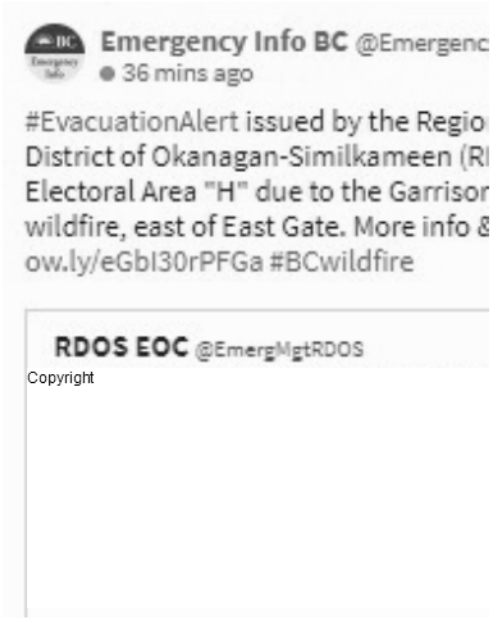
The plume of moisture spreading northward over Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland has shifted inland slightly but the threat of lightning has diminished over the coast and southwestern interior. Rainshowers are spreading north up the Fraser Canyon into the Kamloops Fire Centre. Later in the day, lightning will develop again in the northern Cariboo, through the Northwest and Prince George Fire Centres where there is potential for high-based dry, lightning with gusty winds. Temperatures in the Southern Interior come down by about 10 degrees with the increasing cloud cover. Winds will be terrain driven and may gust to 60km/h near thunderstorms.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**




There were no issues observed on social media today; online chatter focused heavily on smoky skies and concerns about air quality in coastal BC.

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**Thanks,**

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**Releases:**

- **Chief coroner's statement on public safety during high temperatures:**
  https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0071-001523

- **Aerial planned ignition for Mount Hunter fire:**
  http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3436

- **Campfires prohibited in the Robson Valley Fire Zone:**
  http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3435

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Saturday, July 31, 2021.

For real-time updates on evacuation alerts and orders, visit: https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC

For the latest wildfire information, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

**FIRES**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 247
- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1,275 wildfires
  - 501,676 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 39
  - Coastal: 11
  - Kamloops: 79
  - Northwest: 6
  - Prince George: 47
  - Southeast: 65

**RESOURCES**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,230
- Out-of-province firefighters: 301
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 237

**EVACUATIONS:**

- Evacuation Orders: 61 (+1)
- Evacuation Alerts: 101 (+4)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 3,163 (+43)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 19,862 (+1,027)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0 Orders 0 Alerts
  - Northwest: 0 Orders 1 Alert
  - Northeast: 1 Order 12 Alerts
  - Central: 54 (+1) Order 77 Alerts (+3)
  - Southeast: 6 Orders 8 Alerts
  - Southwest: 0 Orders 3 (+1) Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- Ashcroft Indian Band (Facebook page)
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Bridge River Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Cariboo Regional District
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- District of Logan Lake (Evacuation Alert – July 24; Evacuation Alert – July 30; Evacuation Alert Map – July 30)
- District of 100 Mile House
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Okanagan Indian Band
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page) (Evacuation Order)
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Lytton

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,266 wildfires, resulting in nearly 480,039 hectares of area burned. About five per cent of the 245 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 70 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 25 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 37 of which are Wildfires of Note, 18 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre. For more information visit the Wildfires of Note webpage.

**Weather Forecast**

A plume of instability and moisture is spreading northward over Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland overnight. The plume will head up the Fraser Canyon into the central interior. The entire interior destabilizes and there is a threat of high-based dry, lightning with gusty winds developing. Temperatures reach the low 40s along the US border. Winds will again be mostly influenced by terrain and differential heating in areas where smoke dampens heating. Winds will gust to 60km/h near thunderstorm cells. The heat peaks in the interior but local temperatures and relative humidities will be moderated by the increasing cloud cover from the south and smoke. Tonight, lightning will diminish overnight but isolated flashes may persist in the north and may develop again late overnight along the US border east of the Coast Mountains. Winds ease. Overnight recoveries will be poor over much of the cloudless interior.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**Key Messages:**
**We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.**

New messaging:

**Additional financial support for wildfire evacuees (announced July 30):**

The EmergencyInfoBC Recovery and supports page (https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfire-recovery/) has been updated to include the following information:

**Financial support for Lytton, wildfire evacuees**

The B.C. government and the Red Cross are working together to provide financial assistance for people impacted by the 2021 wildfire season.

Households in the Lytton area qualify for one-time $2,000 payments distributed by the Red Cross. This includes people from the Village of Lytton and Lytton First Nation.

All other households in B.C. under a mandatory evacuation order for longer than 10 consecutive days during the 2021 wildfire season will be eligible to receive a one-time payment of $1,200.

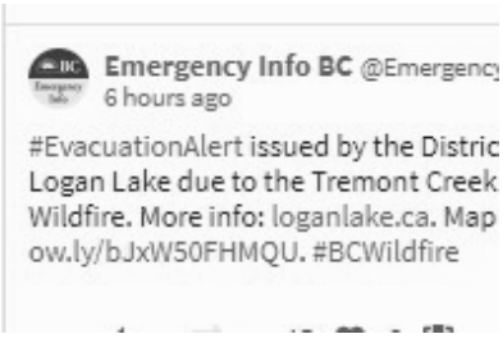
People can access these funds by registering with the Red Cross by calling 1 800 863-6582 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pacific time. Payments will be made by e-transfer.

The program will be open until Aug. 31, 2021, for those impacted by the Lytton fire.

For those under evacuation orders for more than 10 consecutive days, applications will be accepted until 30 days after the evacuation order is lifted.

For more information on the Canadian Red Cross response to wildfires, visit www.redcross.ca/2021bcfires.

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**



We also added the Financial Support for Wildfire Evacuees web content to EmergencyInfoBC.

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**Releases:**

- **Emergency Management B.C.: Additional financial support for Lytton, wildfire evacuees:** https://news.gov.bc.ca/25059
- **Ministry of Health: British Columbians helping out during second heat wave:** https://news.gov.bc.ca/25057
- **Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development: Extreme caution urged over B.C. Day long weekend:** https://news.gov.bc.ca/25038
- **Infrastructure Canada: Canada and British Columbia invest in critical infrastructure to prevent floods in Squamish:** https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2021/07/canada-and-british-columbia-invest-in-critical-infrastructure-to-prevent-floods-in-squamish.html
- **BC Wildfire Service: Aerial planned ignition for Mount Hunter fire:** http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3436

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**FIRES**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 241
- Since April 1, 2021:
  - 1,261 wildfires
  - 470,784 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 38
  - Coastal: 4
  - Kamloops: 81
  - Northwest: 4
  - Prince George: 49
  - Southeast: 65

**RESOURCES**

- Personnel
  - BCWS: 2,073
  - BC Contractors: 1,165
  - Out-of-province: 297
- Aircraft (fixed and rotary)
  - BC: 202
  - Out-of-province: 0
- Fireline heavy and mobile equipment: 508

**EVACUATIONS:**

- Evacuation Orders: 60
- Evacuation Alerts: 97 (+5)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 3,120 (+62)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 18,835 (+144)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0 Orders 0 Alerts

- Northwest: 0 Orders, 1 Alert
- Northeast: 1 Order, 12 (+1) Alerts
- Central: 53 Orders, 74 (+6) Alerts
- Southeast: 6 Orders, 8 Alerts
- Southwest: 0 Order, 2 Alerts

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**Weather Forecast**

Smoke is spreading northward through the central interior. The warming, drying airmass is increasingly subject to southerly flow, which moves moisture and instability northward through the weekend. Late this afternoon, there is a 30% chance of lightning from Manning Park to the Similkameen. Winds will again be mostly influenced by terrain and differential heating in areas where smoke dampens heating. Temperatures are trending upward with relative humidities down. Tonight, the potential for dry, high[1]based lightning increases after midnight through southern Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Winds will ease. Overnight recoveries will be poor from Cariboo through Kamloops and the Southeast Fire Centre and increasingly poor in the Prince George Fire Centre.

**Key Facts**

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**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- Have seen some rescinded orders overnight
- RDS for 191 properties – Nk'Mip Creek Fire and properties will remain on alert
- Sparks Lake Fire – TNRD order issued July 13 was downgraded to an alert
- TNRD also partially downgraded order to alert for seven properties in Copper Desert Area
- TNRD downgraded order for 74 more properties to alert in Electoral Area J
- Good news on the fire front
- Most of the overnight activity was around downgrading orders to alert
- With the heat conditions in next few days – expecting increase in fire behaviour and storm forecast for tomorrow that could cause new lightning issues
- High alert for BCWS and government in general for the heat problems
- HLTH NR coming out shortly and planning media avail later in the day with both ministers involved
- Planning on sending an NR later today on direct monetary supports to evacuees – including Lytton area evacuees and all other evacuees that are out for more than 10 days in other parts of the province
- It will be released in the next few hours – just trying to line up the best timing

**MIRR**

- Indigenous Services Canada had an all Chiefs council this morning
- Had ministry staff attend and understand we're going to hear more actions coming out from fed and provincial ministers

**Health**

- Watching heat and fires and smoke
- MA going out shortly and NR on the actions underway to ensure we're prepared
- MMF, Min Dix and Dr. Henry

**Agriculture**

- Farmers continue to express concerns about weather conditions and drought – continued media coverage – nothing new

**FLNRO**

- Long weekend NR went out this morning
    - https://news.gov.bc.ca/25038
- Jordan – there is another long weekend release that went out from Adventure Smart and it has a quote from PS Rice about safety

**RCMP**

- Media inquiry asking about stolen fire equipment – s.16
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**Jordan**

- Won't need calls through the weekend – next call would be Tuesday given the holiday. Please be in touch if anything comes up.

**Communication Activities:**

- Additional financial support for Lytton, wildfire evacuees. Link: https://news.gov.bc.ca/25059
- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Media Avail: Heat Warning
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Key Messages:**
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New messaging:

**Additional financial support for Lytton, wildfire evacuees (announced July 30)**

- This has been an extremely difficult time for the people of Lytton and nearby Indigenous communities – many who lost their homes in the recent wildfire.

  The B.C. Government is teaming up with the Canadian Red Cross to provide each household impacted by the Lytton wildfire with $2,000 in interim financial support.
- This is interim support for Lytton – we're working with the local keep listening to Lytton residents to determine how we can best support them moving forward through recovery and rebuilding.
- In addition, all households in B.C. under mandatory evacuation order for longer than 10 consecutive days during the 2021 wildfire season will be eligible to apply for a one-time payment of $1,200.
- We're working with the Red Cross to get this funding into the hands of people as quickly as possible to help meet their immediate needs and extraordinary costs associated with being evacuated.

Heat Wave:

**Ministry of Health:**

- B.C. is once again in the midst of a serious heat event, with many part of the province also experiencing poor air quality from the fire smoke. This extreme heat is expected to last through to Saturday July 31. Extreme heat is dangerous and can have devastating and deadly consequences.
- The Province is working closely together with health authorities and local governments to take action to protect people and communities. Health-authorities have opened cooling centres and are focused action throughout the health-care system with targeted support for vulnerable British Columbians, including seniors, and support for local communities and First Nations through Emergency Management BC.
- Staff have been redeployed where needed to assist people in need during this heat wave. The new Chief Ambulance Officer is working with paramedic and dispatch leaders to ensure their staff are prepared for the hotter weather. BC Emergency Health Services is activating provincial and regional emergency operations centres, and deploying managers to assist in reducing offload delays, and keep paramedics on the road and hydrated.
- It's important for people to drink plenty of water, limit physical activity outdoors, stay indoors in an air-conditioned place, and check in with loved ones, especially those most at risk, including infants and young children and older people. If you have mild heat exhaustion, move to a cooler environment, drink plenty of cool, non-alcoholic fluids, rest, and/or take a cool shower or bath.
- We are also asking British Columbians to make sure they have a plan to also ensure the safety of loved ones. Check in on elderly family, neighbours and loved ones to make sure they are okay. Check on those who are unable to leave their homes and people with emotional or mental-health challenges whose judgment may be impaired. People should be vigilant, watch for warnings and take steps to stay safe during extreme heat. Follow health advice and call for emergency help if you need it.

- The heat wave is a stark reminder of the impacts of climate change and the need to prepare for hotter weather and more frequent heat events – as people, as a government and as a health system.
- If anyone is suffering from a serious health emergency do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 for help. If your condition is not urgent but you need medical advice there is also the 811 service.

**EMBC specific:**

- Emergency Management BC is working with local government, First Nations, First Nations Health Authority and Indigenous Services Canada to make supports available to them.
- This includes reimbursements for:
  - Opening cooling centres.
  - Transportation to and from cooling centers in communities where no scheduled public or reasonable transportation exists.
  - Staff wages and overtime to open a civic facility that would otherwise not be open.
  - Water for distribution within the facility.
- With the reality of climate change causing heat waves in British Columbia, we can't ignore the potential for this to become more common in the future.
- We have seen the hottest temperatures ever recorded in Canada.
- So after we're past this, we all need to take a hard look at what we need to change for the future.
- We're taking more than a dozen actions this year as part of the first phase of the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy to help set the stage for future work.
- Cooling Centres are currently activated in the following communities, as reported to EMBC as of July 30 at 3:45PM, noting there also may be more that we have not been made aware of:

Southwest Region

- Burnaby
- Camp Hope (for Lytton evacuees)
- Coquitlam
- Delta
- Hope
- Kent District (Agassiz)
- Maple Ridge
- New Westminster
- Port Moody
- Richmond
- Squamish District
- Surrey
- Vancouver City
- White Rock

Vancouver Island and Central Coast Region

- Comox
- Courtenay
- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- Cowichan Valley Tribes
- Naniamo Regional District
- Nanoose First Nation
- Snuneymuxw First Nation
- Tla'amin Nation (Powell River)
- Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation (Tofino)
- Tsartlip First Nation

Central and Southeast Region

- Creston
- Lytton First Nation
- Ts'kw'aylaxw (Pavilion) First Nation

- We are also working with communities to help them look at options such as libraries, community centres, universities, schools, etc. that have air conditioning and would work as cooling centres.

- If you need to find cooling centres, check your local government website or the EMBC Emergency Info website - emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/ - which is currently set up for evacuees and now expanded to include public safety information for the heat wave.

*Ad Campaign:*
In the interest of public safety and in order to reach a broader range of British Columbians, government has invested in a radio campaign to provide critical info during this second heat wave. Along with radio ads, social media posts will also provide much needed information on how to find local supports.

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 1h
#EvacuationAlert issued by the Regional District of Central Okanagan ( @CO_Emerg) for properties in the Central #Okanagan due to the White Rock Lake #BCwildfire.
More info: cordemergency.ca/node/459
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White Rock Lake Wildfire Evacuation Alert tinyurl.com/yfs9fdwz
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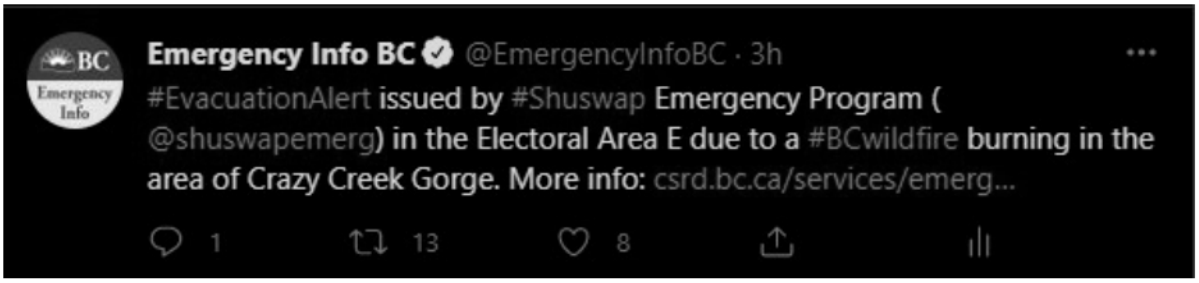
Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 3h
#EvacuationAlert issued by #Shuswap Emergency Program ( @shuswapemerg) in the Electoral Area E due to a #BCwildfire burning in the area of Crazy Creek Gorge. More info: csrd.bc.ca/services/emerg...
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Stay safe this #BC Day long weekend:

Heed campfire & open fire bans from @BCGovFireInfo
Use @DriveBC to plan your travel
Do NOT travel to areas impacted by wildfires (emergencyinfobc.ca)
Heed @CDCofBC's advice for staying safe during the heat wave

#BCwildfire

**You** and 4 others

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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 5h
The @TNRD has issued an #EvacuationOrder for 125 properties in Electoral Area "E" (Bonaparte Plateau) due to the Flat Lake Wildfire. #BCWildfire
tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
TNRD @TNRD · 5h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 19h
The @TNRD has partially downgraded an #EvacuationOrder to an #EvacuationAlert for 74 properties in Electoral Area "J" and "E". 62 properties remain on Evacuation Order, as outlined in the below map.
tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
Sparks Lake #BCwildfire
TNRD @TNRD · 19h

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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 20h
The @TNRD has partially downgraded an #EvacuationOrder to #EvacuationAlert for 7 properties in Electoral Area "J". The area along Sabiston Creek FSR remains on Evacuation Order, as identified on the below map.
Info: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
Sparks Lake #BCwildfire
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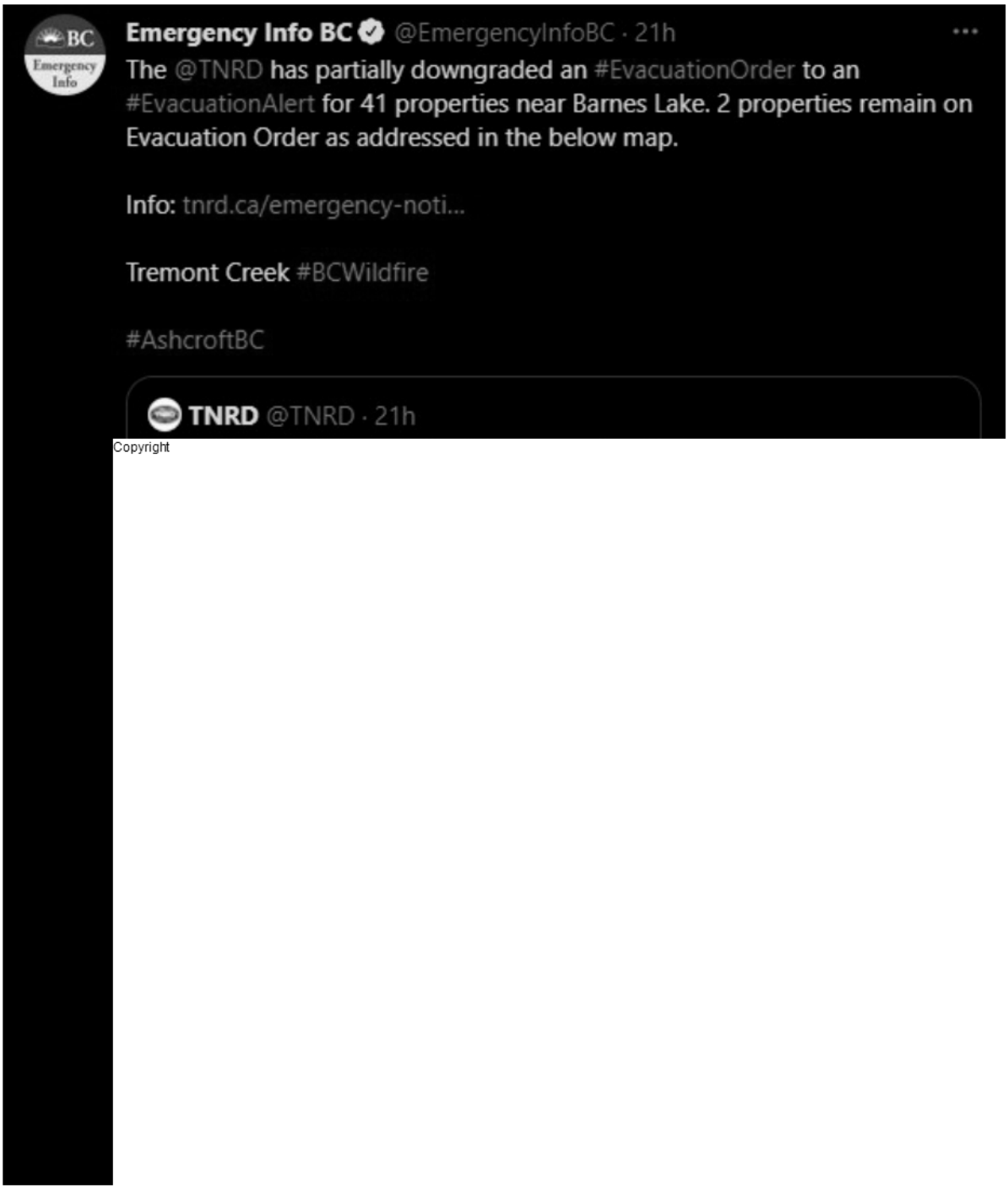
Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 21h
The @TNRD has partially downgraded an #EvacuationOrder to an #EvacuationAlert for 41 properties near Barnes Lake. 2 properties remain on Evacuation Order as addressed in the below map.
Info: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
Tremont Creek #BCWildfire
#AshcroftBC
TNRD @TNRD · 21h

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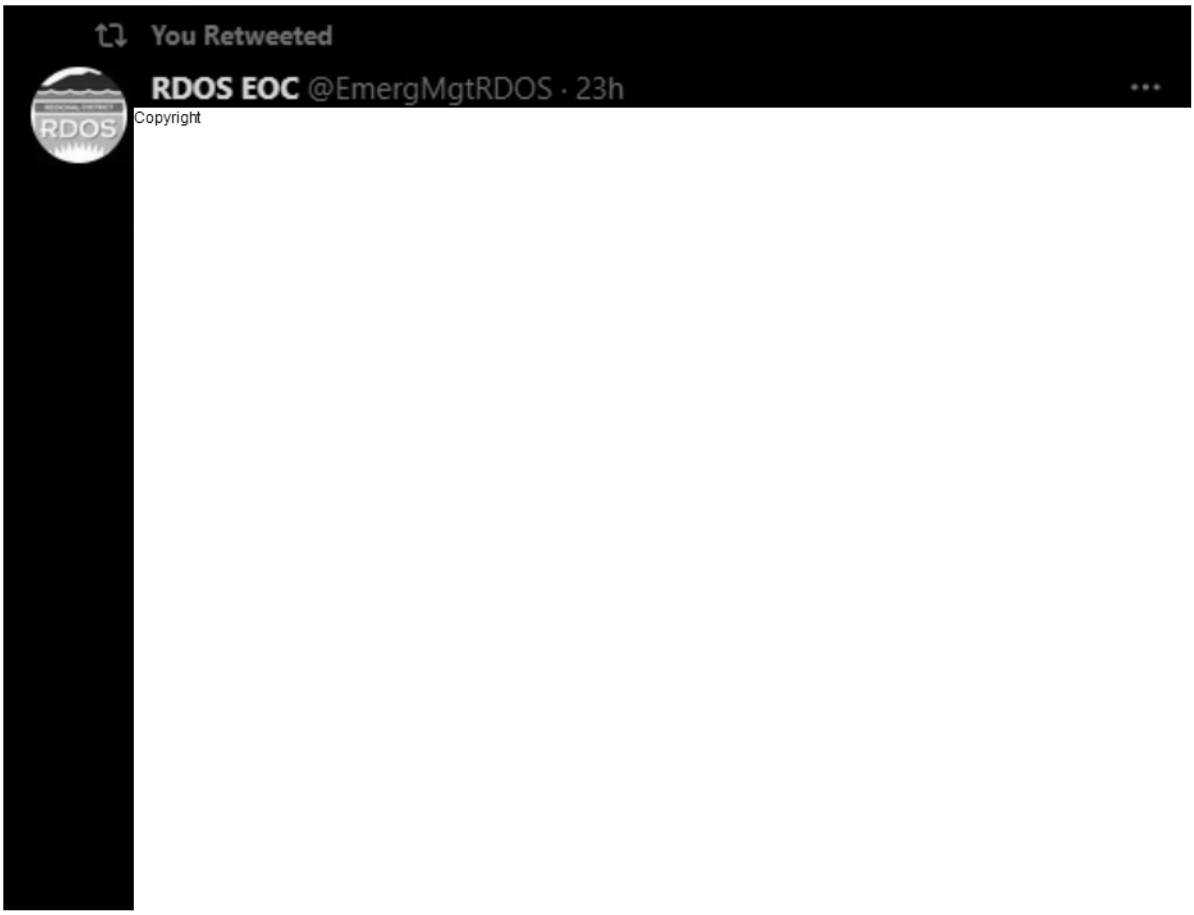
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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - July 29, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for July 29.**

**Thanks,**

**Jordan Turner**
Communications Director | EMBC
Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre
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**Releases:**

- **Office of the Premier: British Columbians invited to salute front-line heroes on B.C. Day:** https://news.gov.bc.ca/25046
- **Fraser Health: With a Heat Warning issued yesterday by Environment Canada, advising of increasing temperatures this week, medical health officers for Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) remind residents to take precautions to protect themselves and each other from the heat.:** https://www.fraserhealth.ca/news/2021/Jul/public-health-officials-provide-guidance-ahead-of-high-temperatures-this-weekend#.YQMa8Y5KjIU
- **Vancouver Coastal Health: Public Health officials provide guidance ahead of high temperatures this weekend:** http://www.vch.ca/about-us/news/news-releases/public-health-officials-provide-guidance-ahead-of-high-temperatures-this-weekend
- **BC Wildfire Service: Planned ignitions for Tentfire Creek wildfire:** http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp_ID=3429

**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Thursday, July 29, 2021.

For real-time updates on evacuation alerts and orders, visit: https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC

For the latest wildfire information, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

**FIRES**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 248
- Since April 1, 2021:
    - 1, 254 wildfires
    - 462,959 hectares of area burned

- Active fires by fire centre:
    - Cariboo: 39
    - Coastal: 3
    - Kamloops: 79
    - Northwest: 4
    - Prince George: 50
    - Southeast: 67

**RESOURCES**

- Personnel
    - BCWS: 2,120
    - BC Contractors: 1,092
    - Out-of-province: 299
- Aircraft (fixed and rotary)
    - BC: 193
    - Out-of-province: 0
- Fireline heavy and mobile equipment: 548

**Evacuations:**

- Evacuation Orders: 60 (-2)
- Evacuation Alerts: 92 (+5)
- Properties:
    - Number of properties on Order: 3,058 (-385)
    - Number of properties on Alert: 18,691 (+994)

- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:

- Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0
- Northwest: 0 Order 1 Alerts
- Northeast: 1 Order 13 (+1) Alerts
- Central: 53 Orders and 68 (+4) Alerts
- Southeast: 6 (-2) Orders and 8 Alerts
- Southwest: 0 Orders and 2 Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- Ashcroft Indian Band (Facebook page)
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Cariboo Regional District
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- District of Logan Lake (Evacuation Alert)
- District of 100 Mile House
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Okanagan Indian Band
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page) (Evacuation Order)
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Lytton

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,250 wildfires, resulting in nearly 456, 083 hectares of area burned. About five per cent of the 245 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 70 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 25 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 36 of which are Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre.

**Weather Forecast**

An upper ridge over the interior is building northward. A warming and drying airmass will become increasingly subject to southerly flow moving moisture and instability northward through the weekend. Winds will be locally influenced by terrain and differential heating in areas where smoke dampens heating. Tonight winds will ease over the Peace. The slight chance of lightning ends this evening. Recoveries will be poor from Cariboo through Kamloops and the Southeast Fire Centre and increasingly poor in the far north as temperatures rise to the low 30s. Tomorrow will be increasingly hot and dusty again. Winds variable 5-15 km in the valley bottoms. Temperatures will reach the upper 30s along the US border and through Lytton.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- Big news for us was last night the earthquake that happened in Alaska, kind of along the Alaska Peninsula
- Around 1130pm there was a large earthquake – reportedly the largest in US in the last 50 years
- BC was under evaluation for risk for tsunamis for about three hours but was deemed to be no risk – didn't result in a large tsunami
- For our part, we sent out a pacific emergency notification system alert – text to speech phone call that went to select gov staff, media
- We were ready to deploy the AlertReady system if needed but no tsunami warning was issued for the BC coast
- The only local government that evacuated was Kitimat and returned once the all clear was given at about 230am
- We are adding to our 2pm media avail today – instead of the regular EMBC, RCMP and Health – we're adding another EMBC spokesperson – exec direct of Disaster Risk Reduction, who covers our seismic files – Kathryn Forge
- She will provide and update and answer questions around how long it took, that kind of thing
- Large apartment fire in Chilliwack – 50 units evacuated overnight
- One confirmed fatality and we're waiting for more information
- Those evacuated are being supported through ESS
- Wildfires - there were some changes overnight
- BCWS implemented area restriction around Cutoff Creek Fire – Bulkley Nechako
- Sparks Lake Fire - TNRD downgraded evac order to an alert for 110 properties, so good news on at least one front of that fire
- Flat Lake Fire – covering parts of NE – TNRD issued evac alert for 161 properties – Bonaparte Plateau
- Young Lake Fire – TNRD issued a partial evac, order rescinded and changed to alert

**Health**

- Working with health authorities – getting info from them on actions they're taking for the heat and asking them to send us anything new
- Might have media avail tomorrow on the heat
- Jordan – we've sent your shop some lines about opening cooling centres

**FLNRO**

- Long weekend fire precautions NR has been bumped from today to tomorrow – around 745am
- Added to the NR that Haida Gwaii campfire band rescinded

**Indigenous Services Canada**

- Minister is in Kamloops today
- Supposed to be in Emergency Agreement Meeting with Minister Rankin – not sure if that's happening because I heard flying into Kamloops was difficult so I'm not sure what's happening now
- MIRR – I'll check on that and get back to Jordan and ISC directly

**RCMP**

- We won't have a formal update on the media avail this afternoon but will be available for questions
- Putting out reminders for safe travel for long weekend – will leave forest fire stuff to FLNRO

**Public Safety Canada**

- Can confirm that it's difficult to fly into the Kamloops airport because our minister attempted yesterday but the flight wasn't able to land so he only did aerial view of the area and then had to go back to Vancouver
- In the end, no visit to Kamloops yesterday
- He tweeted a couple times about his visit to BC
    - https://twitter.com/BillBlair

**BC Hydro**

- Power should be restored to remaining customers in the Lytton area within the next couple days

**Fortis**

- Asking customers in Osoyoos area to reduce energy use from 4-8pm over the long weekend to help our system

**Destination BC**

- Confirming that our teams are going to be pushing out safety content – started today and will go out daily throughout the weekend
- Know before you go, wildfire app, etc. – directing people to information

**MIRR**

- Just got confirmation that Minister Rankin went yesterday via Kelowna and is meeting with the federal minister today

**Communication Activities:**

- Worked on Canadian Red Cross announcement
- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Media Avail: Wildfire Update
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 7m
The #Cariboo Regional District has issued an #EvacuationAlert for Flat Lake West due to the Flat Lake #BCwildfire, located 27 km southwest of #100MileHouse.
More info: cariboord.ca/en/news/2021-0...
CRD @CaribooRD · 22m

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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 16m
#EvacuationAlert issued by Regional District #Okanagan-Similkameen due to the Cool Creek #BCwildfire, north of Cathedral Provincial Park.
More info: rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/...
RDOS EOC @EmergMgtRDOS · 34m
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 2h
The Regional District of #Kootenay Boundary has downgraded an #EvacuationOrder to an #EvacuationAlert for 91 properties in the Sidley and Bridesville areas of Electoral Area E (areas east of #Osoyoos, west of Rock Creek).
Info: emergency.rdkb.com/Current-Emerge...
Nk'Mip Creek #BCwildfire
RDKB Emergency Info @RDKB_Emergency · 2h
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**BC Government News** @BCGovNews · 3h

A heat warning is in effect in many parts of BC. Make sure to stay hydrated, and spend time in cool spaces. Check in on your loved ones and neighbours, especially seniors. Learn more about heat illness and how you can stay safe: healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-f...

#BCHeat

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 13h

There is no tsunami threat to #BC as a result of the 8.2M earthquake that was detected earlier this evening southeast of Chignik, Alaska.

**NWS Tsunami Alerts** @NWS_NTWC · 13h

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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 14h
At this time the tsunami risk to the #BC coast is still under evaluation. We'll share new information as soon as it's available.
NWS Tsunami Alerts @NWS_NTWC · 14h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 14h
The earthquake is being evaluated for #BC specific info. The risk assessment process includes confirmed observation of a generated tsunami. After confirmation experts then determine the tsunami threat level and possible wave arrival times. Info will be shared as soon as available
NWS Tsunami Alerts @NWS_NTWC · 14h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 15h
This earthquake is being evaluated for #BC specific info. After an earthquake, different evaluations are done to produce the most accurate tsunami assessment possible. This data will inform the final threat level for BC. Stand by for more info.
NWS Tsunami Alerts @NWS_NTWC · 15h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 15h
The earthquake is being evaluated; stand by for #BC specific info.
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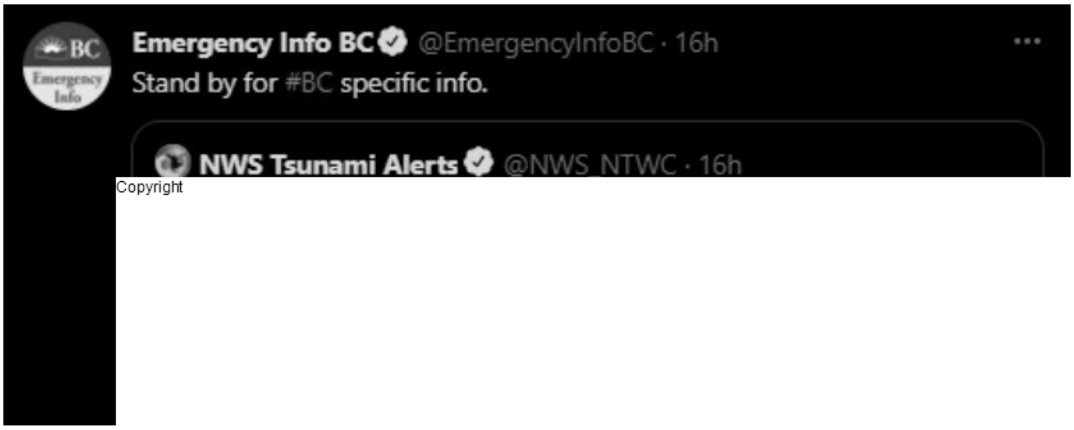
Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 16h
Stand by for #BC specific info.
NWS Tsunami Alerts @NWS_NTWC · 16h

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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 18h
The @TNRD has issued an #EvacuationAlert for 161 properties in the vicinity of the Flat Lake #BCwildfire, in an area NW of #ClintonBC and west of 70 Mile House.
More info and map: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
TNRD @TNRD · 18h

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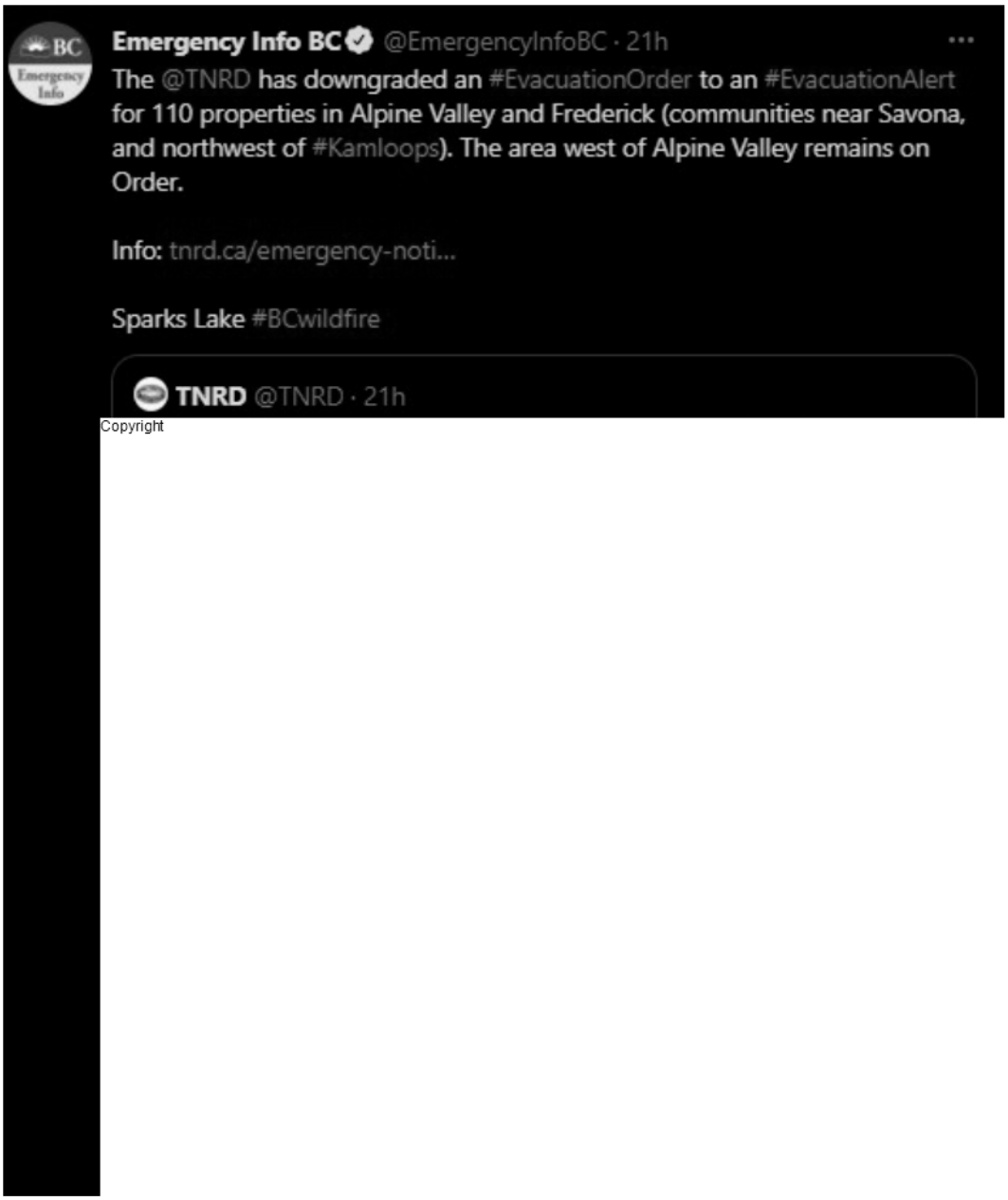
Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 21h
The @TNRD has downgraded an #EvacuationOrder to an #EvacuationAlert for 110 properties in Alpine Valley and Frederick (communities near Savona, and northwest of #Kamloops). The area west of Alpine Valley remains on Order.
Info: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
Sparks Lake #BCwildfire
TNRD @TNRD · 21h
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**Releases:**

- **Interior Health: New health measures to contain COVID-19 outbreak in Central Okanagan:** https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/MediaCentre/NewsReleases/Documents/New%20health%20measures%20to%20contain%20COVID-19%20outbreak%20in%20Central%20Okanagan.pdf
- **BC Wildfire Service: Planned ignitions for Octopus and Michaud creeks wildfires:** http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3428
- **BC Wildfire Service: Planned ignition for Mineral Creek wildfire:** http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3427
- **BC Wildfire Service: Drone intrusion into Arrow Lake wildfire complex airspace:** http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3426
- **BC Wildfire Service: Area Restriction for Cutoff Creek Wildfire:** http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3424

- **BC Wildfire Service: Campfire prohibition lifted in Haida Gwaii:** http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3421

- **BC Wildfire Service: Thomas Creek wildfire Area Restriction Order Update:** http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3420

- **BC Wildfire Service: Campfire prohibition to be lifted throughout Prince George and Northwest Fire Centres:** http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3418

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

**Date: July 28, 2021**

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**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

VICTORIA – The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

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For the latest wildfire information, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

**Fires:**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 248
- Since April 1:
  - 1, 251 wildfires
  - 454,433 hectares burnt
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 37
  - Coastal: 4
  - Kamloops: 84
  - Northwest: 4
  - Prince George: 51
  - Southeast: 68

**Crews and equipment:**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,693 (total, includes out of province and aerial support)
- Out-of-province firefighters: 316
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 187

**Evacuations:**

- Evacuation Orders: 62 (-1)

Evacuation Alerts: 87 (-6)

- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 3,443 (+68)
    Number of properties on Alert: 17,679 (-386)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0
  - Northwest: 0 Order 1 Alerts
  - Northeast: 1 Order 12 Alerts
  - Central: 53 (+1) Orders and 64 (+1) Alerts
  - Southeast: 8 Orders and 8 Alerts
  - Southwest: 0 Orders and 2 Alerts

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Tuesday, July 28, 2021.

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**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

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- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
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- Regional District of East Kootenay
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- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
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- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
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**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

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**Weather Forecast**

Few showers across the Skeena. Some subtropical moisture moving north from the US border later today, bringing a slight chance of dry lightning to the southeast corner. Little change in temperatures or relative humidities in the south but warming and drying elsewhere as the ridge pushes north. The area of relative humidities dipping into the low teens increases in the south interior. Heat, smoke and a weak pressure gradient will contribute to variable wind conditions in the southern interior.

Tonight, the chance of lightning will continue into the evening and overnight in the southeast. Recoveries will be increasingly poor from 100 Mile through Kamloops and the Southeast Fire Centre. Winds ease.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- Still quite busy on the fire front
- Several more evacuation orders lifted since yesterday
- A few fires are still causing challenges
- White Rock Lake Fire has led to new evacs in three different RDs
- Overnight around 50 properties evacuated from Lazy Lake area of East Kootenays – Bill Nye Fire
- As you're aware, we have a heat wave coming to southern BC
- So far heat warnings have been issued for east coast of island and several areas around the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley and moving into Interior
- Heat statements for most of southern BC and in next day or so, expect that heat warnings will be issued in many of those as well
- From what I've read, tomorrow, Friday will be quite bad into Saturday
- Worked with HLTH and they might have an update on how to stay cool
- Not much to report from 2pm update yesterday – went well, straightforward questions
- Looking to put out a couple releases in the next few days
- One partnering with Adventure Smart with quote from PS Rice
- Another cross-ministry overview with assistance from FLNRO

**Health**

- Yesterday late afternoon we issued a NR on the coming heat wave and included quotes from Min Dix, DBH and MMF
- Interior health sent IB this morning with a heat warning
- There will be one going from Fraser Health, Coastal Health on the same topic
- Island Health not doing an IB yet but doing a social media push
- At 1230 today there will be a COVID update for the interior – media teleconference with Min Dix, DBH and Dr. Sue Pollock, IH's chief medical health officer
- COVID update and messaging on evacuees in the areas
- Jordan - we'll keep in close contact on messaging

**FLNRO**

- Thanks EMBC and HLTH for the long weekend NR – will go out sometime tomorrow morning

**Public Safety Canada**

- Minister Blair has arrived in Vancouver and will get on a plane in about 20 minutes to Kamloops
- While there, he'll visit the PREOC, RCMP and CAF air assets near the airport
- He'll be in BC for three days but I believe this is the only wildfire related event that he's doing
- Don't think any of this will involve media but we are planning to possibly do some social media posts about this
- FLNRO – is Minister of National Defence, Minister Sajjan on with Public Safety Minister?
- I'm not sure, it doesn't include that level of detail in the itinerary but I understand Minister Sajjan is also in the province
- RCMP – confirmed that Minister Sajjan should not be with Minister Blair and media was not invited to any of the events
- Jordan – I've heard the same, no public events. s.16

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**Destination BC**

- Our consumer teams are planning on post for Friday around wildfire safety including messaging in Monday's release including backcountry safety – encouraging people to be safe over the long weekend
- Jordan – our spokesperson spoke to some of your messaging yesterday and planning on putting more of it in the long weekend release from FLNRO tomorrow

**GCPE HQ**

- Supporting on the announcement today from HLTH and EMBC side

**Communication Activities:**

- Worked on Canadian Red Cross announcement
- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Key Messages:**

**We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.**

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

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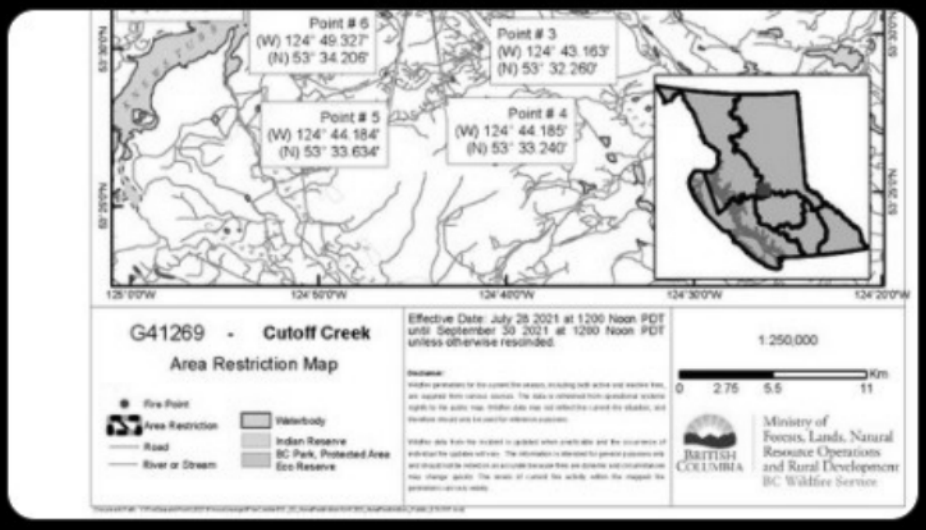
**BC Wildfire Service** @BCGovFireInfo · 28m

The #BCWildfire Service has implemented an Area Restriction Order for the vicinity of the Cutoff Creek (G41269) wildfire. The size of the area restriction reflects the continued need to protect the public in areas where there are ongoing fire suppression activities.

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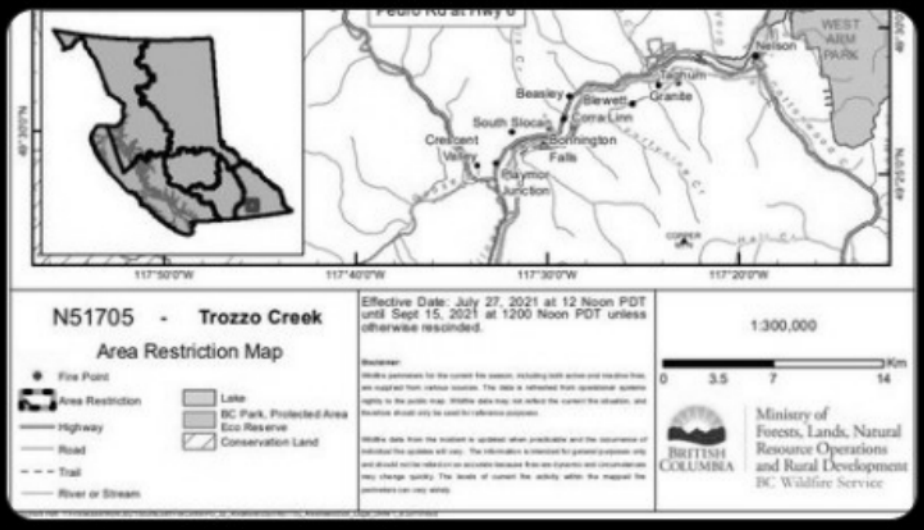


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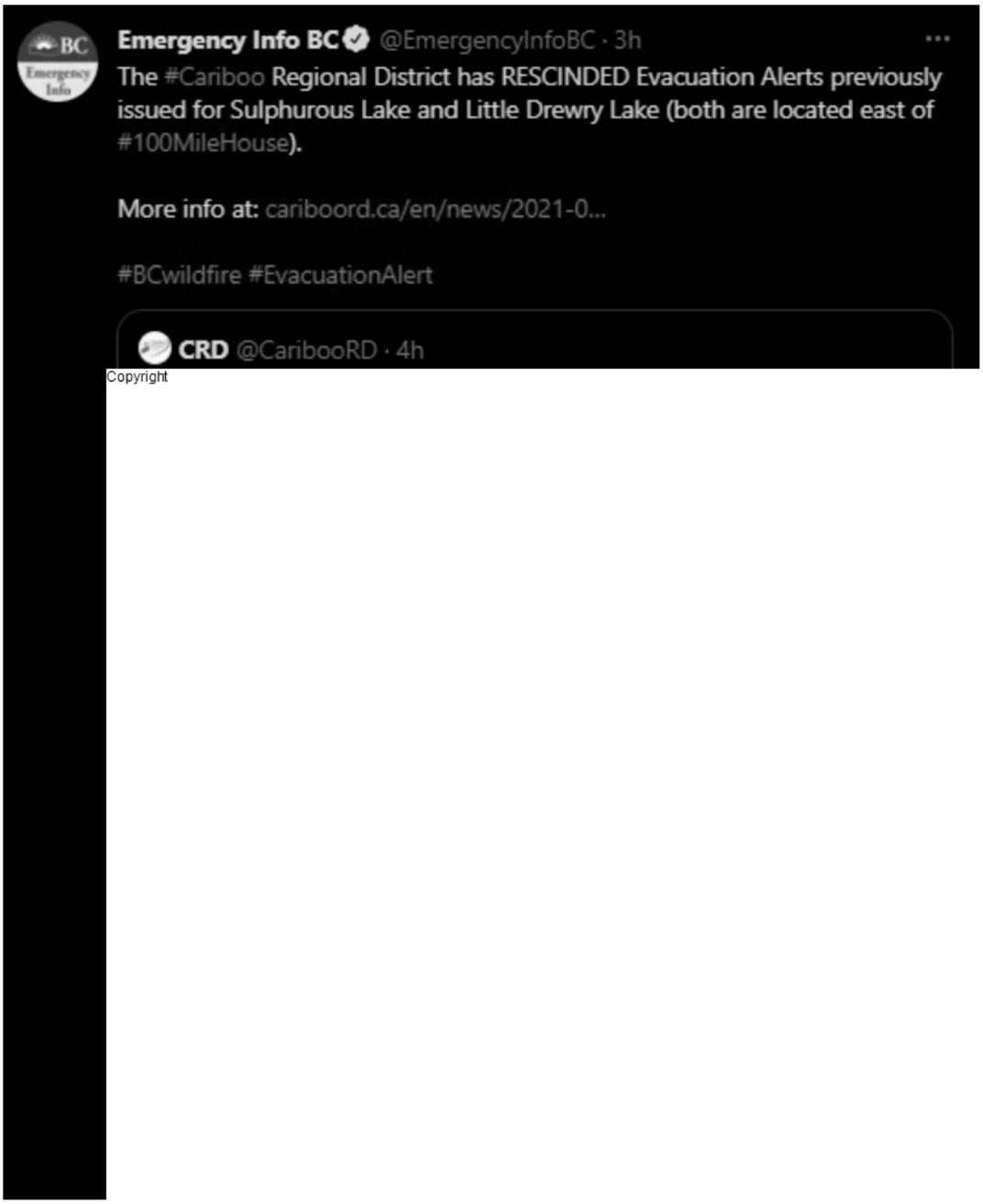
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#BCwildfire #EvacuationAlert
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A heat warning is in effect in many parts of BC. Make sure to stay hydrated, and spend time in cool spaces. Check in on your loved ones and neighbours, especially seniors. Learn more about heat illness and how you can stay safe: healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-f...
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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - July 27, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for July 27.**

**Thanks,**

**Jordan Turner**
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**Releases:**

- **Health: Heat warning for B.C., people urged to take precautions: https://news.gov.bc.ca/25027**
- **Government of Canada: Canada and British Columbia invest to strengthen community resilience in Lions Bay and Whistler: https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2021/07/canada-and-british-columbia-invest-to-strengthen-community-resilience-in-lions-bay-and-whistler.html**
- **BC Wildfire Service: White Rock Lake Area Restriction: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3416**

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

**Date: July 27, 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

For real-time updates on evacuation alerts and orders, visit: https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC

For the latest wildfire information, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

**Fires:**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 248
- Since April 1:
  - 1, 237 wildfires
  - 448,968 hectares burnt
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 37
  - Coastal: 5
  - Kamloops: 87
  - Northwest: 4
  - Prince George: 48
  - Southeast: 67

**Crews and equipment:**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,650 (total, includes out of province and aerial support)
- Out-of-province firefighters: 318
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 194

**Evacuations:**

- Evacuation Orders: 63 (+2)
  Evacuation Alerts: 93 (+8)
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 3,375 (-338)
    Number of properties on Alert: 18,065 (-170)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0
  - Northwest: 2 Orders 5 Alerts
  - Northeast: 1 (-2) Orders 15 Alerts
  - Central: 52 (+4) Orders and 63 (+8) Alerts
  - Southeast: 8 Orders and 8 Alerts
  - Southwest: 0 Orders and 2 Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- Ashcroft Indian Band (Facebook page)
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District

- Cariboo Regional District
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- District of Logan Lake (Evacuation Alert)
- District of 100 Mile House
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page) (Evacuation Order)
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Lytton
- Yekooche First Nation

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,230 wildfires, resulting in nearly 425,482 hectares of area burned. About five per cent of the 253 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 70 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 25 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 38 of which are Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre.

**Weather Forecast**

In the south, high based moisture spreading northeast over Oregon may reach the extreme southeast corner of the province late today or this evening.

There is a chance of high-based lightning this week, but the chance is minimal today but increasing each day. Relative Humidity and temperatures match yesterdays and winds in the Peace will be from the southeast at 20-40 km/hr.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- Around 260 active fires
- 40 are fires of note
- Evacuation orders dropped off in a few different areas
- 18,200 properties on alert
- 2700 properties on order
- Hot weather coming in over the next few days making fire activity more challenging
- Media avail at 2pm with BCWS, EMBC, RCMP and Dr. Henry

- EMBC NR on upcoming heatwave going out today, tips on how to stay cool and avoid challenges in hot weather.
- EMBC will be in touch with health

**Environment**
- Conical Lake under evacuation order

**FLNRO**
- NR Australian firefighters went out yesterday
- Supporting minister with fire prevention messaging.

**TAC**
- Question on drought and if there might be messaging to share, some Island regions asking people to bring their own water.
- Jordan: FLNRO put out messaging on drought. We can talk after the call about how to best manage that

**First Nations Health Authority**
- Update on heatwave and cooling tips
- Request from Jeffery Ferrier to collaborate with other agencies.

**Canadian Forces**
- Company in Vernon being tasked out to fire in Thomas Creek (not confirmed)

**RCMP**
- There should be a NR coming out this afternoon about suspicious fires in the Salmo area and there's a suspect that they're seeking
- There's not a very good description of that suspect except that he was wearing tan-coloured pants
- There were four fires that were sparked and then put out and appeared to be intentionally set

**Public Safety Canada**
- Jordan – if you can send me anything on the Minister Blair plans it would be appreciated

**Destination BC**
- Kootenay Rocky businesses reporting an update in cancellations, people not understanding alerts and orders.
- Know before you go messaging ahead of the long weekend.

**Red Cross**
- Jordan – as discussed we're looking at a Red Cross thing but it's probably a day or two out. I'll be in touch when I get more details

**GCPE HQ**
- Increasing heat in the interior, release going out today, working closely on radio media advisories.
- Question: Cooling centre updates? Is this going to be available?
- Jordan: local governments do this, EMBC supports local governments in establishing those, support through funding or bringing supplies.

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**Jordan**

- Same time tomorrow.
- Lots of different releases going out today
- Our Media avail is going out at 2.

**Communication Activities:**

- Worked on Canadian Red Cross announcement
- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Responded to media requests throughout the day
- NR on Heatwave preparedness released.

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 53m
The @TNRD has issued an #EvacuationAlert within the boundary on the below map due to a wildfire event located in the vicinity of #Westwold. #BCWildfire
Info: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
TNRD @TNRD · 1h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 1h
#EvacuationOrder Issued by Regional District of North #Okanagan for Pinaus Lake, south to Bouleau Lake. Additional Evacuation Alert issued in the general area as well. (Area is south of #FalklandBC, NW of #VernonBC).
Info: rdno.ca/index.php/news...
#BCwildfire
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 1h
The @TNRD has issued an #EvacuationOrder within the boundary on the below map in the vicinity of #Westwold (a community SE of #Kamloops, NW of #VernonBC).
Info and map at: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
TNRD @TNRD · 1h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 2h
The @TNRD has issued an #EvacuationOrder for 11 properties in the vicinity of #Westwold and Monte Lake (communities located SE of #Kamloops).
Info and affected addresses: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
The Order is due to the White Rock Lake #BCwildfire.
TNRD @TNRD · 2h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 2h
#EvacuationOrder issued by Columbia #Shuswap Regional District in Electoral Area D, for an area located southwest of #Falkland.
More info, including affected addresses, at the link below: csrd.bc.ca/news-notices/n...
The Order is due to the White Rock Lake #BCwildfire.
Shuswap Emergency Program @shuswapemerg · 3h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 3h
The @TNRD has issued an #EvacuationAlert for 277 properties in the vicinity of #Westwold and Monte Lake (communities located SE of #Kamloops).
The Alert is due to the White Rock Lake #BCWildfire.
More info: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
TNRD @TNRD · 3h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 4h
The #Cariboo Regional District has downgraded Evacuation Order to Evacuation Alerts for the Big Stick area (an area located south of Anahim Lake and NW of Tatla Lake).
More info: cariboord.ca/en/news/2021-0... #BCWildfire
CRD @CaribooRD · 4h
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DriveBC @DriveBC · 7h
REMINDER - #BCHwy8 remains CLOSED between #SpencesBridgeBC and Canford due to wildfire. Assessment in progress, next update July 28 at approximately noon.
Info here: drivebc.ca/mobile/pub/eve...
#MerrittBC
eBC.ca Jul 27, 2021 9:15:23 AM
Spences Bridge
Hwy 1, on the west side of the Thompson
Canford
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 6h
The @TNRD has downgraded an #EvacuationOrder to an #EvacuationAlert for 7 properties near Barnes Lake, east of #AshcroftBC.
43 other properties in the area remain on Evacuation Order due to the Tremont Creek #BCwildfire.
More info: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
TNRD @TNRD · 6h

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DriveBC @DriveBC · 8h
UPDATE - #BCHwy1 OPEN From #LyttonBC to Cornwall Rd. after wildfire activities. Travel advisory currently in effect from #LyttonBC to #SpencesBridgeBC. Watch for traffic control.
For more information:
drivebc.ca/mobile/pub/eve...
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 19h
The @TNRD has downgraded an #EvacuationOrder to an #EvacuationAlert for 60 properties in Walhachin (a community west of #Kamloops and Savona).
They have also rescinded an Evacuation Alert for 173 properties in Thompson River Estates and Semlin Valley.
tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
TNRD @TNRD · 19h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 22h
#EvacuationOrder issued by @EmergMgtRDOS for properties in Electoral Area D.
Info and affected addresses at the link below: rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/...
#BCwildfire
RDOS EOC @EmergMgtRDOS · 23h

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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 22h
The #EvacuationOrder mentioned above is due to the Thomas Creek #BCwildfire, which is burning east of #Okanagan Falls and SE of #Penticton.
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## EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX

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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - July 26, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

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**Thanks,**

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**Releases:**

- **Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development: Support wildfire crews: Australian personnel to boost B.C. firefighting resources:** https://news.gov.bc.ca/24999
- **BC Wildfire Service: Sparks Lake wildfire Area Restriction Order Update: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3413**

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

**Date: July 26, 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Monday, July 26, 2021.

For real-time updates on evacuation alerts and orders, visit: https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC

For the latest wildfire information, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

**Fires:**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 250
- Since April 1:
  - 1, 226 wildfires
  - 417,694 hectares burnt
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 37
  - Coastal: 6
  - Kamloops: 88
  - Northwest: 4
  - Prince George: 48
  - Southeast: 68

**Crews and equipment:**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,558 (total, includes OOP and aerial support)
- Out-of-province firefighters: 208
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 190

**Evacuations:**

- Evacuation Orders: 61 (+3)
  Evacuation Alerts: 85
- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 3,713 (-547)
    Number of properties on Alert: 18,234 (+550)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0
  - Northwest: 2 Orders 5 Alerts
  - Northeast: 3 Orders 15 Alerts
  - Central: 48 (+3) Orders and 55 Alerts
  - Southeast: 8 Orders and 8 Alerts
  - Southwest: 0 Orders and 2 Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

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- District of Logan Lake (Evacuation Alert)
- District of 100 Mile House
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page) (Evacuation Order)
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Tsay Keh Dene First Nation (Evacuation Order)
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Cache Creek (Facebook)
- Village of Lytton
- Yekooche First Nation

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- Continues to be a lot of activity
- Currently about 260 active fires, 43 interface fires
- About 17,700 properties on alert, 4,260 on order
- That said a lot of the changes since yesterday afternoon involved downgrading orders to alerts
- Showers are starting on north coast and moving inland, hopefully parts of central interior
- Most problem areas will remain hot, dry and smoky
- With the weather change, less chance of thunderstorms but with the decrease of wind – a lot of stagnant smoke that will sit there in the evenings – a shift towards worse air conditions
- On the weekend we put out at IB on backcountry safety and the fire season
- Lots of good cross ministry information there
- Saying that SAR and wildfire use the same helicopter resources, people should be extra careful and that if SAR needs to be called, they should be aware that those resources maybe taken off the fire line
- Held an event Saturday with arrival of Mexican firefighters and Minister Farnworth
- Widespread coverage
- Media requests – still dealing with questions around SAR and what it means, and s.13

s.13

**Agriculture**

- Ministry staff in touch with RDs about emergency hay program
- Jordan – just a reminder that we have that site on emerg info BC for supports for people affected by wildfire. Would appreciate any links and a quick blurb on that that we can add

- You bet Jordan

**Environment**

- Three changes
- Full closures at 36 parks, with nine partials

**FLNRO**

- Continuing to support ministry with social media and thanks and acknowledgements for people coming on board to assist
- Working on NR about Australians – likely going today
- They're arriving tomorrow at 530 - 40 people
- Working on NR for BC Day weekend – making sure you don't start anything through your activities
- Jordan – what's the plan for BC Day NR?
- Looking at the Thursday before
- Jordan – we should look at doing a cross ministry NR to cover different pieces. We'll talk after this

**Canadian Forces**

- Second company of troops arriving today at Camp Vernon
- PAO there and public affairs presence at Air TAC in Kamloops
- Jordan – is it still the 28th we're aiming for the tail end of the rest of the troops to get in?
- The second company that will arrive today
- s.15; s.16

**BC Wildfire**

- Not many new ignitions over the weekend
- Anticipating more stagnant smoke in the coming days
- Evacuation reluctant issues on the weekend to get something up about how essentially saying we're having to pull resources away from firefighting to get people out
- Working with Tom on that NR for today
- Jordan – we have done releases on evacuation reluctance in the past. We can talk about that and maybe we can revive it

**RCMP**

- Firefighters in Mexico go through our training centre and everything went well
- Anticipating next group coming
- Reinforcement messaging about evacuation areas – hopefully starting on social this week
- s.15; s.16

**Public Safety Canada**

- Our minister will be traveling to BC later this week s.16
  s.16
- Jordan - not yet but I'll keep a close eye out. If we can get any ideas on what he wants to do and where he's going we'll go from there

**Destination BC**

- Working on new messaging package for visitors from US
- May have a know before you go video in the works
- Saw an increase in comments with people saying "stay away" the whole province is on fire, so we're responding as needed
- Worked with Global on segment to make sure they have a safe travel message
- Getting questions from industry about support for businesses impacted by wildfires
- Jordan – we hit your points in our IB yesterday but I know it's a struggle

**GCPE HQ**

- I missed – was it Public Safety Canada that mentioned their Minister coming? Minister Blair?
- Jordan – yes, that's correct. I'll loop you in

- Is being more resources in for the rest of the country for making sure evacuated areas are protected? What would necessitate more police coming?
- RCMP – to address overall wildfire response – could be in support of evac orders, alerts, scene protection, you name it. s.15; s.16

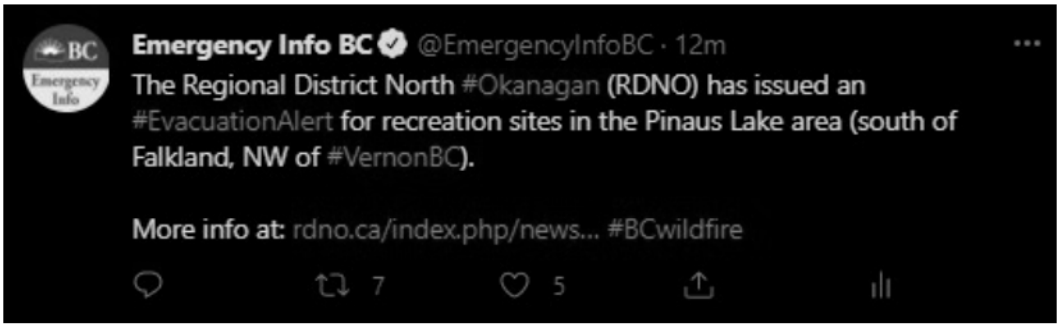
**Jordan**

- Same time tomorrow and reminder that we will be having a media briefing tomorrow

**Communication Activities:**

- Working on Canadian Red Cross announcement
- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Responded to media requests throughout the day
- Deployed IO to Kamloops

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**



Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 17m
An #EvacuationAlert issued by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has been rescinded. It was previously in place because of the Cutoff Creek #BCwildfire.
The Alert area was ~25km SE of #FraserLake and ~22km SW of #Vanderhoof.
More info: rdbn.bc.ca/application/fi...
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 25m
The @RDofCK has downgraded an #EvacuationOrder to an #EvacuationAlert for 184 properties in the #Edgewood area (a community SE of #VernonBC, SW of Nakusp). The Order was in place due to the Michaud Creek #BCwildfire.
More info: rdck.ca/EN/meta/news/n...
RDCK @RDofCK · 32m

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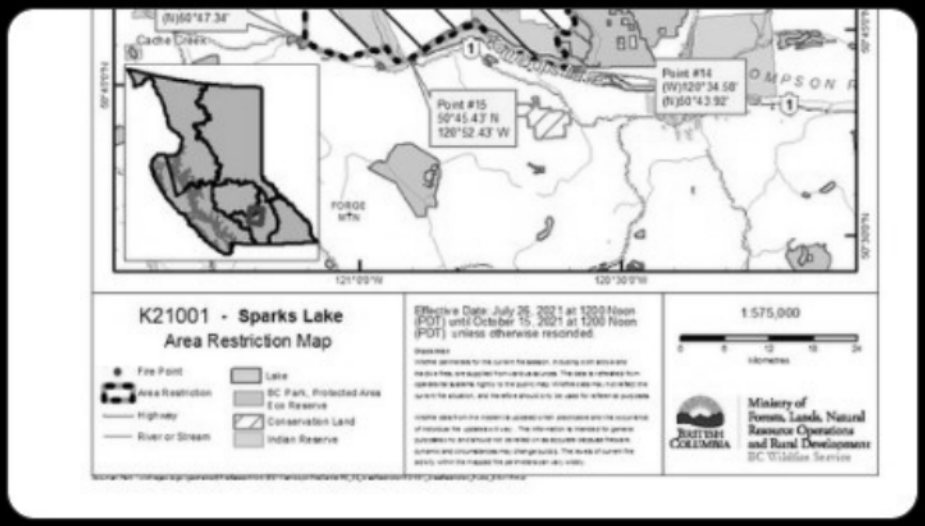
**BC Wildfire Service** @BCGovFireInfo · 43m

The #BCWildfire Service has updated the Area Restriction Order in the vicinity of the Sparks Lake wildfire. The update reflects a reduced restriction perimeter and clarified land use restrictions. Map of the affected area: ow.ly/Q4ij30rP2Xj

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**Emergency Info BC** @EmergencyInfoBC · 43m

The #Cariboo Regional District (@CaribooRD) has rescinded an #EvacuationAlert in the Anahim Lake area (~140km E of Bella Coola, ~320km west of Williams Lake).

More info: cariboord.ca/en/news/2021-0...

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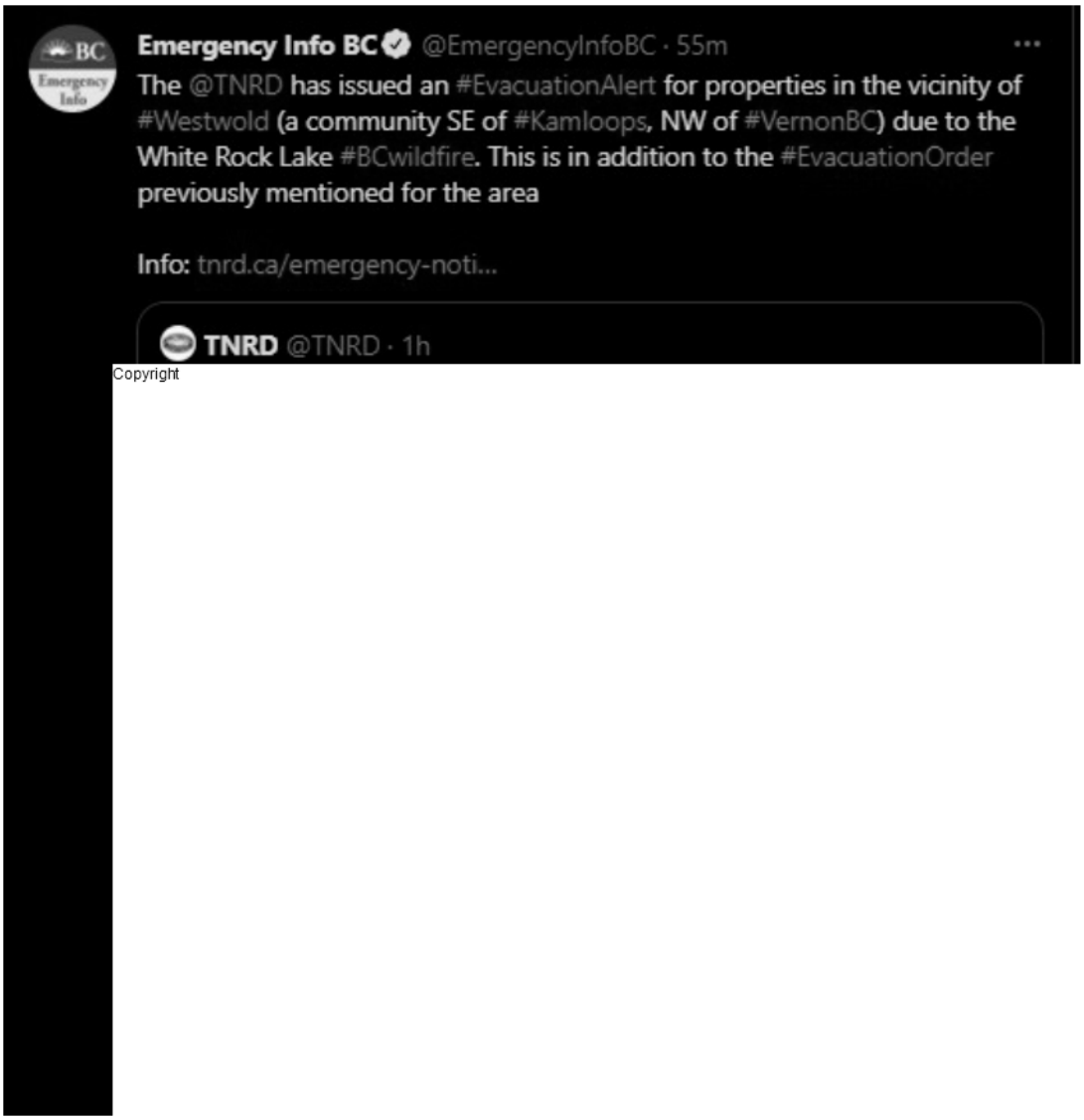
Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 55m
The @TNRD has issued an #EvacuationAlert for properties in the vicinity of #Westwold (a community SE of #Kamloops, NW of #VernonBC) due to the White Rock Lake #BCwildfire. This is in addition to the #EvacuationOrder previously mentioned for the area
Info: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
TNRD @TNRD · 1h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 1h
The @TNRD has issued an #EvacuationOrder for 3 properties parcels and area in the vicinity of #Westwold (a community southeast of #Kamloops) due to the White Rock Lake #BCwildfire.
More info: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
TNRD @TNRD · 1h

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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 6h
The @TNRD has RESCINDED Evacuation Alerts in the vicinity of Gladwin-Jade Springs and 2256 Trans Canada Highway (east of #Lytton and south of #SpencesBridge). The Alerts were previously in effect due to the Lytton Creek #BCwildfire. More details at: tnrd.ca/emergency-noti...
TNRD @TNRD · 6h

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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 6h
The Evacuation Order issued by the CSRD, through SEP, due to a wildfire burning near Two Mile Road near the boundary of the District of Sicamous and Electoral Area E has been changed.
bit.ly/3zEbuhO
#SEP #Sicamous #yourCSRD #DoSicamous
Shuswap Emergency Program @shuswapemerg · 7h
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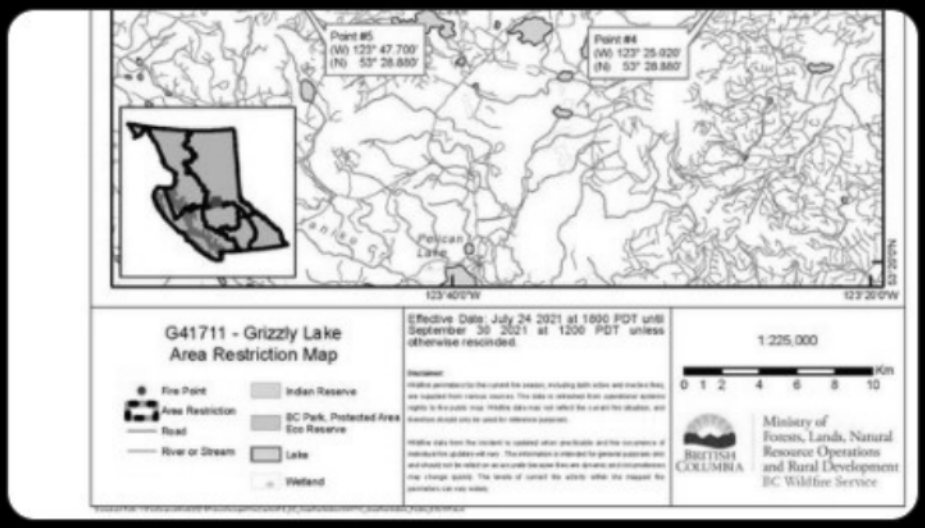
**BC Wildfire Service** @BCGovFireInfo · 21h

The #BCWildfire Service has implemented an Area Restriction Order for the vicinity of the Grizzly Lake (G41711) wildfire. The size of the area restriction reflects the continued need to protect the public. Map of the affected area: ow.ly/wBiF30rOSMC

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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - July 25, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for July 25.**

**Thanks,**

**Jordan Turner**
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**Releases:**

- **EMBC: Support wildfire crews: Do not take unnecessary risks in the backcountry:** **https://news.gov.bc.ca/24992**
- **BC Wildfire: Grizzly Lake Fire Area Restriction:** **http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=3412**

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

**Date: July 25, 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

**Fires:**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 258
- Since April 1:
  - 1,216 wildfires
  - 414,262.04 hectares burnt
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Cariboo: 39
  - Coastal: 7
  - Kamloops: 92
  - Northwest: 4
  - Prince George: 48
  - Southeast: 648

**Crews and equipment:**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,278 (total, includes OOP and aerial support)
- Out-of-province firefighters: 72
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 198

Note: Out-of-province personnel numbers do not reflect all out-of-province firefighters currently in the province. Some are travelling, and this number reflects firefighters currently engaged in incidents.

**Evacuations:**

- Evacuation Orders: 58
  Evacuation Alerts: 83 (+2)

- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 4,260 (-143)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 17,684 (+195)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0
  - Northwest: 2 Orders and 5 Alerts
  - Northeast: 3 Orders and 15 Alerts
  - Central: 45 Orders and 53 (+1) Alerts
  - Southeast: 8 Orders and 8 (+1) Alerts
  - Southwest: 0 Orders and 2 Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- Ashcroft Indian Band (Facebook page)
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Cariboo Regional District
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- District of Logan Lake (Evacuation Alert)

- District of 100 Mile House
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page) (Evacuation Order)
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Tsay Keh Dene First Nation (Evacuation Order)
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Cache Creek (Facebook)
- Village of Lytton
- Yekooche First Nation

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,209 wildfires, resulting in nearly 394,608 hectares of area burned. About 5 per cent of the 258 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 70 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 25 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 40 of which are Wildfires of Note, 17 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre region.

**Weather Forecast**

A stationary cold low in the Gulf persists. Weak waves circulating around the low are moving through the coast range into the central interior. Each pulse brings an area of coastal rain that may or may not spill across the coast mountains with an increased chance of lightning. Today's wave moves through the Cariboo, spreading light rain eastward and exiting the province this evening via the Robson Fire Zone.
Lightning will develop this afternoon with the wave. Warmer air along the US border is slowly creeping north along with smoke from Washington. Inflow winds continue in the Fraser Canyon. Temperatures rise a few degrees again and relative humidities dip to the teens across much of the south.
This evening, winds will ease and recoveries will be locally poor from Kamloops through the South East Fire Centre.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

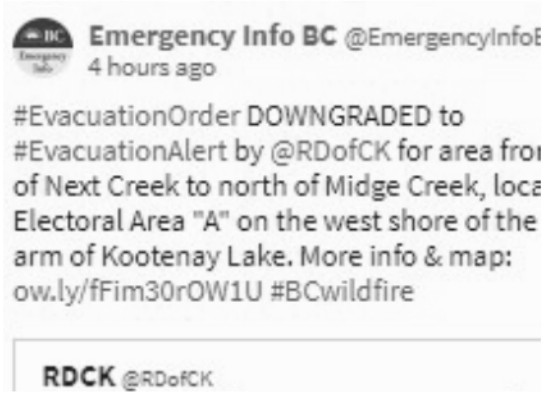
**No call on weekends**

**Communication Activities:**

- Sent out IB about safety in the backcountry

- Working on potential Canadian Red Cross announcement
- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**



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## EMBC PECC Liaison 1 EMBC:EX

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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - July 24, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for July 24. Updates are in RED.**

**Great event with Minister Farnworth today welcoming the Mexican crews.**

**But note, as below, the info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB says there are only 72 active, out of province firefighters. This is because the military are still staging, and the Mexican crews become "active" tomorrow.**

**Want to flag as there may be questions on Social Media posts.**

**Thanks,**

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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

**Date: July 24, 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:**

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Saturday, July 24, 2021.

**Fires:**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 257
- Since April 1:
  - 1,205 wildfires
  - 394,266 hectares burnt
- Active fires by fire centre:
  - Coastal: 7
  - Northwest: 4
  - Prince George: 48
  - Kamloops: 92
  - Southeast: 66
  - Cariboo: 40

**Crews and equipment:**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,278
- Out-of-province firefighters: 72
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 191

**Evacuations:**

Evacuation Orders: 58 (+1)
Evacuation Alerts: 81 (+5)

- Properties:
  - Number of properties on Order: 4,403 (-524)
  - Number of properties on Alert: 17,489 (+1,031)

- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
  - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0
  - Northwest: 2 Orders and 5 Alerts
  - Northeast: 3 (-1) Orders and 15 (+1) Alerts
  - Central: 45 Orders and 52 (+4) Alerts
  - Southeast: 8 (+2) Orders and 7 Alerts
  - Southwest: 0 Orders and 2 Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

For updated information go to: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- Ashcroft Indian Band (Facebook page)
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Cariboo Regional District
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- District of 100 Mile House
- Nooaitch First Nation (Evacuation Alert)
- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Alert)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Regional District of East Kootenay

- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
- Shackan Indian Band (Evacuation Order) (Facebook page)
- Skeetchestn Indian Band (Facebook page) (Evacuation Order)
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Tsay Keh Dene First Nation (Evacuation Order)
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Cache Creek (Facebook)
- Village of Lytton
- Yekooche First Nation

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,201 wildfires, resulting in nearly 389,127 hectares of area burned. About 5 per cent of the 261 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 70 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 25 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 39 of which are Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre region.

**Weather Forecast**

Stagnant upper flow pattern with a cold low still anchored in the Gulf and moderate, dry southwest flow across most of B.C. Weak waves rippling along in the flow will spread bands of clouds, possible showers, and a slight chance of lightning in the south. In the north, increased chance of lightning in the Fort Nelson, Fort St John zones today. Gusty winds persist in the north and Fraser Canyon. Warm low relative humidity in the south.
Winds ease this evening and recoveries will be poor from Kamloops through the Southeast Fire Centre. On Sunday, a stronger wave crosses the central interior increasing the threat of lightning. Warmer air along the United States border creeps slowly north. Winds ease except the Fraser Canyon. Temperatures rise and relative humidities in the teens expand across the south.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

**No call on weekends**

**Communication Activities:**

- Working on info bulletin about backcountry safety
- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

- Event at Abbotsford airport – Minister Farnworth welcomed Mexican firefighters:

Mike Farnworth: Good afternoon everyone. I'm Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Today I'm speaking with you from the traditional territory of the Sto:lo peoples here in Abbotsford.

I just had the opportunity and pleasure to welcome to BC 100 firefighters who are joining us from Mexico. It was a real pleasure on behalf of the people of this province to be able to say [Spanish]. These highly trained crews will be on hand for 30 days, working shoulder to shoulder with our wildfire service crews. We can't thank these men and women enough for heeding our call for support.

After clearing customs, they are heading to nearby air tanker base to undergo rapid COVID-19 testing and meet with BC Wildfire representatives and Mexico's consul general. Soon they will travel to the Interior to get to work and join thousands of other British Columbians fighting the fires. The province will continue to do everything possible, as we have from the start, to source additional firefighting resources to protect communities.

Since early July, Canadian Armed Forces aircraft have been aiding as needed in evacuations and providing airlift support and transport personnel, supplies and equipment. And just yesterday, the first contingent of the Canadian Forces wildfire ground crews arrived in Vernon to be briefed and receive their tasks. More are arrive through the mid week.

Currently, we also have out-of-province crews and resources from Alberta, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Parks Canada. The details of these deployments are being finalized now, and more information will be available in the coming days.

For now, we continue to face difficult fire behaviour and conditions throughout the central and souther Interior. Similar challenging weather is forecast for the foreseeable future.

Our provincial and contract crews have been working hard, and the assistance we're seeing from Mexico and others is a welcome relief to all British Columbians. We will see the other side of this fire season, but we need to continue to work together to take care and to stay safe.

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

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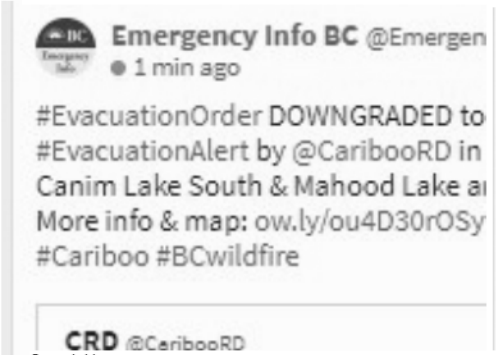

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**Subject:** JIC Communications Situation Report - July 23, 2021

**Categories:** FOI-EMB-2021-14985

**Hi all,**

**Please find below the Communications Situation Report for July 23. Updates are in RED.**

**Note that as of start of business today, we have stood up a Joint Information Centre (JIC) for this wildfire response.**

**Also note that tomorrow at 12:30pm, Minister Farnworth will be holding an event in Abbotsford to welcome Mexico's firefighters.**

**Thanks,**

**Jordan Turner**
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**Joint Information Centre**
**Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**
**Wildfires 2021**

**Date: July 23, 2021**

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

**Here is the info going out in the 6am IB:**

The information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Friday, July 23, 2021.

**Fires:**

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 258
- Since April 1:
    - 1,197 wildfires
    - 376,436 hectares burnt
- Active fires by fire centre:
    - Cariboo: 40
    - Coastal: 7
    - Kamloops: 95
    - Northwest: 4
    - Prince George: 48
    - Southeast: 64

**Crews and equipment:**

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,320 (total, includes OOP and aerial support)
- Out-of-province firefighters: 94
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 200

**Evacuations:**

- Evacuation Orders: 57 (-1)
  Evacuation Alerts: 76 (-2)

- Properties:
    - Number of properties on Order: 4,923 (-161)
    - Number of properties on Alert: 16,458 (-1,031)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
    - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0
    - Northwest: 2 (-1) Orders and 5 (+1) Alerts
    - Northeast: 4 Orders and 14 (-2) Alerts
    - Central: 45 (+1) Orders and 48 Alerts
    - Southeast: 6 (-1) Orders and 7 (-1) Alerts
    - Southwest: 0 Orders and 2 Alerts

**Evacuation Orders, Alerts**

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- Osoyoos Indian Band (Evacuation Order)
- Regional District of Central Kootenay
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- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

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- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Cache Creek (Facebook)
- Village of Lytton
- Yekooche First Nation

Visit EmergencyMapBC to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

**BC Wildfire Daily Summary**

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,194 wildfires, resulting in nearly 361,385 hectares of area burned. About 5 per cent of the 277 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 70 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 25 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 39 of which are Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre region.

**Weather Forecast**

Scattered showers expected in the northwest and along central coast while the southern half of the province remains hot and dry, with temperatures expected to increase as of today. Gusty winds continue in the north, but will be more mild in south. Tomorrow, an upper trough will provide some scattered showers in the central region and through the Robson Valley Zone. Temperatures remain quite high in the south, with no precipitation in the short or long term forecast.
Tonight and tomorrow expect continued isolated shower in north and mainly sunny skies in the south.
Gusty winds persist across the north and temperatures warm up again.

**Key Facts**

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:
https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b

For information on wildfires of note: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp

**All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.**

**Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner**

- Significant wildfire activity – 17 new fires in last 24 hours
- Around 275 active fires
- 35 are interface, 39 wildfires of note
- About 17,500 properties on alert and around 5,000 per on order
- Reinstatement of evac order on the Osoyoos Indian band affecting 112 properties after an order was lifted earlier
- Evac on large area of Seymour arm yesterday, which was expanded later in evening
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band, Scw'exmx Chief and Council, and Nooaitch Indian Band have an evacuation order
- Sun Peaks has rescinded all alerts for their area so hopefully that can free up spaces for evacuees
- Our team is working on a lot of media requests following presser yesterday – around AlertReady system and general evac accommodation spaces and what we'll do to accommodate those given so many people are traveling post COVID and crunch on availability
- Support and highlight arrival of first batch of international firefighters from Mexico tomorrow mid-day

- Likely putting out a release this weekend about being careful in backcountry
- Have some questions from regional districts given some recent higher profile rescues via helicopter in Kootenays
- Given all helicopters are tied up in wildfire response, want to provide some clarity that there are mechanisms in place to bring firefighters to support SAR from fire lines but reinforce to public not to take risks and be mindful of wildfire effort

**PSSG**

- Just have some movement of inmates from OCC last night

**Health**

- Some new home health claims and Interior is calling them for any help they need

**Environment**

- Two additional park closures in zones you mentioned
- Jordan – as mentioned in bullets, probably going to list the BC parks closures as part of the IB

**Municipal Affairs**

- Minister Osborne available for presser on Tuesday – just waiting on confirmation
- Jordan – thank you, I have that question with my MO so hoping to get a response soon

**FLNRO**

- Supporting minister with social media about fire prevention, FireSmart and making sure people are aware before traveling
- Working on NR about Australian firefighters anticipated on July 27 and summary of provincial resources at that point
- Jordan – we should talk offline – we may have some options for that announcement. I'm talking with HQ about it

**Canadian Forces**

- First packet of troops left Edmonton this morning – 150-200
- Should be in Vernon around 1630 today
- Next packet will come next few days
- Received many media requests and want access to them
- Once we figure out where they'll be tasked to, we'll start coordinating access with BCWS
- Can probably expect a social media post today
    - https://twitter.com/CanadianForces/status/1418680538370560006

**RCMP**

- Keeping the evacuated areas safe and Dawn said she just had one request yesterday around home safety and looting
- Nothing yet today

**BC Hydro**

- Report around getting customers restored in Lytton – stalled because of wildfire
- Risk reduction and cleaning up the damage and getting in when we can

**Fortis**

- Really closely monitoring status of fire close to some lines – 40 and 44
- Really important that those stay up as losing another transmission line would lead to significant outages
- Closely monitoring fire in that Osoyoos area

**Destination BC**

- thanks, we will amplify the EMBC release about being careful in backcountry
- Shared post today about hiking and Search and Rescue piece
- Continuing to see media requests from Alberta around what Albertans should know about traveling in B.C.
- Pushing know before you go because conditions can change quickly

**GCPE HQ**

- Working with you and others on the announcement for Mexican arrival tomorrow and looking forward to more info  bout arrivals next week
- Keeping an eye on the number of residents impacted by orders as that continues to rise
- Jordan – beyond the international firefighters, could highlight the Canadian Forces arrival in Vernon. Lots of help coming to BC which is great to hear

**Jordan**

- Don't believe it's necessary to have these over the weekend but please loop me in as anything comes up
- As of today, we are now a Joint Information Centre for the province run out of EMBC
- Team hasn't expanded greatly right away but will be doing more coordinating through cross ministry and changing our signatures
- The main piece of running a JIC is keeping in contact and letting each other know what's going out

**Communication Activities:**

- Prepping for event tomorrow – Minister Farnworth welcoming Mexican firefighters
- Working on info bulletin about backcountry safety
- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

**Key Messages:**

**We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.**

**Emergency Info BC Messaging:**

Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 3h
The Evacuation Alerts issued on July 11 and July 15, 2021 for the Titetown and Nazko North Areas have been rescinded.
Interactive map: cariboord.ca/EOCorderalerts
Visit cariboord.ca for more information.
#BCWildfires #Cariboo
CRD @CaribooRD · 3h
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 19h
#EvacuationAlert issued by the Nooaitch First Nation for Nooaitch Indian Band IR 10. More info: ow.ly/T4Qa50FBXzG #Merritt #BCwildfire
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 19h
#EvacuationAlert RESCINDED by the Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality for all properties within municipal boundaries. More info: ow.ly/Ir1m50FBXk7 #BCwildfire
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 19h
#EvacuationOrder issued by the Osoyoos Indian Band. More info, addresses & map: ow.ly/G5uK30rOI5Y #Osoyoos #OliverBC #BCwildfire
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#EvacuationOrder PARTIALLY DOWNGRADED to #EvacuationAlert by @RDofCK for 142 properties in the Lemon Creek area. 32 properties remain on #Evacuation Order. More info & map: ow.ly/NPTH30rOI5s #BCwildfire
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 20h
#EvacuationOrder DOWNGRADED to #EvacuationAlert for 139 properties in the Whitecroft area in Electoral Area "P." More info & map:
ow.ly/dqdA30rOI3D #BCwildfire
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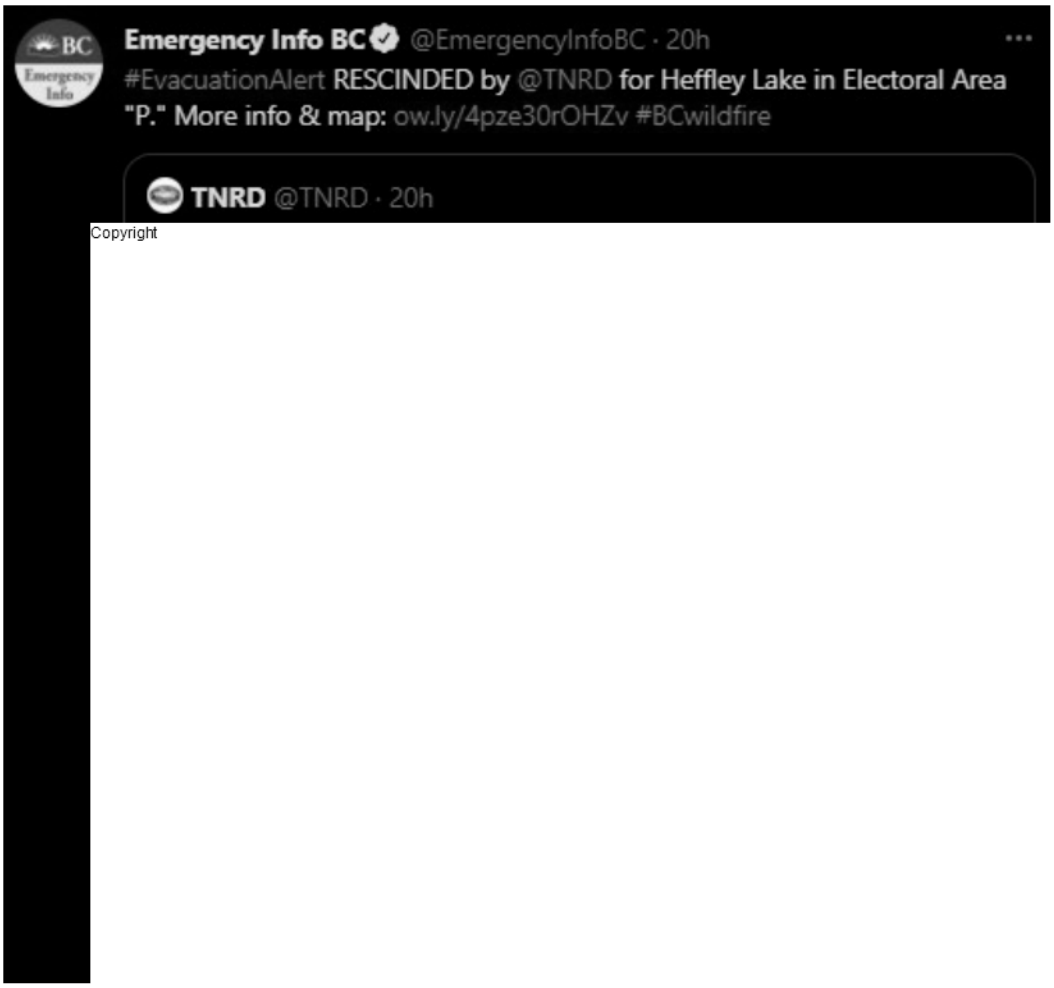
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#EvacuationAlert RESCINDED by @TNRD for Heffley Lake in Electoral Area "P." More info & map: ow.ly/4pze30rOHZv #BCwildfire
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Emergency Info BC @EmergencyInfoBC · 23h
The Columbia #Shuswap Regional District (@shuswapemerg) is EXPANDING an #EvacuationOrder in the #SeymourArm area. The Evacuation Order will go in effect at 8 pm on July 22, 2021.
More info: csrd.bc.ca/news-notices/n...
Shuswap Emergency Program @shuswapemerg · 23h
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