

BC Wildfire: Status of BC Wildfires

Response and Strategies

July 19, 2017
Cabinet Presentation



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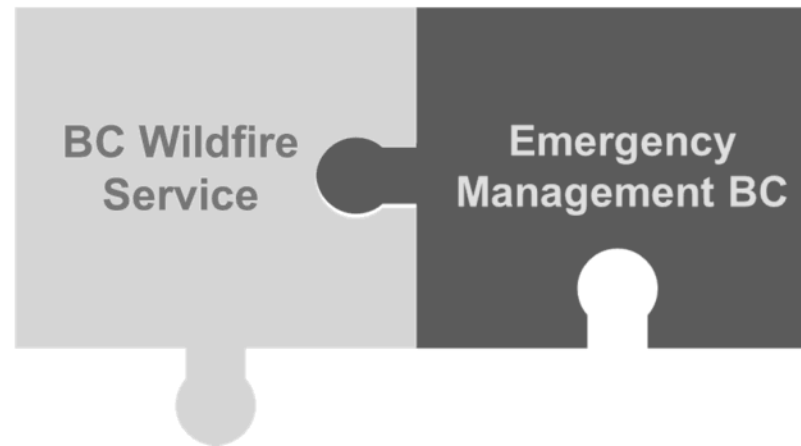
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Role of BC Wildfire Service

The BC Wildfire Service is tasked with managing wildfires through a combination of wildfire prevention, mitigation and suppression strategies, on both Crown and private lands outside of organised areas such as municipalities or regional districts.

Role of Emergency Management BC

EMBC is the Province's lead coordinating agency for all emergency management activities, including executive coordination, strategic planning and multi-agency facilitation to develop effective working relationships to help strengthen provincial preparedness.



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Wildfire Situation (at July 18, 2017)

- Number of wildfires burning: 155
- Wildfires to date: 669 fires
- Hectares burned: 320,833 hectares (twice the size of New York City)
- Cost of firefighting to date: \$98.4 million (does not include other agency costs, damages, etc.)
- Wildfires of note: 22
- Evacuations ordered: 46,548 persons
- Evacuation alert: 24,885 persons



Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) Statistics

- States of Local Emergency: 13 Fire, 9 Flood
- Band Council Resolutions: 11 Fire, 7 Flood
- Evacuation Orders: 52 Fire, 13 Flood (46,548 under order)
- Evacuation Alert: 29 Fire, 9 Flood (24,885 under alert)
- Emergency Social Service (ESS) Centres: 14 (8 in Central Region, 4 in Northeast, 2 in Southwest)
- ESS Group Lodging: 13 Fire (9 in Central Region, 2 in Northeast, 2 in Southwest)
- Reception Centre locations – Kamloops, Prince George, Chilliwack, Cloverdale (Surrey), Kelowna, Merritt, Penticton and Vernon
- Red Cross assistance to evacuees - \$600 per household

* Activity focused in the Central and Northeast Regions



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Property and Critical Infrastructure at Risk

- Hospitals
- Transmission and Communication Lines
- Mills
- Other business and industry
- Property loss

After the fires are out...

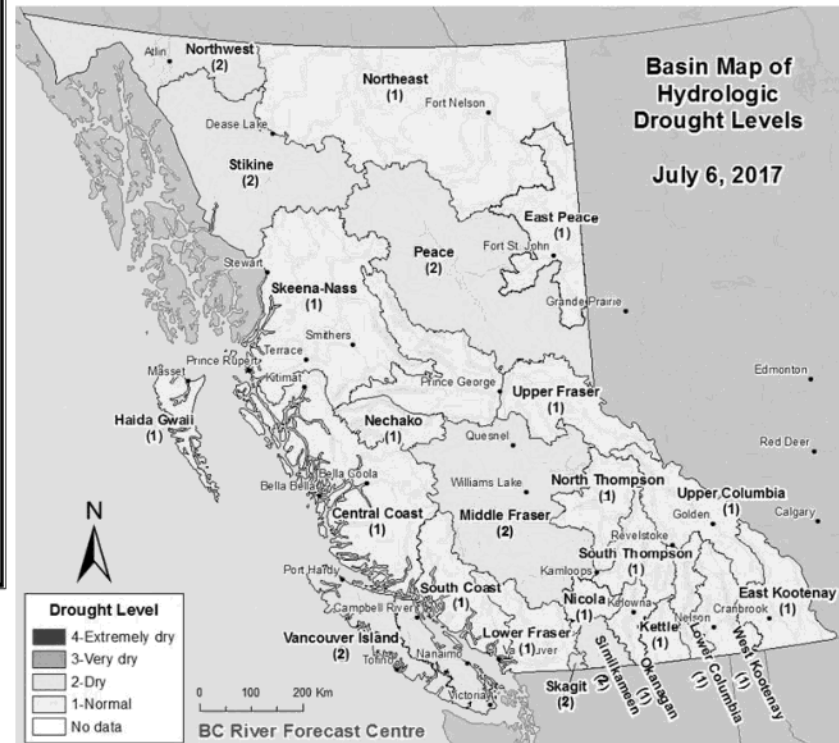
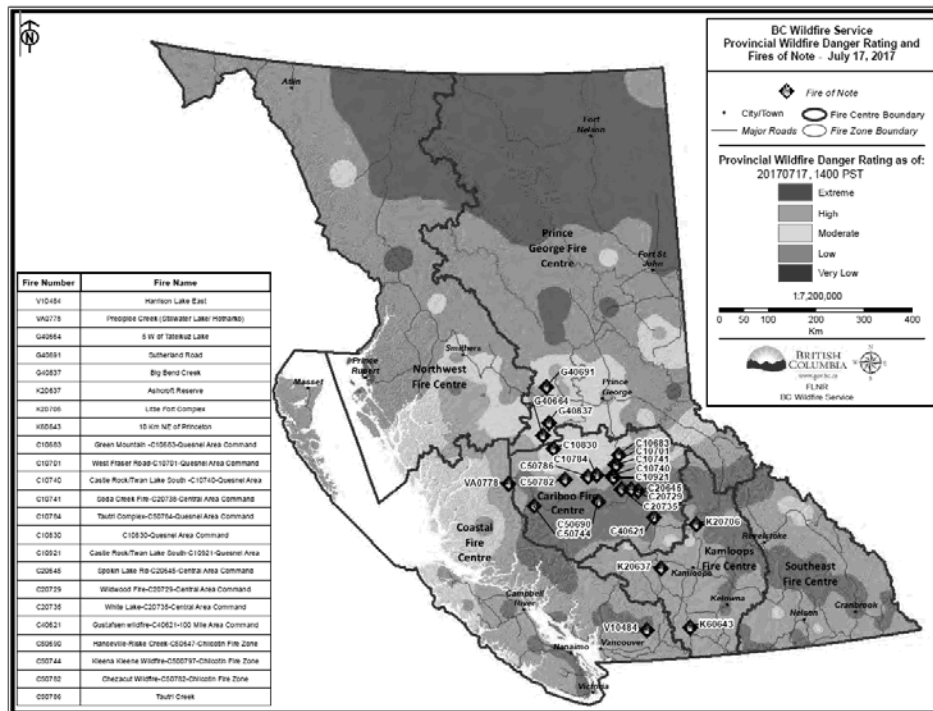
- Assess impact across province
- Provide cross government leadership
- Address priority needs



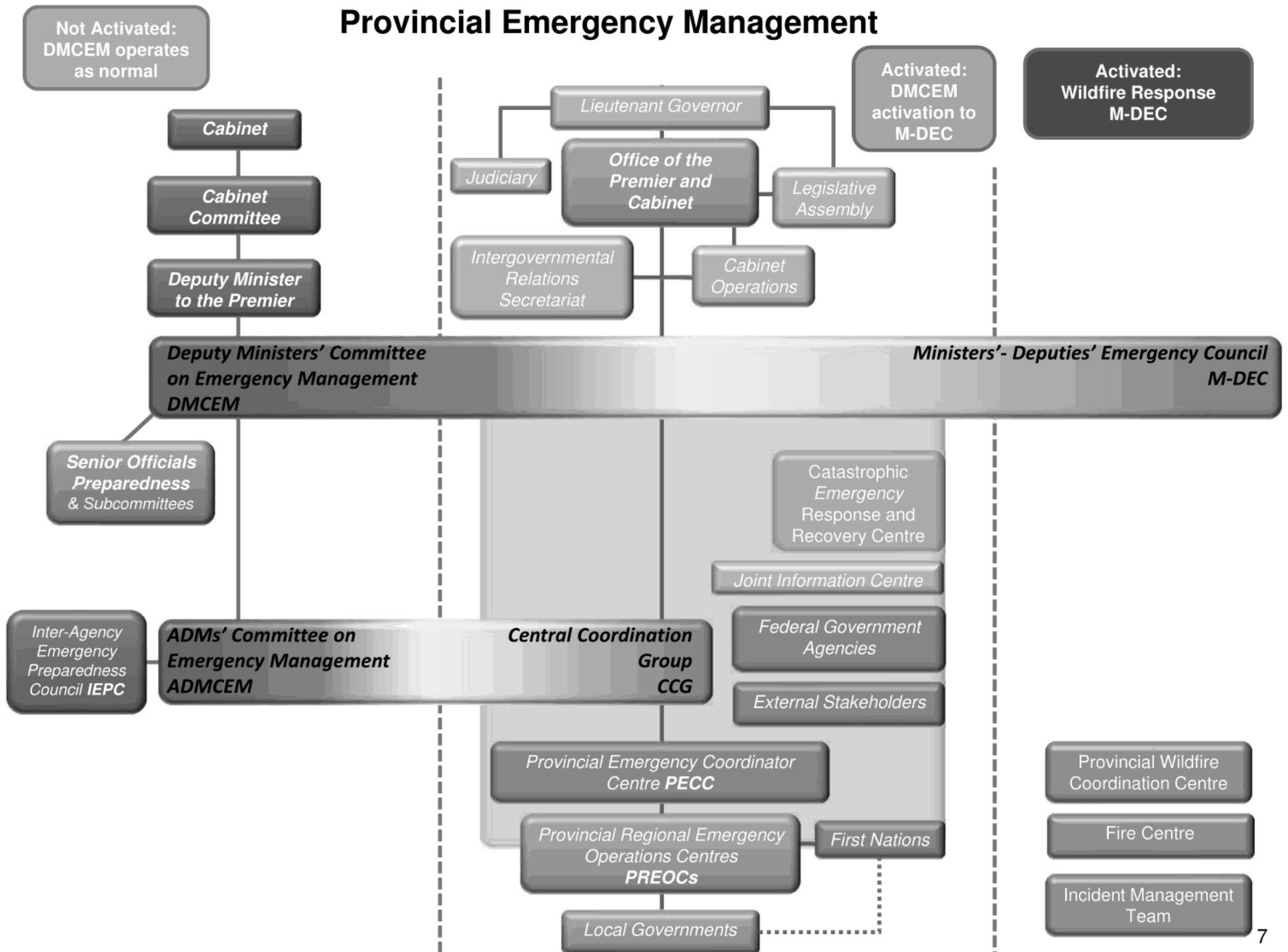
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Situation



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Support Programs and Expenditures

- Wildfire Act – authority for a wide range of fire control activities
- Emergency Program Act – authority to address emergency events
- Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) – provincial program to compensate individuals and local governments
- Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) – federal government compensation
- \$100 million Provincial Wildfire Fund – announced July 9
- Provincial Employment and Recovery Programs – economic disaster recovery programs
- Canadian Red Cross – engaged to accept donations
- RCMP – approximately 500 members
- Federal Cabinet Committee – Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee formed



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BC Wildfire Service Fire Management Estimate

Year	Headquarters*	Coastal	Northwest	Prince George	Kamloops	Southeast	Cariboo	NET TOTAL
to July 18, 2017	\$60,167,170	\$3,468,131	\$1,872,478	\$6,089,943	\$10,055,214	\$3,103,475	\$13,637,412	\$98,393,823
2016	\$88,428,827	\$3,011,313	\$1,347,439	\$23,939,535	\$4,391,128	\$2,659,642	\$2,645,476	\$126,423,360
2015	\$149,546,783	\$41,696,209	\$2,413,193	\$21,057,356	\$28,566,179	\$31,980,288	\$8,238,756	\$283,498,764
2014	\$140,433,617	\$10,892,076	\$24,052,806	\$75,303,150	\$18,265,637	\$19,855,255	\$8,336,032	\$297,138,573
2013	\$80,113,897	\$9,727,398	\$3,380,673	\$7,575,419	\$11,923,183	\$8,918,623	\$5,433,009	\$127,072,201
2012	\$81,807,493	\$9,059,078	\$2,989,884	\$16,503,468	\$9,935,198	\$8,592,731	\$4,788,766	\$133,676,618
2003	\$119,843,052	\$8,550,365	\$276,508	\$3,665,928	\$142,617,096	\$85,629,949	\$16,064,322	\$376,647,220
5 year Average 2012 - 2016	\$108,066,124	\$14,877,215	\$6,836,799	\$28,875,785	\$14,616,265	\$14,401,308	\$5,888,408	\$193,561,903

*HQ costs include aviation, retardant, auxiliary hire base pay, statutory hires, and warehouse purchases.

- Voted Fire Management Budget: \$63M, with statutory spending authority for expenditures over \$63M.



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Costs in Addition to Fire Suppression Costs

(from which to seek federal DFAA funding)

Eligible Damage	Event	Total Expenditure	Federal Share
Wildfire	2015 Wildfires	50,140,057	18,100,000
Wildfire	2014 Wildfires	72,809,511	53,100,000
Wildfire	2010 Fire Season	50,918,140	34,339,000
Wildfire	2009 Fire Season	100,601,567	81,743,529
Wildfire	2003 Fire Storm	185,722,186	159,052,448



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BC Wildfire Service Fire Management Estimate**

Year	Total Fires	Total Hectares
to July 18, 2017	669	320,833
2016	1,050	100,366
2015	1,858	280,605
2014	1,481	369,168
2013	1,861	18,298
2012	1,649	102,122
2003	2,500	265,000
5 year Average 2012 - 2016	1580	174,111



Legislative Responsibilities

- *Wildfire Act*
 - in effect since 2005, describes the requirements that industrial operators and the public must adhere to when undertaking activities that could cause a fire on forest land or grass land in British Columbia.
- *Penalties:*
 - Anyone who contravenes an open fire prohibition may be issued a ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail.
 - If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs



Legislative Responsibilities

- *Emergency Program Act (EPA)*
 - clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the provincial government and local authorities (municipalities or regional districts).
 - provides extraordinary powers to the provincial government and/or local authorities where and when required.
 - allows for the provision of support to victims of disasters through the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) Program.
 - supported by three regulations.



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Legislative Responsibilities continued

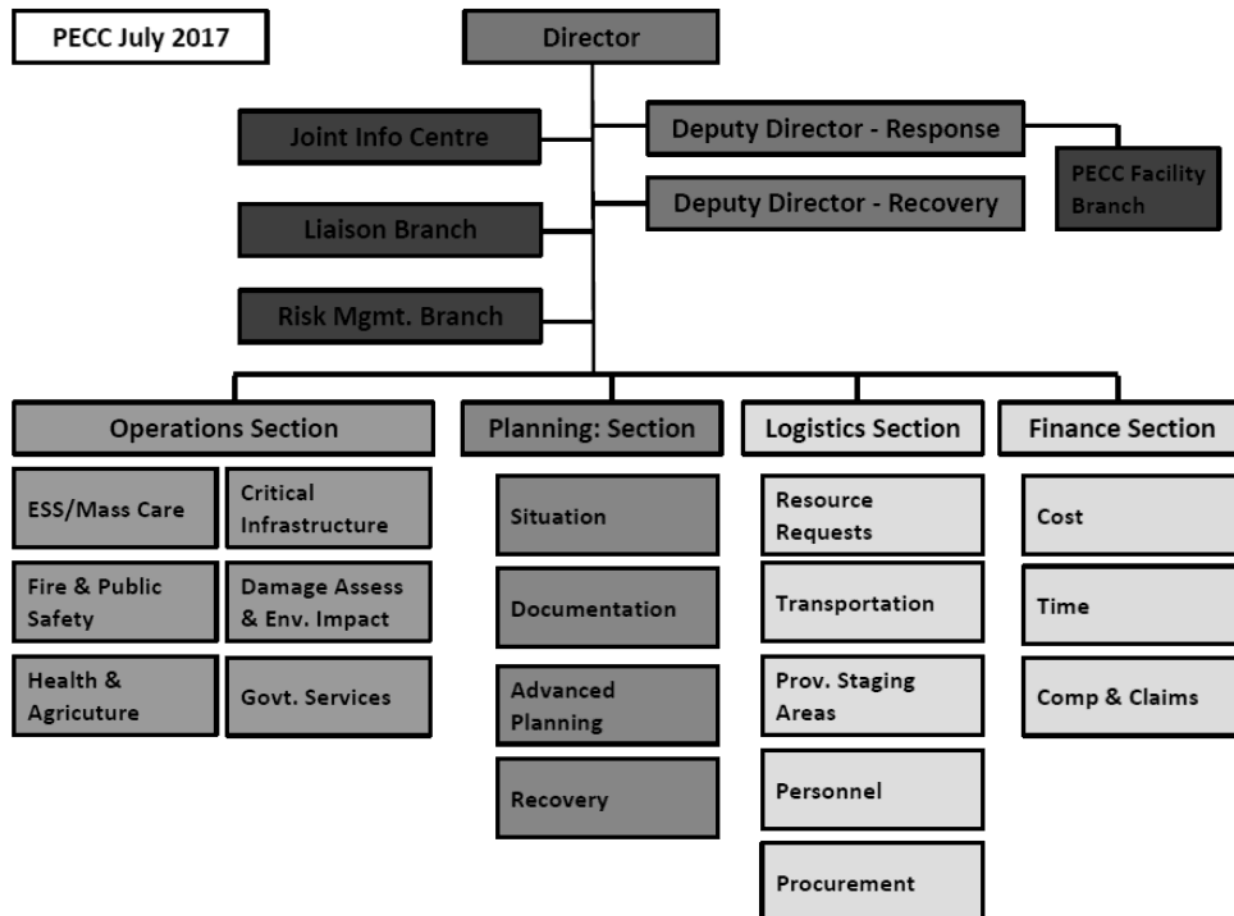
Delegation Order

- By Ministerial Order, the Minister responsible for the *Emergency Program Act* can delegate select duties and powers in the EPA to an appointed person.
- A number of Ministerial duties and powers have been delegated to the 'Director' who is the Assistant Deputy Minister for EMBC and statutory authority for the program.
- Recommend a dedicated follow up briefing on delegation and Ministerial consideration of a revised Delegation Order.

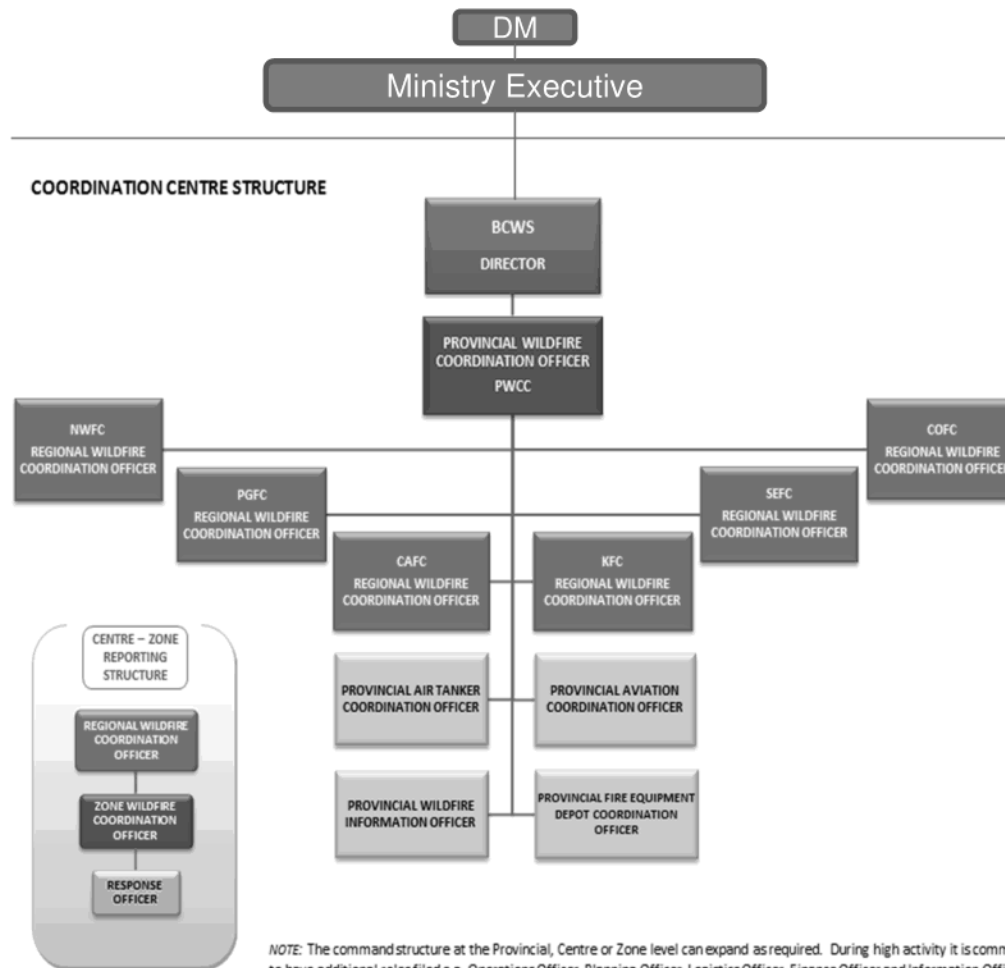
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NOTE: The command structure at the Provincial, Centre or Zone level can expand as required. During high activity it is common to have additional roles filled e.g. Operations Officer, Planning Officer, Logistics Officer, Finance Officer and Information Officer. Additionally there are key functions that report into the Coordination Centre that have not been identified above such as Fire Control Room Duty Supervisors and Origin and Cause Investigators who will report directly to the PWCO or RWCOs.



Resources 'On the Ground'

CONTEXT

- 1625 Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations BCWS staff located across the province.
- Strong coordination across all divisions of the Ministry; in particular BCWS staff work closely with regional land management staff.
- Temporary Emergency Assistance Management System (TEAMS).
- Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Center coordinates services and equipment across Canada and internationally.
- International Agreements (US & Australia).

SITUATION at July 18, 2017

- Personnel deployed: 3,007 personnel working across the province, 417 from other provinces, 961 contract
- Aircraft deployed: 220 providing support to our ground crews



Prevention & Mitigation

- Increased focus provincially and nationally on prevention (redefined vote)
- The Forest Enhancement Society – incl. preventing & mitigating impact of wildfire
- Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative – funding for community wildfire prevention planning and implementation
- Fuel Management (BC, Industry, local government, etc)

Partnerships

- The Province engaged w/ federal government at staff and senior executive level
- The Province is working with First Nations at the local and leadership level

Federal Contributions & Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy

- Ad hoc Cabinet committee created to coordinate federal efforts to help the many communities affected by the wildfires raging through British Columbia
- Provides an opportunities to discuss Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy investments

DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATION REPORT

DATE: July 14, 2017

TIME: 1220 hrs

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SUMMARY

- There are currently 164 wildfires burning. There continues to be active and extreme fire behaviour.
- To date, there have been 618 fires, burning 117,720 hectares, costing \$73 million.
- While there was a slight reprieve, we are expecting the continuation of hot, dry conditions across the south. Forecasts are calling for a potentially significant wind event starting Saturday afternoon in to Sunday that could pose a major challenge to fire control efforts.
- Firefighting efforts remain focused on public safety and keeping highways that serve as evacuation routes open.
- Here is a brief update on some of the more significant fires:
 - Ashcroft: 13,100 hectares
 - Princeton: 3,000 hectares
 - Gustafsen: 5,000 hectares
 - Wildwood (Williams Lake): 2,500 hectares
 - Hanceville Complex in Chilcotin: 10,000 hectares
 - Little Fort: 1,954 hectares at Dunn Lake, and 450 hectares for Thuya Lake Road
- We currently have 2,991 personnel working across the province, including 363 people who came in from other provinces earlier this week.
- We have approximately 192 aircraft deployed, providing support to our ground crews.

Evacuations (info provided to BCWS by EMBC)

- There are currently 39 Evacuation Orders and 24 Evacuation Alerts across the Province of British Columbia
 - In the Central Region (roughly corresponding to Kamloops Fire Centre) there are 16 Orders and 10 Alerts
 - In the Northeast Region (roughly corresponding to the Cariboo Fire Centre) there are 23 Orders and 12 Alerts
- There are 6,171 homes on Evacuation Order, and 5,849 on Evacuation Alert

Fires Currently Burning	163 (97 lightning-caused / 35 human-caused)* <small>* Subtotals may not add up to the total; fires not classified as "lightning-caused" or "human-caused" are still under investigation</small>
New Fires Yesterday	21

	This Season (Since April 1st)	Last Year (2016)	10 Year Average (2007-2016)
Total Fires to Date	617	516	602
Total Hectares to Date	117,713	93,185	53,397

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES				
Out of Province Personnel	International Resources	Airtanker Support	B.C. Contractors	FLNR Resources
351 out-of-province crew personnel 12 other personnel	59 Australia (not here yet – mainly will provide air support)	2 additional FireBosses (Kamloops) 1 Electra (Williams Lake). 3 tanker groups	825 contract crew personnel 195 other contract personnel	1625 BCWS personnel 105 TEAMS personnel

WEATHER FORECAST

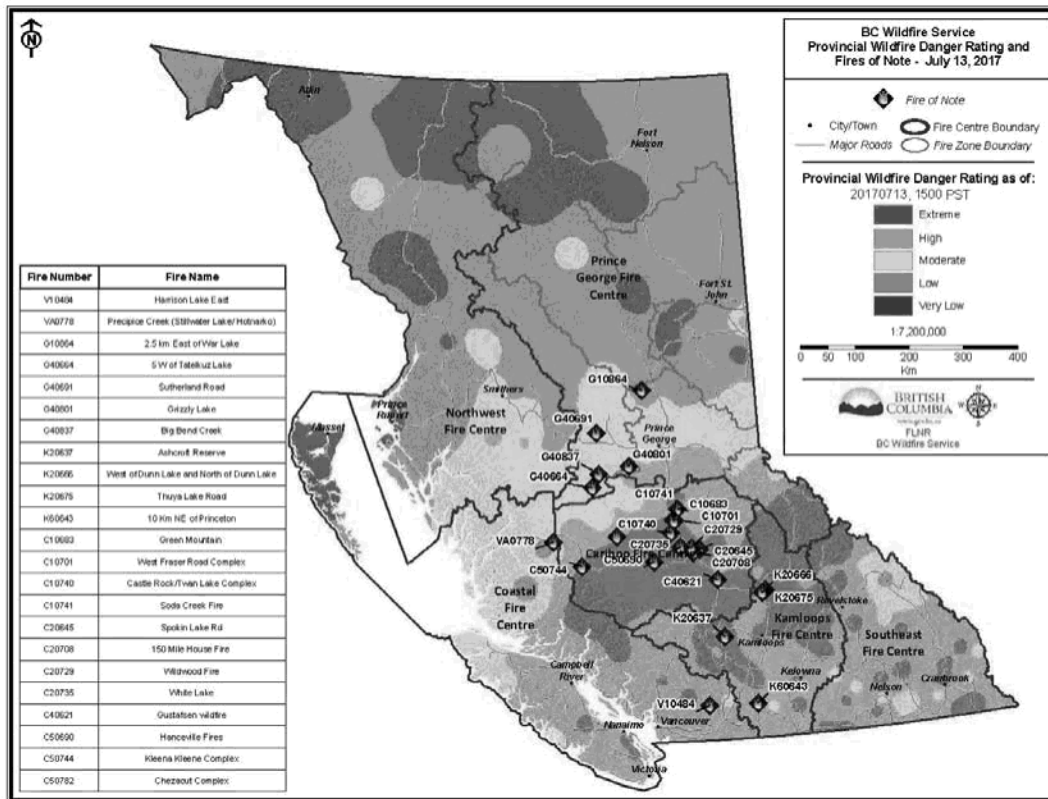
Today: Mainly warm and dry conditions are expected in the south. A mix of sun and cloud is forecast for the Cariboo. A few showers are expected in the north.

Tomorrow: A cold front is forecast to move through the Cariboo and northeast, bringing with it high wind conditions. There is a 60% chance of lightning in the Fort St. John area and Southeast Fire Centre, as well as a 40% chance in the north side of the Cariboo Fire Centre and general northern B.C. There is a good chance of precipitation in the northern Prince George Fire Centre and along the central and northern coast. Warm temperatures are expected to persist in the south and in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

Sunday: Cooler temperatures and high winds are in the forecast for areas behind the cold front. Isolated to scattered showers are expected in the Cariboo, along with a chance of lightning.

Monday and onward: A general ridging trend is expected in southern and central B.C. Some precipitation is expected early next week in the north.

FIRE DANGER RATING



Provincial Wildfire Coordination Centre
Morning Wildfire Statistics Summary

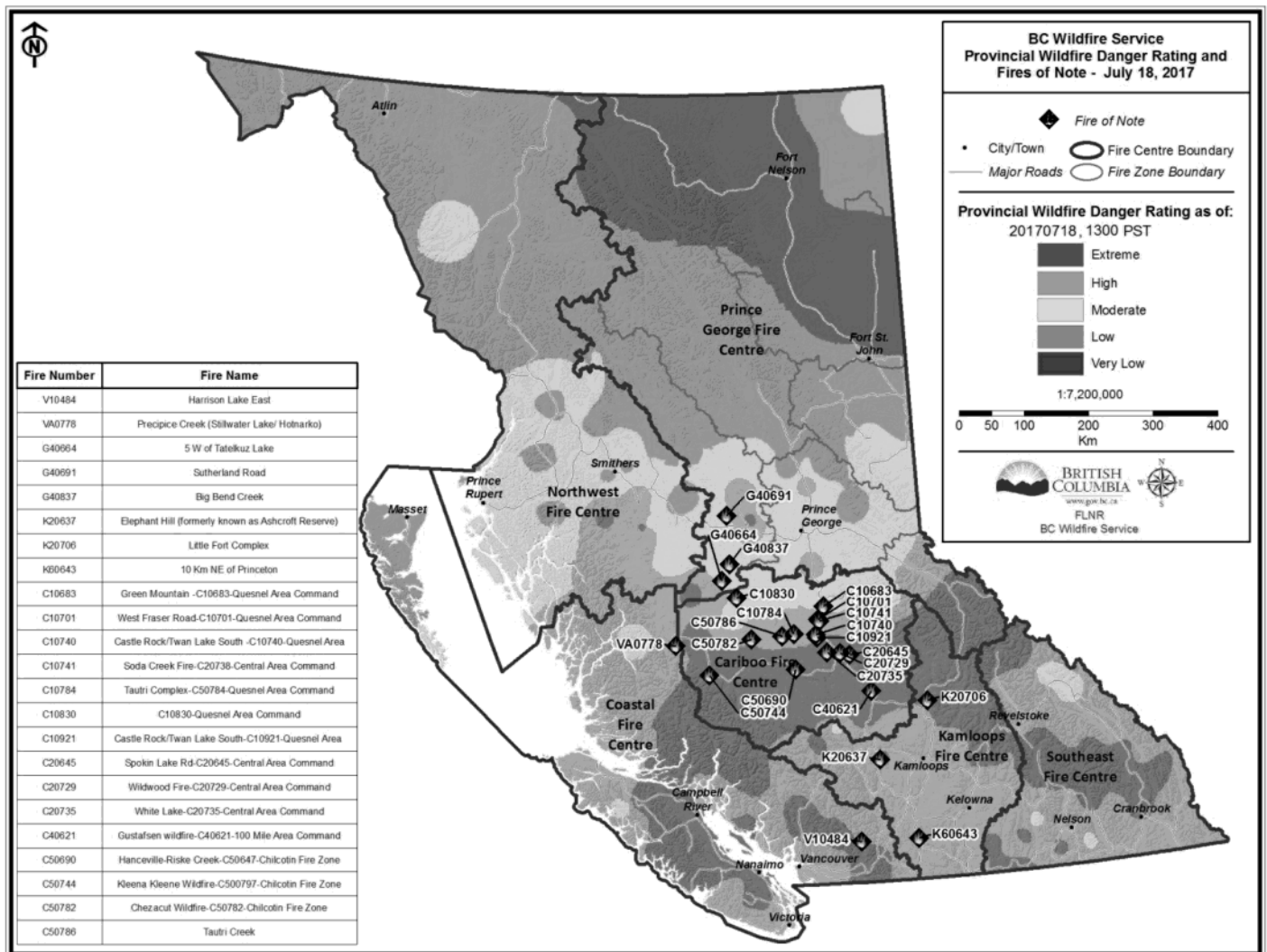
Wildfire Summary for July 19, 2017

Fire Centre	Burning Today	New Fires Yesterday
Coastal	8	1
Northwest	3	0
Prince George	32	0
Kamloops	23	1
Southeast	16	0
Cariboo	60	3
HQ	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	142	5

Fires Since April 1	Total Costs to Date (Estimates)	Hectares Burned
59	\$ 3,809,302.14	2,040
32	\$ 2,828,714.50	269
152	\$ 6,641,461.85	11,331
108	\$ 11,358,729.86	60,056
128	\$ 3,416,236.61	5,132
194	\$ 15,254,744.03	248,472
N/A	\$ 62,022,787.42	N/A
673	\$105,331,976.41	327,301

*Financial numbers may be understated as not all Fire Centres are able to fully report all costs on a daily basis.

Total Personnel	Out-of-Province Personnel	Contract Personnel	Aircraft
2,926	363	1,009	209



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Good morning!

Today's Daily Wildfire Situation Report is attached.

Best regards,

Ryan Turcot

Information Officer

BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

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DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATION REPORT

DATE: July 25, 2017

TIME: 1100 hrs

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SUMMARY

- There are currently 152 wildfires burning.
- To date, there have been 765 fires, burning 375,444 hectares
- Generally warm and dry conditions are expected moving forward into this week. Some thundershowers are possible in central and southern BC between Wednesday and Thursday.
- Firefighting efforts remain focused on public safety and keeping highways that serve as evacuation routes open.
- We currently have 4,318 personnel working across the province, including 1,182 people who came in from other provinces
- We have approximately 180 aircraft deployed, providing support to our ground crews.

FIRES OF NOTE

KAMLOOPS FIRE CENTRE

Elephant Hill (K20637), Kamloops Fire Centre

Location: Elephant Hill (formerly referred to the Ashcroft Reserve Fire)

Status: 61,500 hectares (estimated), 30% contained, Out of Control

Cause: Under investigation

Resources: 257 firefighters (including 97 BCWS, 119 out of province, and 41 contract), an incident management team, 49 structural protection personnel, 59 support staff, 15 helicopters, and 60 pieces of heavy equipment. A Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) is in place over the fire and the airstrip in Cache Creek.

Fire Camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Fire behaviour increased yesterday in the Loon Lake and south/southeast areas yesterday. Resources are being reallocated to address escapes and maintain containment as necessary. Crews work to complete handguard in the southeast corner (Division B) where dozers cannot access, and will prepare for ignitions to anchor guard construction. Ground crews continue to construct guard northwest of Hihium Lake to restrict fire spread towards structures. Structural protection crews are conducting assessments, protecting values, and are establishing sprinkler systems on properties. Specialists continue with assessing danger trees, and ground crews continue with mop-up in Division A and C. An infrared heat scan was conducted in the Loon Lake and Division A and will be assessed this morning. The public is reminded this fire is still out of control, and areas within the perimeter are very dangerous. An

area restriction has been put in place, in an effort to keep crews and the public safe, and to allow the BC Wildfire Service to continue suppression efforts in an efficient manner.

Evacuations: The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued evacuations alerts and orders for various areas in the vicinity of this fire. Cache Creek, residences along Highway 97, and the Bonaparte First Nation remain under an evacuation alert and Highway 97 is now open up through 100 Mile House. Some areas adjacent to the fire remain under evacuation order. See details at TNRD.ca.

Princeton (K60643), Kamloops Fire Centre

Location: 10 km north of Princeton

Status: 3,300 hectares, 100% containment - Being Held

Cause: Suspected human-caused, under investigation.

Resources: 163 personnel on the fire, 1 Australian Incident Team, 3 rotary-wing aircraft and heavy equipment on standby if required.

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Mop up will continue towards a 200 foot push from the fire boundary.

Evacuations: On July 22nd parts of the evacuation order were lifted. Some orders and alerts are still in place. For more information go to: www.rdos.bc.ca

Other: The Summers Creek Road remains closed. Highway Authority commenced works on the road today to make safe before reopening. Crew numbers over the next few days will start to decline. This will be the norm for the remainder of the incident as more and more hotspots are dealt with.

LITTLE FORT COMPLEX (K20706; K20675; K21032)

Overview information for the Little Fort Complex:

- The Little Fort Complex co-ordinates the response K20706 Dunn Lake, K20675 Thuya Road wildfires, as well as smaller K21032.
- Aerial scans of the fires took place Saturday night through Monday night.
- A rescind for all evacuation orders is being recommended this morning and alerts will be left in place on the east side of the upper Thompson River.
- An extended forest area closure had been put in place.
- 192 personnel are supporting the Little Fort Complex, including structural fire crews, a 16-person Incident Management Team and other support staff.
- Five helicopters, seven pieces of heavy equipment and six water tenders are assigned to the complex.
- IMT Murdoch is transitioning in today and will take control of the complex at 2000.

K20706 – Dunn Lake, Kamloops Fire Centre

Location: West and north of Dunn Lake and along Dunn Lake Road.

Status: 3,035 hectares combined (estimated), 100% contained and Being Held.

Cause: Under investigation.

Resources: 161 personnel, five pieces of heavy equipment and five water tenders. Shared with K20675 are 15 firefighting resources (firefighters, fallers, line locators, night operations, helibase manager etc.), five helicopters and a 16-member Incident Management Team.

Fire camp in place: Yes.

Objectives: Crews will extinguish hot spots identified by scans completed on the weekend with a focus on northern and eastern flanks, while supporting CN crews working on flare-ups along the rail corridor

as needed. The BC Wildfire Service and Parks Canada Incident Management Team continues to liaise closely with local fire department, RCMP and local government personnel to ensure public safety around the Little Fort Complex.

Evacuations: The top priority is to ensure public safety. A rescind for all evacuation orders is being recommended this morning and alerts will be left in place on the east side of the upper Thompson River. An extended forest area closure put in place to ensure the safety of crews and residents in the area. Please visit the TNRD and District of Clearwater's websites for more information.

Other: For information on the impact to structures due to this wildfire, please contact the Thompson Nicola Regional District.

Thuya Lake Rd. (K20675), Kamloops Fire Centre

Location: 7 Km up Thuya Lake Road

Status: 556 hectares (estimated), Under Control.

Cause: Under investigation.

Resources: There will be a patrol of Thuya Road fire but resources have been pulled from this fire that is now Under Control. Shared with K20706 are 15 firefighting resources (firefighters, fallers, line locators, helibase manager, night operations etc.), five helicopters and a 16-member Incident Management Team. Two pieces of equipment and one water tender are on standby.

Fire camp in place: Yes.

Objectives: Crews will extinguish hot spots identified by Saturday night's scan of the fire and assess and fall dangerous trees.

The BC Wildfire Service and Parks Canada Incident Management Team continues to liaise closely with local fire department, RCMP and local government personnel to ensure public safety around the Little Fort Complex.

Evacuations: The top priority is to ensure public safety. A rescind for all evacuation orders is being recommended this morning and alerts will be left in place on the east side of the upper Thompson River. An extended forest area closure put in place to ensure the safety of crews and residents in the area. Please visit the TNRD and District of Clearwater's websites for more information.

Other:

CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE

Gustafsen (C40621), Cariboo Fire Centre

Status: 5,700 hectares, 100% contained, Being Held

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 170 firefighters, 3 helicopters, 12 pieces of equipment

Fire camp & ICP: A fire camp and ICP are located on Ainsworth Road, 3 km west, at the snowmobile club.

Objectives :

- Hit hot spots around structures.
- Extinguish north excursion.
- Work green bays that could compromise guard.
- Continue pushing into 75' south of Tad and Abel Lake.
- Work spots around Misty Valley Ranch.

Reentry: July 22 - the Cariboo Regional District and the District of 100 Mile House has rescinded the Evacuation Order to an Evacuation alert and allowed community re-entry. On July 24 the Evacuation Order within the fire perimeter was rescinded to an Evacuation Alert.

Lakes: Area Rescinded Restriction for Williams Lake, Watson Lake, Horse Lake and Lac La Hache

Other: Very light smoke continues to cover the area from the multiple fires in the Cariboo.

CENTRAL CARIBOO AREA COMMAND – July 25th 2017**Overview information for the area command:**

- 17 helicopters are assigned to the command.
- A fire camp is set up at the airport.

Wildwood Fire (C20729), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: NE of Williams Lake (North of YWL airport)

Status: 13,215 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 206 crew personnel, 47 pieces of equipment, air support and support staff.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life and property, utility lines (BC Hydro, fibre optics, Terasen, etc.) and keeping the highway open.

DIV A - Connect tight line machine guard, continue wet lining on W/NW flanks, and suppress hot spots with Skidder Tender beyond north side guard.

DIV B - Continue building tight line machine guard from Mountain House road north to meet with DIV A guard. Complete mop up from fire centre north to wellness centre and 25ft perimeter guard at south end of division.

DIV C - Direct attack NE flank and continue north. Continue pushing north from west flank tying into area south of Williams Lake airport. Eliminate hot spots picked up by scan on west flank.

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alerts. More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>.

Other: N/A

Soda Creek (C20738), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: NW of Williams Lake

Status: 251 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: There are currently no resources on this fire.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life and property.

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alert. More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>

Other: N/A

Spokin Lake (C20645), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 2650 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 108 crew personnel, 25 pieces of equipment, air support, line locators and support staff.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life, property and utility lines (BC Hydro, fibre optics, Terasen, etc.). Structural Protection Unit on Spokin Lake, Scheffler and Paradise roads. Continue cat line and cat guard construction. Extinguish hot spots around subdivision on Spokin Lake road.

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alert for the Miocene.

More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>

White Lake (C20735), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: NE of Williams Lake (west of the Fraser River)

Status: 8,107 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 101 personnel, 28 pieces of equipment, air support and support staff.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Consolidate dozer lines, tightline and join up with DIV B. Continue work with DTA/DTF along Soda Road and dozer line. Work dozer lines with skidder tenders and extinguish hot spots within 10m of perimeter.

Evacuations: No

Other: N/A

Big Lake (C20906, C30870, C30887, C31005), Cariboo Fire Centre

- 42 pieces of heavy equipment shared among Big Lake fires.

Fire C30870 – UBC Research

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 220 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 31 crew personnel, air support.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life, property, and utility lines (BC Hydro, fibre optics, Terasen, etc.). Work off guarded lines with pumps, hose and water. Mop up areas progressively.

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alert for the Miocene. More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>

Other: . An ICP has been set up at the Big Lake fire department. Fire department has been very supportive of our efforts.

Fire C30887 – Gavin Lake

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 160 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 30 crew personnel.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life, property and utility lines (BC Hydro, fibre optics, Terasen, etc.).

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alert for the Miocene. More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>

Other: An ICP has been set up at the Big Lake fire department. Fire department has been very supportive of our efforts.

Fire C20906 – Big Lake

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 45 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: There are currently no resources on this fire, with the exception of the heavy equipment shared amongst the Big Lake complex.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life, property and utility lines (BC Hydro, fibre optics, Terasen, etc.).

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alert for the Miocene. More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>

Other: . An ICP has been set up at the Big Lake fire department. Fire department has been very supportive of our efforts.

Fire C31005 – SW End of Antoine Lake

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 40 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 17 crew personnel, equipment and support staff.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Finish constructing fire guard and establishing pumps, hose and control lines.

Evacuations: No, but access is limited due to Evacuation Orders and Alert closer to Williams Lake.

Other: N/A

QUESNEL FIRE ZONE

West Fraser Road Complex (C10701), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: On the west side of Highway 97, approximately 6km southwest of Australian and 30 km south of Quesnel

Status: Estimated 120 hectares and is under control, 85% contained

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 15 personnel

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Heavy equipment work is complete for the time being. Ground crews are continuing direct attack the fire and work to protect critical infrastructure.

Evacuations: Yes

Other: This was initially given as the West Fraser Complex, but has been changed to West Fraser Road complex for a more accurate description of location. Firefighters are continuing to work identified hotspots identified by drone scans. Ranchers are starting to rebuild fence lines. Crews plan to demobilise tomorrow and then fire will be monitored.

Green Mountain Fire (C10683), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Green Mountain, which is just west of Dragon Mountain and approximately 25km southeast of Quesnel

Status: Estimated 553 hectares and 60% contained (this change in fire size is not due to further growth, but rather due to more accurate mapping).

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 56 personnel, 4 pieces of heavy equipment, 60% contained

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Complete cat guard and protect critical infrastructure on Dragon Mountain.

Evacuations: No

Other: The estimate of this fire had previously been given at 1500 hectares, but a better estimate has placed it at 520 hectares. Fire has been renamed from Dragon Mountain Fire to Green Mountain Fire to help avoid confusion in the local area. Crews are continuing to action hotspots in the area. There have been reports of public on site and RCMP is taking appropriate action.

Castle Rock/Twan Lake South (C10740), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Approximately 4 km south of Alexandria IR 3 and IR 1, approximately 4 km northwest of Tingley Lake, approximately 45km northwest of Williams Lake.

Status: Estimated 5,525 hectares, 30% contained

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 84 personnel, 3 pieces of heavy equipment

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives:

Evacuations: Yes

Other: Was previously given as complex, but is being considered as two separate fires. There is a small commune located in the area between this and C10291 that is the nearest threatened community. Was previously referred to as Tingley Creek fire and has been renamed to reflect more accurate geographic location. The fire has currently not moved any closer to the Alexandria IR 3 and IR 1. This fire has now joined with the other Castle Rock fire (C10921). Crews continue to make good progress with this fire. Crews continue to increase security along the perimeter.

Tautri Complex (C50784), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Just north of Rosita-Meldrum Forest Service Road, approximately 80km northwest of Williams Lake.

Status: Estimated 51,113 hectares, 10% containment

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 32 firefighters and 8 pieces of heavy equipment and helicopters

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Unknown

Evacuations: No

Other: Substantial growth was observed mostly on the southeastern side of the fire after the wind even this past weekend. Due to increased fire activity, fire (50784) joined together with fire C50786 Saturday evening. Heavy equipment and crews continue to work on establishing guard on the flanks and tie into pre-existing roads and natural land features. Crews have installed water sources and are continuing to secure the perimeter.

Fires listed below are currently lower priority and non-interface, but are substantial in size and could cause issues down the road.

Sovereign Lakes wildfire (C10764)

Location: approximately 23 km SE of Cottonwood House Historic Site, approximately 43 km east of Quesnel

Status: Estimated 97 hectares (the fire size reduced after better mapping)

Cause: Under Investigation, 85% contained

Resources: 18 firefighters, 1 piece of heavy equipment

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Unknown

Evacuations: No

Other: West Fraser strike team on site. The Cariboo Fire Centre dispatch centre is working to change this fire name to "Sovereign Lakes" wildfire as this is a more accurate geographic reference for this fire.

Previously this fire used to be two fires but now has been named 'C10764'. Crews worked on all smokes detected by an aerial scan yesterday, and have now requested a scan of the interior to ensure that area contains no hot spots.

West Quesnel Complex Fires (C10812, C10830, C10970, C11010, C11014):**C10812**

Location: 4 Km north of Baezaeko River, approximately 110 km west of Quesnel. (Now includes fire C11010)

Status: Estimated at 9886 hectares

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 2 fire crews and 4 pieces of heavy equipment

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Continue to review and conduct on-site monitoring of fire activity to ensure the appropriate response, tactics and strategies are utilized and maintained. Work on the southeast corner. Actively monitor the fire and look for further burn-off opportunities. Determine long-term strategy.

Evacuations: No

Other: SE of Kluskus Reserve. Predicted 2-4 days before it becomes interface in Nazko or Kluskus.

C10830

Location: 5 Km North of Bishops Bluff, approximately 130 km west of Quesnel, approximately 5 km SW of the community Kluskus

Status: Estimated 2,259 hectares

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 6 fire crews were working on the ground today, along with 7 pieces of heavy equipment.

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Continue with cat guard construction along northern perimeter working east, continue with hoseline construction on west flank and tie in with old cat guard. Mop up along north cat guard, supported by helicopters bucketing. Determine long-term strategy.

Other: Being actioned by Nasko Logging and Nazko Silviculture personnel. An evacuation alert was declared by the Cariboo Regional District for Kluskus First Nation as of this afternoon. For more information visit: <http://cariboord.ca/listit2alerts/kluskus-area-and-kluskus-ir-evacuation-alert/83>

C10970

Location: West side of Kluskoil Park, approximately 110 km northwest of Quesnel

Status: Estimated 2693 hectares

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: Helicopter bucketing and values protection equipment.

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Strategic values protection is setup in the area on some cabins, sprinklers are set-up and will be turned on if it becomes necessary. Continue to review and conduct on-site monitoring of fire activity at the field level to ensure the appropriate response, tactics and strategies are utilized and maintained.

Consider burn-off opportunities. Determine long-term strategy.

Evacuations: No

Other: Park representatives still have been contacted.

C11014

Location: Bazaeko (3900 rd)

Status: Estimated 9804 hectares

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: Fire crews and 10 pieces of equipment

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Continue to establish line working north on the east side. Look for burn-off opportunities. Continue to review and conduct on-site monitoring of fire activity at the field level to ensure the appropriate response, tactics and strategies are utilized and maintained. Monitoring and evaluating long-term strategy.

Evacuations: No

Other: Causon Logging has lost decked wood and heavy equipment staged in a safety zone within the burn area.

C11058

Location: Approximately 12 km southwest of Tite Town

Status: Estimated at 126 hectares

Cause: Under investigation

Resources: 5 fire crews working fire using pumps and hose with helicopter bucketing support.

Fire camp in place: No

Evacuations: No

Objectives: Fire crews are on the ground and actively working to establish hoseline using pumps and hose on south and east flank, bucket support along west flank. Other objectives: Continue to review and conduct on-site monitoring of fire activity at the field level to ensure the appropriate response, tactics and strategies are utilized and maintained. Monitor and evaluate long-term strategy. Structure protection team has travelled to Tite Town to familiarize themselves with values in area as a precautionary measure.

CHILCOTIN FIRE ZONE:

Hanceville-Riske Creek Wildfire (C50647), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Approximately 60 km southwest of Williams Lake

Status: Estimated 131,958 hectares, 45% contained

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: More than 145 firefighters, 14 helicopters and heavy equipment groups.

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: We are concentrating on securing the south and southeast flanks of this fire. Progress was made today with direct attack on many locations throughout the fire and establishing control lines with equipment. Crews are hot spotting along the control lines and mopping up along perimeters.

Evacuations: Yes

Other: Hanceville and Riske Creek wildfires have been combined into one wildfire for reporting purposes. There is fire on both sides of the highway. The fire has crossed the Farwell Road as of July 18, but has not reached Gang Ranch Road.

Kleena Kleene Wildfire (C50744), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: South of Highway 20 primarily along Klinaklini River, approximately 200km west of Williams Lake

Status: Estimated 5,318 hectares, 50% contained

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: Firefighters, local heavy equipment operators and helicopters

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Crews are establishing water delivery and mopping up along guards. We are working to increase containment on the east side of the fire.

Evacuations: Yes

Other: Per Chilcotin Information Officer, referring to this as Kleena Kleene Wildfire instead of Kleena Kleene Complex. The fire number has been changed from C50797 to C50744)

Chezacut Wildfire (C50782), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Near Chilcotin Lake and north along Chilcotin River, approximately 140 northwest of Williams Lake

Status: Estimated 10,194 hectares, 25% contained

Cause:

Resources: Unknown

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Crews patrolled along the guards for hot spots. Work was done to complete the machine guard in the northwest area.

Evacuations: Yes

Other: Per Chilcotin Information Officer, referring to this as the Chezacut Wildfire instead of the Chezacut Complex.

PRINCE GEORGE FIRE CENTRE

Sutherland Road Fire (G40691)

Location: 10 km North of Fort Fraser

Status: 1590 hectares (estimated), Under Control 10% contained

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 37 firefighters, helicopters and heavy equipment are available on standby if required.

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Continue patrols. Scan planned for today, July 24, 2017.

Evacuations: An evacuation alert has been rescinded for the Sutherland Road Fire. For more information go to: <http://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>.

Other: Order of Restricted Access in place. In the process of rescinding the Order of Restricted access. The need for the evacuation alert and restricted areas has been recommend to be taken off as of July 24. We will scan on the fire today. The crews have a 500 ft. wet line in place. Still finding smokes well inside the guard today. 80% of the west end fire received some perception July 24.

Tatelkuz Lake Wildfire (G40664), Prince George Fire Centre

Location: 5 W of Tatelkuz Lake 118 km on the Kluskus FSR

Status: 1271 Ha estimated, Being Held

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 44 firefighters, helicopters and heavy equipment are available on standby if required.

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Objectives for today are to mop-up hot spots and continue patrols. Scan planned for today,

Evacuations: An evacuation alert was issued on July 11, 2017. For more information go to www.cariboord.bc.ca

Other: No significant growth yesterday, the fire had very few smokes. The machine guard is complete, but there remains lots of work for hand crews.

Big Bend Creek (G40837), Prince George Fire Centre

Location: 75km on the Kluskus FSR

Status: 2062 ha estimated, out of control, 0% contained

Cause: lightning

Resources: 42 firefighters, 2 pieces heavy equipment

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Objectives for today improving guards and suppressing hot spots.

Evacuations: An evacuation alert was issued June 9, 2017. For more information go to: <http://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

Other: No significant growth yesterday. Around 100% of the fire is loosely guarded with machine guard and tied into existing roads. Ground crews and heavy equipment continue to work to improve guards and suppress hot spots. Fire is close to but not at evacuation alert boundary. Sprinkler protection remains on estimated 17 structures and can be run by BCWS staff.

COASTAL FIRE CENTRE

Harrison Lake East (V10484), Coastal Fire Centre

Location: approximately 30 kilometres north of Harrison Hot Springs, near the mouth of Big Silver Creek

Status: 202 hectares (estimated), 40% contained. Fire is being held

Cause: Human, under investigation

Resources: 9 firefighters, 1 officer, 2 helicopters, and support staff.

Fire Camp in Place: No

Objectives: Crews continue to focus on the North East Flank of the fire in order to increase containment, and to work on the South Flank of this fire to maintain containment in this area. A remote camera has been installed to assist with monitoring V10484.

Evacuations: No

Other: The area closure and Forest Service Road closure remain in effect.

Precipice Creek Fire (VA0778), Coastal Fire Centre

Location: 52 Km east of Bella Coola

Status: 2500 hectares (estimated), 10% contained

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 42 firefighters, 12 single resources, 9 helicopters, 1 Structural Protection Unit (SPU), 2 danger tree assessors/fallers, and support staff.

Fire Camp in place: No

Objectives: Structural Protection units are being monitored. Crews are working on preventing fire from crossing the Arnarko on SE end. This fire has had minimal growth but still remains out of control.

Evacuations: Yes. There is a remote area under evacuation order by the Central Coast Regional District which affects 5 homes. More information can be found here: <http://www.ccrd-bc.ca/>

Other: Weather conditions are shifting from cool and moist to warm and dry for the majority of the week with a low chance of precipitation late Tuesday. Very warm conditions are forecast after Thursday. This fire is burning in a remote area.

Fires Currently Burning	156 (99 lightning-caused / 28 human-caused)* <small>* Subtotals may not add up to the total; fires not classified as "lightning-caused" or "human-caused" are still under investigation</small>
New Fires Yesterday	19

	This Season (Since April 1st)	Last Year (2016)	10 Year Average (2007-2016)
Total Fires to Date	765	575	773
Total Hectares to Date	375,444	93,473	70,817

PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS			
CAMPFIRE AND OPEN BURNING ARE NOW PROHIBITED IN ALL SIX FIRE CENTRES (except Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone)			
	Category 3	Category 2	Campfires
COASTAL	July 6, 2017 (excludes Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone)	X (excludes Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone)	July 6, 2017 (excludes Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone)
NORTHWEST	X	X	X
PRINCE GEORGE	X	X	X
KAMLOOPS	X	X	X
SOUTHEAST	X	X	X
CARIBOO	X	X	X

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES*			
Out of Province Personnel (all requests made through CIFFC)	International Resources	Airtanker Support	B.C. Contractors

921 out-of-province firefighters	50 officers and technical specialists from Australia arrived on Wednesday, July 19.	From Alberta: - 2 Turbo Commanders - 1 Electra - 4 CL215Ts	1,234 contract crew personnel
261 other out-of-province personnel		Released yesterday: 1 Turbo Commander and 2 Convairs from Saskatchewan	278 other contract personnel

WEATHER FORECAST

Today: Sunny and dry conditions are forecast for most of BC. Variable cloud cover with isolated thundershowers is expected in the far north. Winds are expected to be generally light, but gusty due to instability from heating. Highs are expected to reach the low to mid 30s in the south.

Wednesday-Thursday: A series of troughs are forecast to bring showers to the north, and isolated to scattered showers in the south that are accompanied by lightning. These troughs are expected to bring significant winds. Some dry-ish lightning strikes are expected in the south.

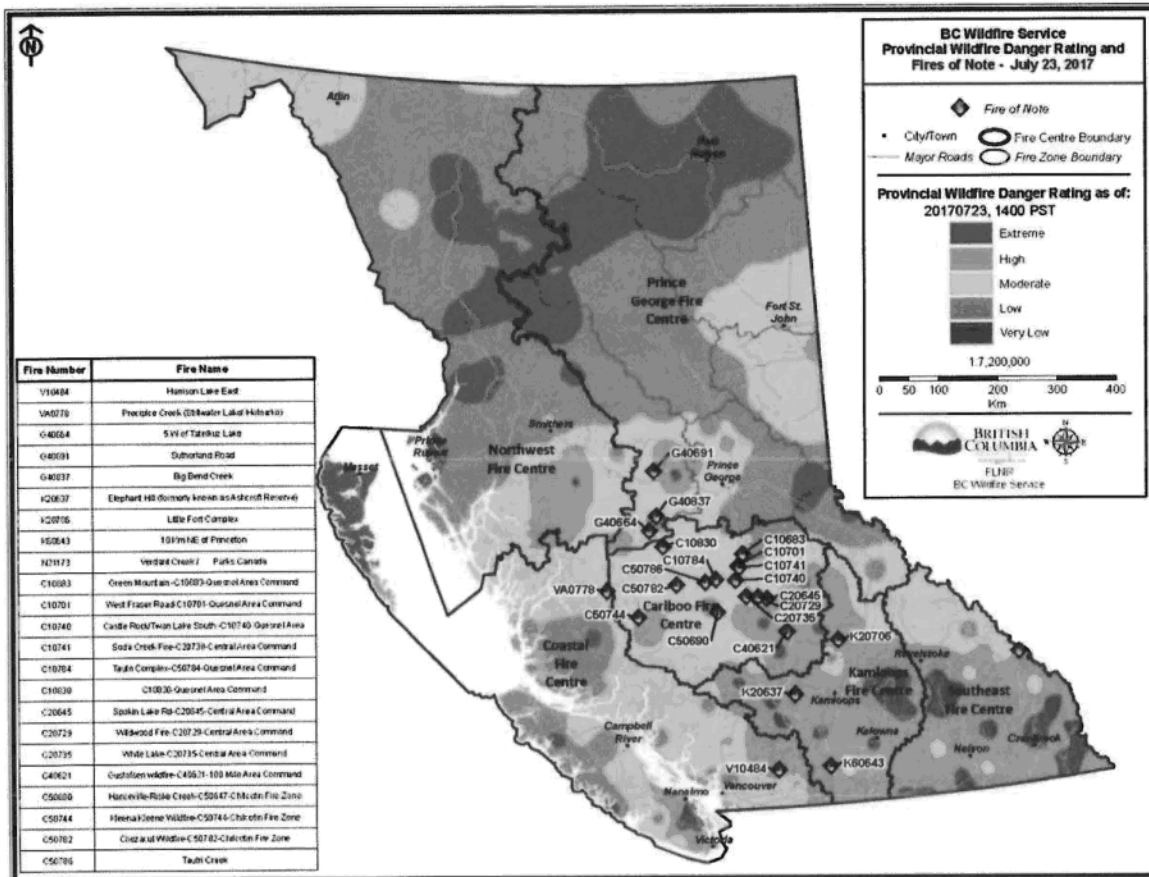
Friday onward: A long-range trend towards hot and dry conditions is expected for most of BC, but some areas may see risks of thundershowers at times.

PREVENTION MESSAGING

Human-caused wildfires divert critical resources away from lightning-caused fires and they are completely preventable. With this in mind, we cannot stress enough that the public is our first line of defence against forest fires. Please be diligent when in the backcountry, and report all wildfires to 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your mobile phone.

- To report smoke or fire: call *5555 on your cell or 1-800-663-5555
- Regardless of the situation or conditions, we ask that the public exercise caution when using fire
- Failure to abide by the Wildfire Act, including open burning restrictions, can result in a \$1,150 fine. Anyone who causes damage to a Crown forest or grassland through arson or recklessness can be fined up to \$1 million and/or spend up to three years in prison. Such a person could also be held responsible for all firefighting and associated costs.
- More than 1,600 firefighters and support staff are available for the 2017 wildfire season. The B.C. government is also able to call on over 2,500 private contractor firefighting resources and a multitude of contingency resources (including those in other provinces).
- The FireSmart Homeowner's Manual was developed to help people reduce the risk of personal property damage due to wildfires. Copies are available at www.gov.bc.ca/firesmart

FIRE DANGER RATING



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Subject: Daily Wildfire Situation Report - July 25, 2017 version 2
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Apologies for the double email. There was one error in this report, which is corrected in the attached version: the Sutherland Road Fire (G40691) is 100% contained and Under Control, not 10% contained and Under Control.

Ryan Turcot

Information Officer

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From: Turcot, Ryan FLNR:EX
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Good morning!

Today's Daily Wildfire Situation Report is attached.

Best regards,

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DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATION REPORT

DATE: July 25, 2017

TIME: 1100 hrs

Please do not forward or redistribute this update - any requests for additional names to be added to this list can be made to the Provincial Information Coordination Officer (contact below).

All new information is printed in red.

SUMMARY

- There are currently 152 wildfires burning.
- To date, there have been 765 fires, burning 375,444 hectares
- Generally warm and dry conditions are expected moving forward into this week. Some thundershowers are possible in central and southern BC between Wednesday and Thursday.
- Firefighting efforts remain focused on public safety and keeping highways that serve as evacuation routes open.
- We currently have 4,318 personnel working across the province, including 1,182 people who came in from other provinces
- We have approximately 180 aircraft deployed, providing support to our ground crews.

FIRES OF NOTE

KAMLOOPS FIRE CENTRE

Elephant Hill (K20637), Kamloops Fire Centre

Location: Elephant Hill (formerly referred to the Ashcroft Reserve Fire)

Status: 61,500 hectares (estimated), 30% contained, Out of Control

Cause: Under investigation

Resources: 257 firefighters (including 97 BCWS, 119 out of province, and 41 contract), an incident management team, 49 structural protection personnel, 59 support staff, 15 helicopters, and 60 pieces of heavy equipment. A Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) is in place over the fire and the airstrip in Cache Creek.

Fire Camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Fire behaviour increased yesterday in the Loon Lake and south/southeast areas yesterday. Resources are being reallocated to address escapes and maintain containment as necessary. Crews work to complete handguard in the southeast corner (Division B) where dozers cannot access, and will prepare for ignitions to anchor guard construction. Ground crews continue to construct guard northwest of Hihium Lake to restrict fire spread towards structures. Structural protection crews are conducting assessments, protecting values, and are establishing sprinkler systems on properties. Specialists continue with assessing danger trees, and ground crews continue with mop-up in Division A and C. An infrared heat scan was conducted in the Loon Lake and Division A and will be assessed this morning. The public is reminded this fire is still out of control, and areas within the perimeter are very dangerous. An

area restriction has been put in place, in an effort to keep crews and the public safe, and to allow the BC Wildfire Service to continue suppression efforts in an efficient manner.

Evacuations: The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued evacuations alerts and orders for various areas in the vicinity of this fire. Cache Creek, residences along Highway 97, and the Bonaparte First Nation remain under an evacuation alert and Highway 97 is now open up through 100 Mile House. Some areas adjacent to the fire remain under evacuation order. See details at TNRD.ca.

Princeton (K60643), Kamloops Fire Centre

Location: 10 km north of Princeton

Status: 3,300 hectares, 100% containment - Being Held

Cause: Suspected human-caused, under investigation.

Resources: 163 personnel on the fire, 1 Australian Incident Team, 3 rotary-wing aircraft and heavy equipment on standby if required.

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Mop up will continue towards a 200 foot push from the fire boundary.

Evacuations: On July 22nd parts of the evacuation order were lifted. Some orders and alerts are still in place. For more information go to: www.rdos.bc.ca

Other: The Summers Creek Road remains closed. Highway Authority commenced works on the road today to make safe before reopening. Crew numbers over the next few days will start to decline. This will be the norm for the remainder of the incident as more and more hotspots are dealt with.

LITTLE FORT COMPLEX (K20706; K20675; K21032)

Overview information for the Little Fort Complex:

- The Little Fort Complex co-ordinates the response K20706 Dunn Lake, K20675 Thuya Road wildfires, as well as smaller K21032.
- Aerial scans of the fires took place Saturday night through Monday night.
- A rescind for all evacuation orders is being recommended this morning and alerts will be left in place on the east side of the upper Thompson River.
- An extended forest area closure had been put in place.
- 192 personnel are supporting the Little Fort Complex, including structural fire crews, a 16-person Incident Management Team and other support staff.
- Five helicopters, seven pieces of heavy equipment and six water tenders are assigned to the complex.
- IMT Murdoch is transitioning in today and will take control of the complex at 2000.

K20706 – Dunn Lake, Kamloops Fire Centre

Location: West and north of Dunn Lake and along Dunn Lake Road.

Status: 3,035 hectares combined (estimated), 100% contained and Being Held.

Cause: Under investigation.

Resources: 161 personnel, five pieces of heavy equipment and five water tenders. Shared with K20675 are 15 firefighting resources (firefighters, fallers, line locators, night operations, helibase manager etc.), five helicopters and a 16-member Incident Management Team.

Fire camp in place: Yes.

Objectives: Crews will extinguish hot spots identified by scans completed on the weekend with a focus on northern and eastern flanks, while supporting CN crews working on flare-ups along the rail corridor

as needed. The BC Wildfire Service and Parks Canada Incident Management Team continues to liaise closely with local fire department, RCMP and local government personnel to ensure public safety around the Little Fort Complex.

Evacuations: The top priority is to ensure public safety. A rescind for all evacuation orders is being recommended this morning and alerts will be left in place on the east side of the upper Thompson River. An extended forest area closure put in place to ensure the safety of crews and residents in the area. Please visit the TNRD and District of Clearwater's websites for more information.

Other: For information on the impact to structures due to this wildfire, please contact the Thompson Nicola Regional District.

Thuya Lake Rd. (K20675), Kamloops Fire Centre

Location: 7 Km up Thuya Lake Road

Status: 556 hectares (estimated), Under Control.

Cause: Under investigation.

Resources: There will be a patrol of Thuya Road fire but resources have been pulled from this fire that is now Under Control. Shared with K20706 are 15 firefighting resources (firefighters, fallers, line locators, helibase manager, night operations etc.), five helicopters and a 16-member Incident Management Team. Two pieces of equipment and one water tender are on standby.

Fire camp in place: Yes.

Objectives: Crews will extinguish hot spots identified by Saturday night's scan of the fire and assess and fall dangerous trees.

The BC Wildfire Service and Parks Canada Incident Management Team continues to liaise closely with local fire department, RCMP and local government personnel to ensure public safety around the Little Fort Complex.

Evacuations: The top priority is to ensure public safety. A rescind for all evacuation orders is being recommended this morning and alerts will be left in place on the east side of the upper Thompson River. An extended forest area closure put in place to ensure the safety of crews and residents in the area. Please visit the TNRD and District of Clearwater's websites for more information.

Other:

CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE

Gustafsen (C40621), Cariboo Fire Centre

Status: 5,700 hectares, 100% contained, Being Held

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 170 firefighters, 3 helicopters, 12 pieces of equipment

Fire camp & ICP: A fire camp and ICP are located on Ainsworth Road, 3 km west, at the snowmobile club.

Objectives:

- Hit hot spots around structures.
- Extinguish north excursion.
- Work green bays that could compromise guard.
- Continue pushing into 75' south of Tad and Abel Lake.
- Work spots around Misty Valley Ranch.

Reentry: July 22 - the Cariboo Regional District and the District of 100 Mile House has rescinded the Evacuation Order to an Evacuation alert and allowed community re-entry. On July 24 the Evacuation Order within the fire perimeter was rescinded to an Evacuation Alert.

Lakes: Area Rescinded Restriction for Williams Lake, Watson Lake, Horse Lake and Lac La Hache

Other: Very light smoke continues to cover the area from the multiple fires in the Cariboo.

CENTRAL CARIBOO AREA COMMAND – July 25th 2017**Overview information for the area command:**

- 17 helicopters are assigned to the command.
- A fire camp is set up at the airport.

Wildwood Fire (C20729), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: NE of Williams Lake (North of YWL airport)

Status: 13,215 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 206 crew personnel, 47 pieces of equipment, air support and support staff.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life and property, utility lines (BC Hydro, fibre optics, Terasen, etc.) and keeping the highway open.

DIV A - Connect tight line machine guard, continue wet lining on W/NW flanks, and suppress hot spots with Skidder Tender beyond north side guard.

DIV B - Continue building tight line machine guard from Mountain House road north to meet with DIV A guard. Complete mop up from fire centre north to wellness centre and 25ft perimeter guard at south end of division.

DIV C - Direct attack NE flank and continue north. Continue pushing north from west flank tying into area south of Williams Lake airport. Eliminate hot spots picked up by scan on west flank.

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alerts. More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>.

Other: N/A

Soda Creek (C20738), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: NW of Williams Lake

Status: 251 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: There are currently no resources on this fire.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life and property.

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alert. More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>

Other: N/A

Spokin Lake (C20645), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 2650 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 108 crew personnel, 25 pieces of equipment, air support, line locators and support staff.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life, property and utility lines (BC Hydro, fibre optics, Terasen, etc.). Structural Protection Unit on Spokin Lake, Scheffler and Paradise roads. Continue cat line and cat guard construction. Extinguish hot spots around subdivision on Spokin Lake road.

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alert for the Miocene.

More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>

White Lake (C20735), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: NE of Williams Lake (west of the Fraser River)

Status: 8,107 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 101 personnel, 28 pieces of equipment, air support and support staff.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Consolidate dozer lines, tightline and join up with DIV B. Continue work with DTA/DTF along Soda Road and dozer line. Work dozer lines with skidder tenders and extinguish hot spots within 10m of perimeter.

Evacuations: No

Other: N/A

Big Lake (C20906, C30870, C30887, C31005), Cariboo Fire Centre

- 42 pieces of heavy equipment shared among Big Lake fires.

Fire C30870 – UBC Research

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 220 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 31 crew personnel, air support.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life, property, and utility lines (BC Hydro, fibre optics, Terasen, etc.). Work off guarded lines with pumps, hose and water. Mop up areas progressively.

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alert for the Miocene. More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>

Other: . An ICP has been set up at the Big Lake fire department. Fire department has been very supportive of our efforts.

Fire C30887 – Gavin Lake

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 160 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 30 crew personnel.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life, property and utility lines (BC Hydro, fibre optics, Terasen, etc.).

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alert for the Miocene. More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>

Other: An ICP has been set up at the Big Lake fire department. Fire department has been very supportive of our efforts.

Fire C20906 – Big Lake

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 45 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: There are currently no resources on this fire, with the exception of the heavy equipment shared amongst the Big Lake complex.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Protection of life, property and utility lines (BC Hydro, fibre optics, Terasen, etc.).

Evacuations: The Cariboo Regional District has issued Evacuations Order and Alert for the Miocene. More information is available at: <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc>

Other: . An ICP has been set up at the Big Lake fire department. Fire department has been very supportive of our efforts.

Fire C31005 – SW End of Antoine Lake

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 40 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 17 crew personnel, equipment and support staff.

Fire camp in place: See above

Objectives: Finish constructing fire guard and establishing pumps, hose and control lines.

Evacuations: No, but access is limited due to Evacuation Orders and Alert closer to Williams Lake.

Other: N/A

QUESNEL FIRE ZONE

West Fraser Road Complex (C10701), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: On the west side of Highway 97, approximately 6km southwest of Australian and 30 km south of Quesnel

Status: Estimated 120 hectares and is under control, 85% contained

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 15 personnel

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Heavy equipment work is complete for the time being. Ground crews are continuing direct attack the fire and work to protect critical infrastructure.

Evacuations: Yes

Other: This was initially given as the West Fraser Complex, but has been changed to West Fraser Road complex for a more accurate description of location. Firefighters are continuing to work identified hotspots identified by drone scans. Ranchers are starting to rebuild fence lines. Crews plan to demobilise tomorrow and then fire will be monitored.

Green Mountain Fire (C10683), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Green Mountain, which is just west of Dragon Mountain and approximately 25km southeast of Quesnel

Status: Estimated 553 hectares and 60% contained (this change in fire size is not due to further growth, but rather due to more accurate mapping).

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 56 personnel, 4 pieces of heavy equipment, 60% contained

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Complete cat guard and protect critical infrastructure on Dragon Mountain.

Evacuations: No

Other: The estimate of this fire had previously been given at 1500 hectares, but a better estimate has placed it at 520 hectares. Fire has been renamed from Dragon Mountain Fire to Green Mountain Fire to help avoid confusion in the local area. Crews are continuing to action hotspots in the area. There have been reports of public on site and RCMP is taking appropriate action.

Castle Rock/Twan Lake South (C10740), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Approximately 4 km south of Alexandria IR 3 and IR 1, approximately 4 km northwest of Tingley Lake, approximately 45km northwest of Williams Lake.

Status: Estimated 5,525 hectares, 30% contained

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 84 personnel, 3 pieces of heavy equipment

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives:

Evacuations: Yes

Other: Was previously given as complex, but is being considered as two separate fires. There is a small commune located in the area between this and C10291 that is the nearest threatened community. Was previously referred to as Tingley Creek fire and has been renamed to reflect more accurate geographic location. The fire has currently not moved any closer to the Alexandria IR 3 and IR 1. This fire has now joined with the other Castle Rock fire (C10921). Crews continue to make good progress with this fire. Crews continue to increase security along the perimeter.

Tautri Complex (C50784), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Just north of Rosita-Meldrum Forest Service Road, approximately 80km northwest of Williams Lake.

Status: Estimated 51,113 hectares, 10% containment

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 32 firefighters and 8 pieces of heavy equipment and helicopters

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Unknown

Evacuations: No

Other: Substantial growth was observed mostly on the southeastern side of the fire after the wind even this past weekend. Due to increased fire activity, fire (50784) joined together with fire C50786 Saturday evening. Heavy equipment and crews continue to work on establishing guard on the flanks and tie into pre-existing roads and natural land features. Crews have installed water sources and are continuing to secure the perimeter.

Fires listed below are currently lower priority and non-interface, but are substantial in size and could cause issues down the road.

Sovereign Lakes wildfire (C10764)

Location: approximately 23 km SE of Cottonwood House Historic Site, approximately 43 km east of Quesnel

Status: Estimated 97 hectares (the fire size reduced after better mapping)

Cause: Under Investigation, 85% contained

Resources: 18 firefighters, 1 piece of heavy equipment

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Unknown

Evacuations: No

Other: West Fraser strike team on site. The Cariboo Fire Centre dispatch centre is working to change this fire name to "Sovereign Lakes" wildfire as this is a more accurate geographic reference for this fire. Previously this fire used to be two fires but now has been named 'C10764'. Crews worked on all smokes detected by an aerial scan yesterday, and have now requested a scan of the interior to ensure that area contains no hot spots.

West Quesnel Complex Fires (C10812, C10830, C10970, C11010, C11014):**C10812**

Location: 4 Km north of Baezaeko River, approximately 110 km west of Quesnel. (Now includes fire C11010)

Status: Estimated at 9886 hectares

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 2 fire crews and 4 pieces of heavy equipment

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Continue to review and conduct on-site monitoring of fire activity to ensure the appropriate response, tactics and strategies are utilized and maintained. Work on the southeast corner. Actively monitor the fire and look for further burn-off opportunities. Determine long-term strategy.

Evacuations: No

Other: SE of Kluskus Reserve. Predicted 2-4 days before it becomes interface in Nazko or Kluskus.

C10830

Location: 5 Km North of Bishops Bluff, approximately 130 km west of Quesnel, approximately 5 km SW of the community Kluskus

Status: Estimated 2,259 hectares

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 6 fire crews were working on the ground today, along with 7 pieces of heavy equipment.

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Continue with cat guard construction along northern perimeter working east, continue with hoseline construction on west flank and tie in with old cat guard. Mop up along north cat guard, supported by helicopters bucketing. Determine long-term strategy.

Other: Being actioned by Nasko Logging and Nazko Silviculture personnel. An evacuation alert was declared by the Cariboo Regional District for Kluskus First Nation as of this afternoon. For more information visit: <http://cariboord.ca/listit2alerts/kluskus-area-and-kluskus-ir-evacuation-alert/83>

C10970

Location: West side of Kluskoil Park, approximately 110 km northwest of Quesnel

Status: Estimated 2693 hectares

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: Helicopter bucketing and values protection equipment.

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Strategic values protection is setup in the area on some cabins, sprinklers are set-up and will be turned on if it becomes necessary. Continue to review and conduct on-site monitoring of fire activity at the field level to ensure the appropriate response, tactics and strategies are utilized and maintained.

Consider burn-off opportunities. Determine long-term strategy.

Evacuations: No

Other: Park representatives still have been contacted.

C11014

Location: Bazaeko (3900 rd)

Status: Estimated 9804 hectares

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: Fire crews and 10 pieces of equipment

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Continue to establish line working north on the east side. Look for burn-off opportunities. Continue to review and conduct on-site monitoring of fire activity at the field level to ensure the appropriate response, tactics and strategies are utilized and maintained. Monitoring and evaluating long-term strategy.

Evacuations: No

Other: Causon Logging has lost decked wood and heavy equipment staged in a safety zone within the burn area.

C11058

Location: Approximately 12 km southwest of Tite Town

Status: Estimated at 126 hectares

Cause: Under investigation

Resources: 5 fire crews working fire using pumps and hose with helicopter bucketing support.

Fire camp in place: No

Evacuations: No

Objectives: Fire crews are on the ground and actively working to establish hoseline using pumps and hose on south and east flank, bucket support along west flank. Other objectives: Continue to review and conduct on-site monitoring of fire activity at the field level to ensure the appropriate response, tactics and strategies are utilized and maintained. Monitor and evaluate long-term strategy. Structure protection team has travelled to Tite Town to familiarize themselves with values in area as a precautionary measure.

CHILCOTIN FIRE ZONE:

Hanceville-Riske Creek Wildfire (C50647), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Approximately 60 km southwest of Williams Lake

Status: Estimated 131,958 hectares, 45% contained

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: More than 145 firefighters, 14 helicopters and heavy equipment groups.

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: We are concentrating on securing the south and southeast flanks of this fire. Progress was made today with direct attack on many locations throughout the fire and establishing control lines with equipment. Crews are hot spotting along the control lines and mopping up along perimeters.

Evacuations: Yes

Other: Hanceville and Riske Creek wildfires have been combined into one wildfire for reporting purposes. There is fire on both sides of the highway. The fire has crossed the Farwell Road as of July 18, but has not reached Gang Ranch Road.

Kleena Kleene Wildfire (C50744), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: South of Highway 20 primarily along Klinaklini River, approximately 200km west of Williams Lake

Status: Estimated 5,318 hectares, 50% contained

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: Firefighters, local heavy equipment operators and helicopters

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Crews are establishing water delivery and mopping up along guards. We are working to increase containment on the east side of the fire.

Evacuations: Yes

Other: Per Chilcotin Information Officer, referring to this as Kleena Kleene Wildfire instead of Kleena Kleene Complex. The fire number has been changed from C50797 to C50744)

Chezacut Wildfire (C50782), Cariboo Fire Centre

Location: Near Chilcotin Lake and north along Chilcotin River, approximately 140 northwest of Williams Lake

Status: Estimated 10,194 hectares, 25% contained

Cause:

Resources: Unknown

Fire camp in place: Yes

Objectives: Crews patrolled along the guards for hot spots. Work was done to complete the machine guard in the northwest area.

Evacuations: Yes

Other: Per Chilcotin Information Officer, referring to this as the Chezacut Wildfire instead of the Chezacut Complex.

PRINCE GEORGE FIRE CENTRE

Sutherland Road Fire (G40691)

Location: 10 km North of Fort Fraser

Status: 1590 hectares (estimated), Under Control, 100% contained

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 37 firefighters, helicopters and heavy equipment are available on standby if required.

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Continue patrols. Scan planned for today, July 24, 2017.

Evacuations: An evacuation alert has been rescinded for the Sutherland Road Fire. For more information go to: <http://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>.

Other: Order of Restricted Access in place. In the process of rescinding the Order of Restricted access. The need for the evacuation alert and restricted areas has been recommend to be taken off as of July 24. We will scan on the fire today. The crews have a 500 ft. wet line in place. Still finding smokes well inside the guard today. 80% of the west end fire received some perception July 24.

Tatelkuz Lake Wildfire (G40664), Prince George Fire Centre

Location: 5 W of Tatelkuz Lake 118 km on the Kluskus FSR

Status: 1271 Ha estimated, Being Held

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 44 firefighters, helicopters and heavy equipment are available on standby if required.

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Objectives for today are to mop-up hot spots and continue patrols. Scan planned for today,

Evacuations: An evacuation alert was issued on July 11, 2017. For more information go to www.cariboord.bc.ca

Other: No significant growth yesterday, the fire had very few smokes. The machine guard is complete, but there remains lots of work for hand crews.

Big Bend Creek (G40837), Prince George Fire Centre

Location: 75km on the Kluskus FSR

Status: 2062 ha estimated, out of control, 0% contained

Cause: lightning

Resources: 42 firefighters, 2 pieces heavy equipment

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Objectives for today improving guards and suppressing hot spots.

Evacuations: An evacuation alert was issued June 9, 2017. For more information go to: <http://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

Other: No significant growth yesterday. Around 100% of the fire is loosely guarded with machine guard and tied into existing roads. Ground crews and heavy equipment continue to work to improve guards and suppress hot spots. Fire is close to but not at evacuation alert boundary. Sprinkler protection remains on estimated 17 structures and can be run by BCWS staff.

COASTAL FIRE CENTRE

Harrison Lake East (V10484), Coastal Fire Centre

Location: approximately 30 kilometres north of Harrison Hot Springs, near the mouth of Big Silver Creek

Status: 202 hectares (estimated), 40% contained. Fire is being held

Cause: Human, under investigation

Resources: 9 firefighters, 1 officer, 2 helicopters, and support staff.

Fire Camp in Place: No

Objectives: Crews continue to focus on the North East Flank of the fire in order to increase containment, and to work on the South Flank of this fire to maintain containment in this area. A remote camera has been installed to assist with monitoring V10484.

Evacuations: No

Other: The area closure and Forest Service Road closure remain in effect.

Precipice Creek Fire (VA0778), Coastal Fire Centre

Location: 52 Km east of Bella Coola

Status: 2500 hectares (estimated), 10% contained

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 42 firefighters, 12 single resources, 9 helicopters, 1 Structural Protection Unit (SPU), 2 danger tree assessors/fallers, and support staff.

Fire Camp in place: No

Objectives: Structural Protection units are being monitored. Crews are working on preventing fire from crossing the Arnarko on SE end. This fire has had minimal growth but still remains out of control.

Evacuations: Yes. There is a remote area under evacuation order by the Central Coast Regional District which affects 5 homes. More information can be found here: <http://www.ccrd-bc.ca/>

Other: Weather conditions are shifting from cool and moist to warm and dry for the majority of the week with a low chance of precipitation late Tuesday. Very warm conditions are forecast after Thursday. This fire is burning in a remote area.

Fires Currently Burning	156 (99 lightning-caused / 28 human-caused)* <small>* Subtotals may not add up to the total; fires not classified as "lightning-caused" or "human-caused" are still under investigation</small>
New Fires Yesterday	19

	This Season (Since April 1st)	Last Year (2016)	10 Year Average (2007-2016)
Total Fires to Date	765	575	773
Total Hectares to Date	375,444	93,473	70,817

PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS			
CAMPFIRES AND OPEN BURNING ARE NOW PROHIBITED IN ALL SIX FIRE CENTRES (except Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone)			
	Category 3	Category 2	Campfires
	July 6, 2017 (excludes Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone)	X (excludes Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone)	July 6, 2017 (excludes Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone)
COASTAL			
NORTHWEST	X	X	X
PRINCE GEORGE	X	X	X
KAMLOOPS	X	X	X
SOUTHEAST	X	X	X
CARIBOO	X	X	X

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES*			
Out of Province Personnel (all requests made through CIFFC)	International Resources	Airtanker Support	B.C. Contractors
921 out-of-province firefighters 261 other out-of-province personnel	50 officers and technical specialists from Australia arrived on Wednesday, July 19.	From Alberta: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Turbo Commanders - 1 Electra - 4 CL215Ts Released yesterday: 1 Turbo Commander and 2 Convairs from Saskatchewan	1,234 contract crew personnel 278 other contract personnel

WEATHER FORECAST

Today: Sunny and dry conditions are forecast for most of BC. Variable cloud cover with isolated thundershowers is expected in the far north. Winds are expected to be generally light, but gusty due to instability from heating. Highs are expected to reach the low to mid 30s in the south.

Wednesday-Thursday: A series of troughs are forecast to bring showers to the north, and isolated to scattered showers in the south that are accompanied by lightning. These troughs are expected to bring significant winds. Some dry-ish lightning strikes are expected in the south.

Friday onward: A long-range trend towards hot and dry conditions is expected for most of BC, but some areas may see risks of thundershowers at times.

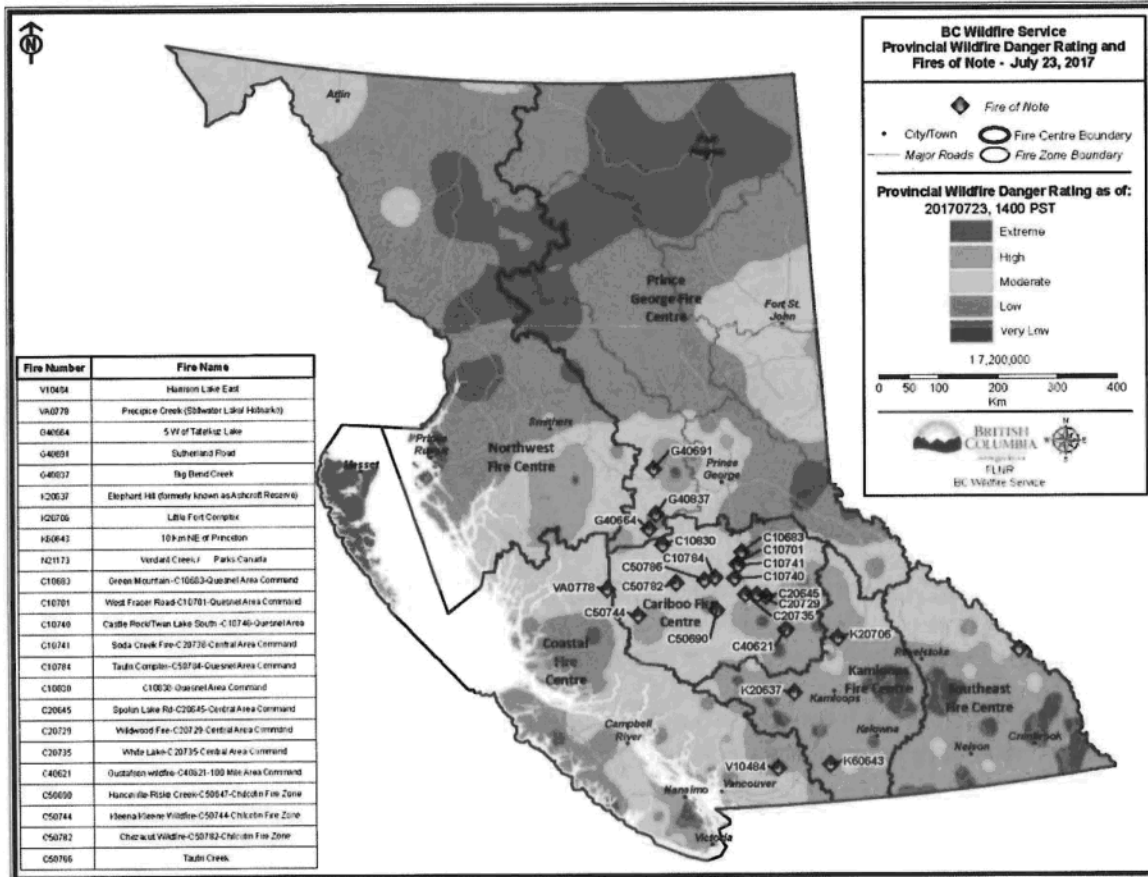
PREVENTION MESSAGING

Human-caused wildfires divert critical resources away from lightning-caused fires and they are completely preventable. With this in mind, we cannot stress enough that the public is our first line of defence against forest fires. Please be diligent when in the backcountry, and report all wildfires to 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your mobile phone.

- To report smoke or fire: call *5555 on your cell or 1-800-663-5555
- Regardless of the situation or conditions, we ask that the public exercise caution when using fire
- Failure to abide by the Wildfire Act, including open burning restrictions, can result in a \$1,150 fine. Anyone who causes damage to a Crown forest or grassland through arson or recklessness can be fined up to \$1 million and/or spend up to three years in prison. Such a person could also be held responsible for all firefighting and associated costs.
- More than 1,600 firefighters and support staff are available for the 2017 wildfire season. The B.C. government is also able to call on over 2,500 private contractor firefighting resources and a multitude of contingency resources (including those in other provinces).

- The FireSmart Homeowner's Manual was developed to help people reduce the risk of personal property damage due to wildfires. Copies are available at www.gov.bc.ca/firesmart

FIRE DANGER RATING



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Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

From: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: DRAFT- PJH response to CC July 21
Attachments: PJH response to CC July 21 V3.docx; ATT00001.htm

Hey Amber. Could you get this edited version on letterhead and send it to Clark asap? Please let me know when it's gone. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX" <Matt.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>
Date: July 21, 2017 at 2:35:07 PM PDT
To: "Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX" <Matt.Gordon@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Brown, Tom G TRAN:EX" <Tom.Brown@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: DRAFT- PJH response to CC July 21

Hey Matt and Tom,

See attached draft. Please review to confirm that this accurately reflects the advice of emergency management officials. Thanks very much.

Matt

From: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 2:27 PM
To: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Cc: Brown, Tom G TRAN:EX
Subject: DRAFT- PJH response to CC July 21
Importance: High

I highlighted the area I played with.

Matt Gordon
Corporate Executive Lead
Joint Information Centre
Emergency Management BC
Government of British Columbia
250.896.4923

July 21, 2017

Dear Christy Clark:

Thank you for your letters this week regarding the critical wildfire situation in the Interior.

I strongly agree that the Members representing impacted regions provide advice and information that is essential to ensuring an effective response to this emergency.

Some of your Members, including Coralee Oakes and Donna Barnett, have already been in regular contact with Public Safety Minister Mike Farnworth, who is responsible for Emergency Management BC. I have asked Minister Farnworth to continue as the direct contact for any Members to pass on important information, questions, or concerns. Members should not hesitate to contact him directly.

As you know, I have asked EMBC officials to schedule daily briefings for any Members representing impacted areas, including Members Stone and Rustad. This process was established on the advice of Emergency Management BC officials to ensure your Members receive the information they need without compromising emergency operations.

Matt Gordon, Corporate Executive Lead of the Joint Information Centre at EMBC, who led the call and is one of EMBC's executive team members, has been identified as your operational contact within the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC).

We will also continue operating the dedicated MLA liaison desk located within the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre, which is another important resource for Members to receive and pass on information and ensure their constituents are connected with the critical supports they need. Members can email PECC.LIA1@gov.bc.ca or contact staff by phone (250) 952-4575 to reach the MLA liaison desk.

Yesterday, Ministers Farnworth, Donaldson, and Parliamentary Secretary Rice met directly with the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc First Nation. Through that meeting as well as the ongoing work of EMBC staff, several outstanding issues have been resolved, including the provision of onsite Emergency Social Services. EMBC staff will maintain regular contact with the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc First Nation throughout this event and on an ongoing basis to ensure their specific community needs related to emergency management are met.

We will continue to work closely with First Nations, local and federal authorities, and Members from all parties to ensure the British Columbians affected by these devastating fires get the support they need.

Sincerely,

Premier John Horgan

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SUGGESTED MESSAGES:

Softwood Lumber:

Emphasize that softwood lumber is the top priority issue for B.C.

Commend the efforts put forward by Minister Freeland and
Ambassador MacNaughton to work with Commerce Secretary Ross
towards a negotiated solution. s.13,s.16

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Opioids:

Support from the federal government is urgently needed to mitigate
this public health emergency.

B.C. continues to experience unprecedented opioid-related drug
overdoses and overdose deaths.

B.C. is the hardest-hit province in Canada, and more than 1,400 illicit drug
overdose deaths could occur in the province by the end of this year.

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Wildfires and Disaster Assistance:

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Infrastructure Funding:

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Housing Affordability and Homelessness:

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Childcare:

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BACKGROUND: Softwood Lumber

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The U.S. is the top market for B.C.'s softwood lumber, the production of which supports more than 65,000 jobs in B.C.

Combined preliminary countervailing and anti-dumping duties on Canada's softwood lumber now average 27%. The U.S. will issue the final countervailing duty and anti-dumping orders in early November, at which point Canada can appeal the decision.

The Government of Canada's softwood lumber aid package announced in June is valued at \$867 million: \$605 million in loans and loan guarantees and \$260 million for diversifying markets, supporting Indigenous forestry sectors, and extending work-sharing agreement limits.

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Health Canada reports that fentanyl and its analogues are being detected in cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine. Fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid that is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine, is blamed for the spike in overdose deaths.

On February 17, the federal government provided \$10 million in urgent support to B.C. to assist with its response to the opioid emergency.

The funding has been received by B.C. and allocated to priorities including: laboratory capacity, surveillance support, supervised consumption services, corrections and community transitions, and treatment.

This one-time opioid funding announcement occurred on the same day that B.C. signed a health agreement with the federal government on home care and mental health (\$1.4 billion over 10 years for B.C.).

As a complement to the federal funding, B.C. announced \$5 million to support the ongoing work of the Joint Task Force on Overdose Response, an unprecedented collaboration among officials responsible for health services and public safety.

The federal government has taken a number of important actions in response to the crisis, including issuing permits for new supervised consumption sites, streamlining the application process for supervised consumption sites, serving notice of regulations to allow for more efficient importation of drugs to treat opioid use disorder, and legal protection for individuals who seek emergency medical or law enforcement assistance in connection with overdoses.

In June 2017, B.C. began to scale up psychosocial supports for volunteers, community organizations and non-profit groups on the front lines, led by Health Emergency Management B.C.'s Disaster Psychosocial support team.

On July 19, Health Canada approved two mobile supervised injection sites – one in Kelowna and the other in Kamloops. There are five other sites approved in B.C.: three in Vancouver and two in Surrey. There are three outstanding applications (Vancouver, Victoria, and Nanaimo).

Health authorities fund supervised consumption sites directly, with financial support from the province.

B.C. is expanding and improving treatment capacity including

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enhancing opioid agonist treatment, increasing funding for medication, expanding the range of treatments available, and ramping up prescriber education.

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Federal assistance provided so far is as follows:

- Supplies such as cots, blankets and assistance tracking evacuees, accessing first responder support, monitoring weather, controlling air and rail traffic around the fire.
- About 155 Canadian Forces members helping with emergency operations.
- Eight aircraft deployed including Griffon and Chinook helicopters, surveillance aircraft from Transport Canada and at least one Hercules cargo jet.

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July 19, the state of emergency was extended by two weeks. Households kept out of their homes for more than 14 days will get additional payments of \$600 for every subsequent two-week increment they are unable to return home.

As of July 19, nearly 45,000 B.C. residents have been forced to leave their homes and enter into evacuation centres in Kamloops, Prince George and elsewhere.

Infrastructure Funding

The federal government outlined Phase 2 of its new Infrastructure Plan in the Fall Economic Update (November 2016). Phase 2 provides an additional \$81.2 billion nation-wide in infrastructure funding over 11 years starting in 2017/18.

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Infrastructure Canada is responsible for negotiating integrated bilateral agreements with provinces and territories, beginning over the summer and concluding by March 31, 2018, covering the following portions of the funding:

- \$20.125 billion for public transit infrastructure (base + per

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ridership);

- \$9.222 billion for green infrastructure (base + per capita);
- \$2.0 billion for rural and northern community infrastructure (base + per capita); and
- \$1.347 billion for culture and recreation infrastructure (base + per capita).

Other federal departments will be responsible for launching national application-based programs and negotiating bilateral agreements for social infrastructure programs such as early learning and child care, and housing.

The federal government has also committed to establish a Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) to support large scale revenue generating projects and leverage private sector participation and financing.

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Housing Affordability and Homelessness

B.C. currently co-chairs the federal/provincial/territorial housing forum with the federal government (CMHC).

Provinces and territories are working with CMHC on a National Housing Strategy (NHS) and a new multilateral framework.

The federal government is working towards a fall 2017 public release of the NHS and multilateral framework.^{s.16}

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Childcare

On June 12, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers responsible for early learning and child care announced an agreement on a Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework to make enhancements to provincial and territorial early learning and child care systems.

Federal, provincial and territorial governments have committed to increase the quality, accessibility, affordability, flexibility, and inclusivity in early learning and child care, with consideration for families that need child care the most.

Implementation of the Framework will be supported by Government of Canada investments announced in Budgets 2016 and 2017 totaling \$7.5 billion over 11 years to support and create more high-quality, affordable child care across the country.

In the coming months, the federal government will work with each province and territory to enter into three-year bilateral agreements that will outline their unique early learning and child care needs to be addressed and the funding allocation for each jurisdiction.

Through the bilateral agreements the Government of Canada will provide provinces and territories with \$1.2 billion over the next three years for early learning and child care programs. Governments will report annually on progress made in relation to the Framework and bilateral agreements.

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Protecting people – and jobs – in our forest communities

PREMIER JOHN HORGAN COMMITS TO FIGHTING FIRES IN D.C., AS WELL AS B.C.

By John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia

There are two kinds of fire burning in the B.C. forest this summer. There is the real fire that has pushed people from their homes and consumed too much of a resource that is precious – to us all – on so many levels. But there is another kind of fire, burning at the border. U.S. protectionists are working to torch Canadian jobs by blocking U.S. imports of our softwood lumber.

My new government has no higher priority than to defeat the actual forest fires, and I have struck a Cabinet task force to do everything in our power to do so as fast as we can. But it would be a terrible injustice if the victims of those fires returned to their communities to find their jobs lost or diminished in a trade war. That's why I am going to Ottawa and to Washington, D.C. this week, to stand up for our forest industry and for the 60,000 men and women in B.C. who depend upon it for their livelihoods.

The history of softwood lumber disputes with the U.S. is long and punishing. Five times since 1982, the U.S. lumber lobby has attacked at the border, accusing Canadians of subsidizing our forest industry and saying that our companies are dumping softwood south of the border at less than cost.

On every occasion, before every court and every adjudication panel, Canada has debunked that attack, but not before the U.S. lobby inflicted real damage, stealing temporary market advantage or cashing in on countervailing duty bonuses while Canadian companies and governments spent hundreds of millions of dollars proving that (unlike U.S. producers) we are happy to compete on a level playing field. When the last softwood agreement expired in October 2015, the American protectionists started again – and through the U.S. Commerce Department's recent imposition of combined dumping and countervailing duties, their actions are, again, beginning to bite.

Here's the perverse part: Americans want and need our lumber. U.S. producers can't satisfy domestic demand by themselves. Canadian softwood is essential to fill almost a third of market share in the U.S. housing sector. It's in nobody's interest for industry organizations or governments on either side of the border to inflate the price of those homes artificially.

So, it would serve everyone if we made a deal – a fair deal – and quickly, before the softwood issue gets tangled with the sticky and political renegotiations of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). And thanks to people like B.C. Trade Envoy David Emerson, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland and U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, a deal is in the making – a 10-year agreement to assure Canadian producers a fair portion of U.S. market share, based on export performance since implementation of the last softwood lumber agreement, and adjusted to ongoing market conditions.

This would do more than just bring our industry certainty and protect our workers. For 10 years, at least, it would take the politics out of the cross-border conversation, so Canadian governments could, for

example, negotiate forest allocations with First Nations without worrying that every innovation was going to trigger a new trade dispute. Everybody would win.

That's our goal. British Columbians are not looking for unearned competitive advantage. We want now what we have had in the past: a fair share of the otherwise under-supplied U.S. market, based on historical allocations. That's the message I am taking to Washington and I think it's in everyone's best interest to take that message seriously.

The B.C. NDP is a brand-new administration, cautiously adjusting government priorities to make sure, after 16 years of Liberal rule, that we are tackling issues that matter to people, from the most vulnerable victims of the devastating opioid crisis to the hard-working men and women who thrive in small towns across this province because there are great B.C. forestry jobs. As a veteran of that industry, I am committed to that fight.

And as a new Premier, I will make that clear, in Ottawa, in D.C., and anywhere else I go.

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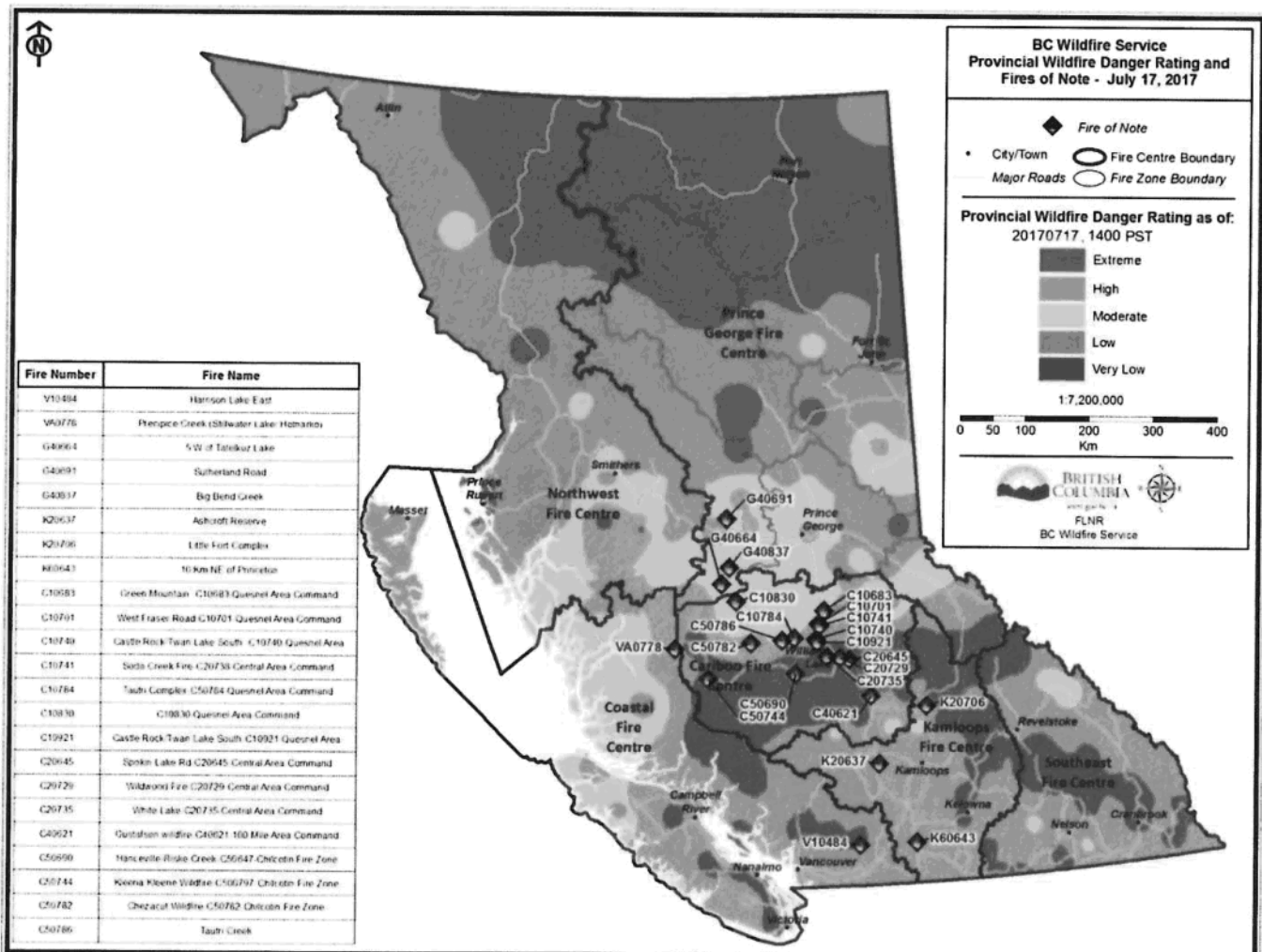
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Wildfire Summary for July 18, 2017

Fire Centre	Burning Today	New Fires Yesterday	Fires Since April 1	Total Costs to Date (Estimates)	Hectares Burned
Coastal	7	1	58	\$3,468,131.29	2,040
Northwest	5	0	32	\$1,872,477.67	269
Prince George	33	1	153	\$6,089,943.09	11,328
Kamloops	28	0	107	\$10,055,213.74	58,904
Southeast	17	1	126	\$3,103,474.72	132
Cariboo	65	6	193	\$13,637,411.84	248,160
HQ	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$60,167,170.28	N/A
TOTAL	155	9	669	\$98,393,822.63	320,833

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Total Personnel	Out-of-Province Personnel	Contract Personnel	Aircraft
3,007	417	961	220



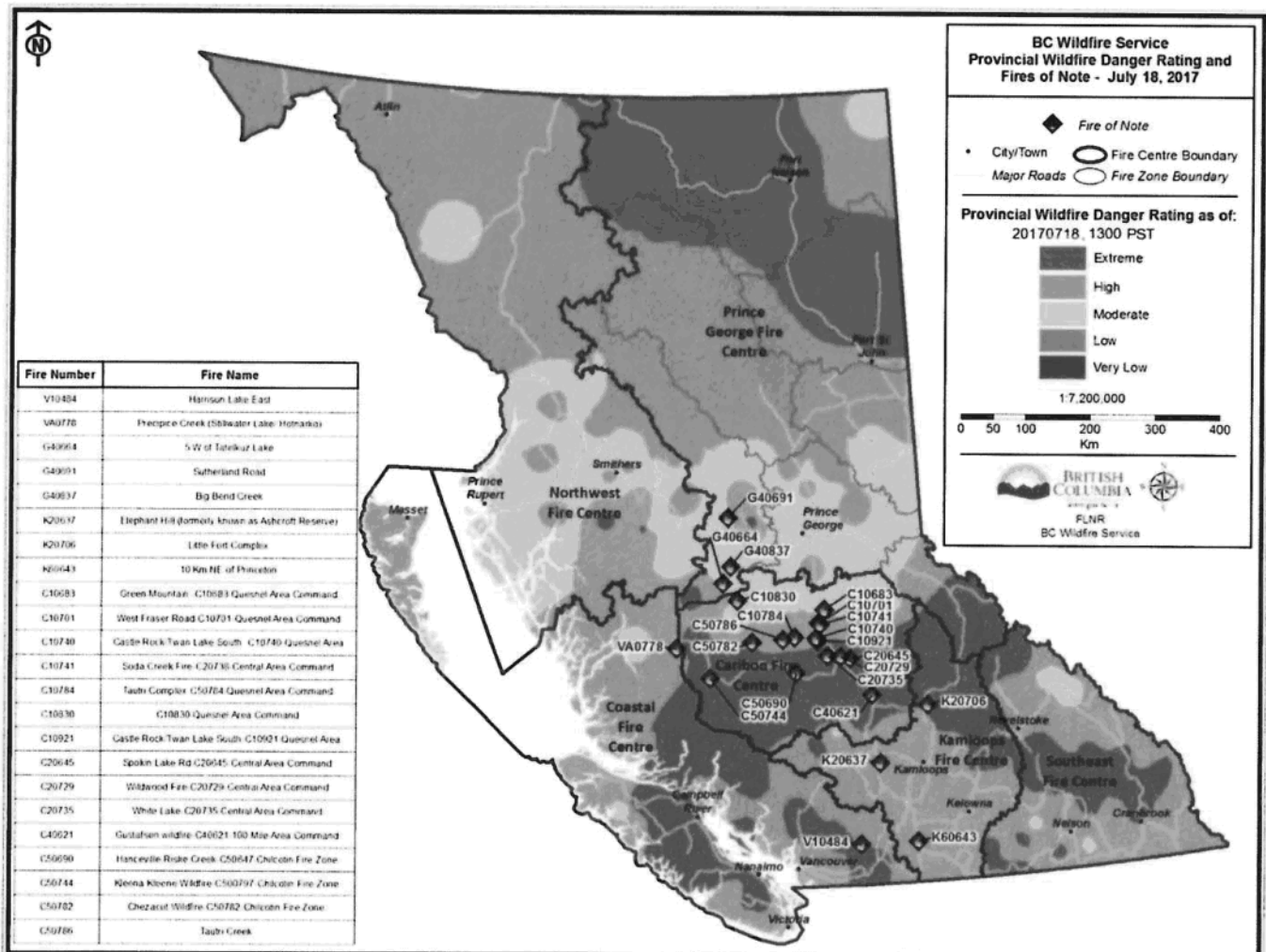
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Wildfire Summary for July 19, 2017

Fire Centre	Burning Today	New Fires Yesterday	Fires Since April 1	Total Costs to Date (Estimates)	Hectares Burned
Coastal	8	1	59	\$3,809,302.14	2,040
Northwest	3	0	32	\$2,828,714.50	269
Prince George	32	0	152	\$6,641,461.85	11,331
Kamloops	23	1	108	\$11,358,729.86	60,056
Southeast	16	0	128	\$3,416,236.61	5,132
Cariboo	60	3	194	\$15,254,744.03	248,472
HQ	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$62,022,787.42	N/A
TOTAL	142	5	673	\$105,331,976.41	327,301

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Total Personnel	Out-of-Province Personnel	Contract Personnel	Aircraft
2,926	363	1,009	209



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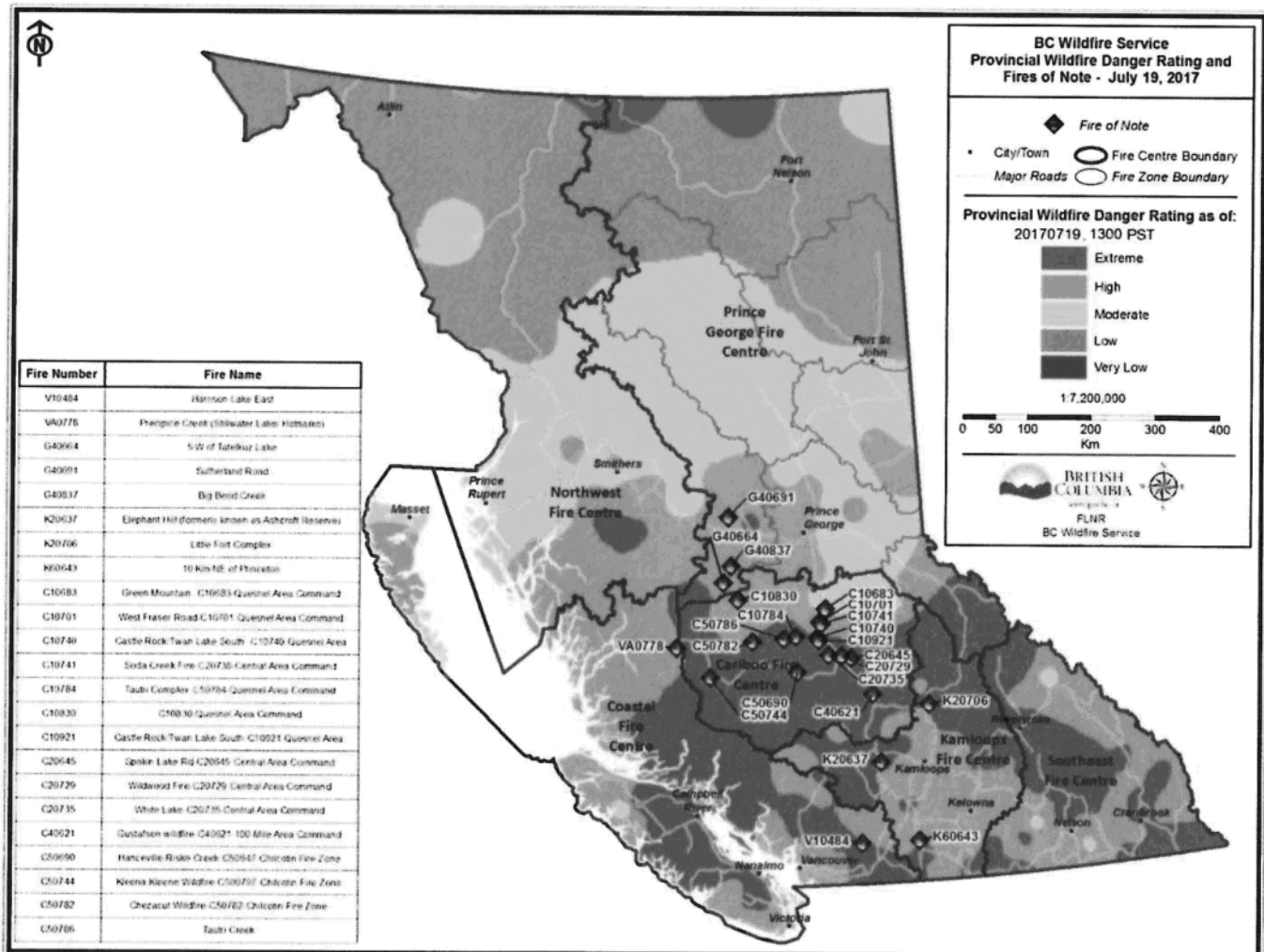
Wildfire Summary for July 20, 2017

Fire Centre	Burning Today	New Fires Yesterday	Fires Since April 1	Total Costs to Date (Estimates)*	Hectares Burned
Coastal	7	1	59	\$4,006,074.46	2,040
Northwest	5	2	34	\$2,848,638.53	269
Prince George	31	1	153	\$7,104,830.54	11,942
Kamloops	29	4	116	\$13,480,384.17	60,059
Southeast	18	3	131	\$3,567,504.26	5,286
Cariboo	60	1	195	\$16,550,082.28	326,309
HQ	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$64,340,902.39	N/A
TOTAL	150	12	688	\$111,898,416.63	405,905

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Total Personnel**	Out-of-Province Personnel**	Contract Personnel	Aircraft
3,607	824	1,075	186

**These numbers are rapidly changing due to the fluidity of the current wildfire situation. Previously, we were reporting a lower number due to the fact that crews were still in transit to B.C. and being briefed on the current wildfire situation.



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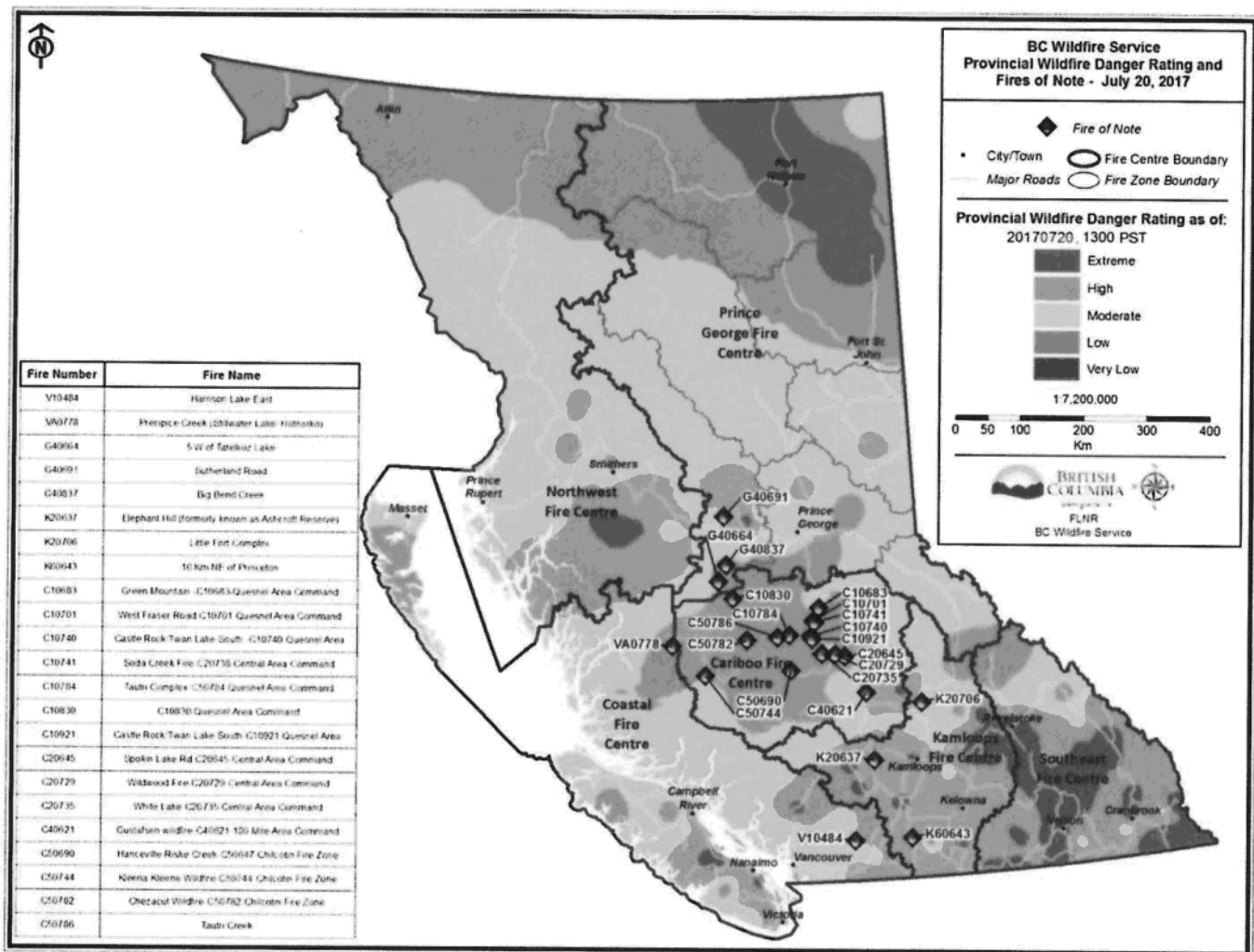
Wildfire Summary for July 21, 2017

Fire Centre	Burning Today	New Fires Yesterday	Fires Since April 1	Total Costs to Date (Estimates)*	Hectares Burned
Coastal	7	0	59	\$4,356,980.56	2,740
Northwest	1	0	34	\$1,334,001.50	269
Prince George	31	1	154	\$7,329,605.04	11,942
Kamloops	32	12	124	\$15,187,463.77	60,063
Southeast	35	17	148	\$3,809,575.11	5,299
Cariboo	61	2	197	\$18,722,341.76	281,285**
HQ	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$67,118,120.03	N/A
TOTAL	167	32	716	\$117,858,087.77	361,599**

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**A larger number was reported yesterday. The drop in hectares is due to more accurate mapping/estimates on some of the current wildfires

Total Personnel	Out-of-Province Personnel	Contract Personnel	Aircraft
3,487	836	1,070	218



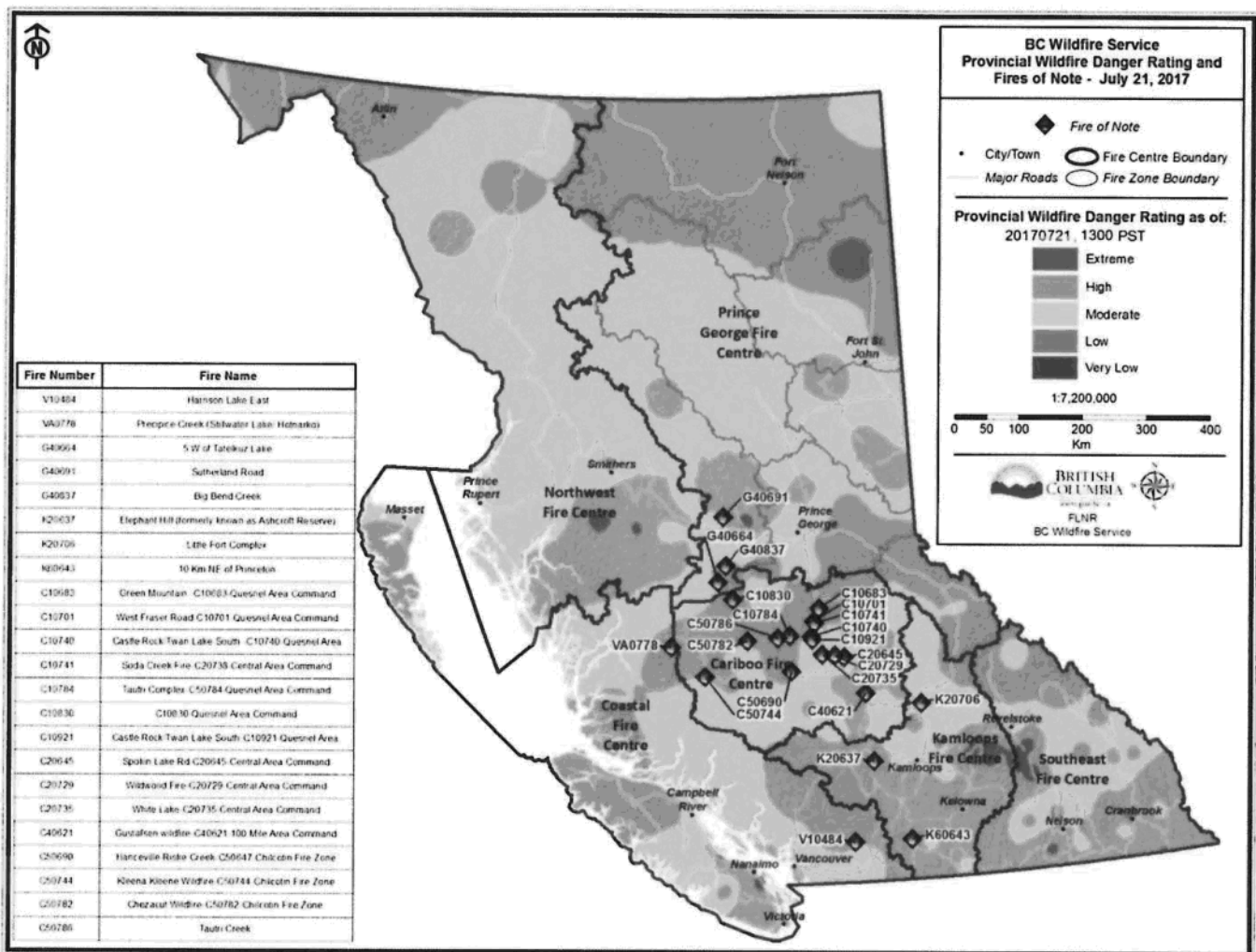
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Wildfire Summary for July 22, 2017

Fire Centre	Burning Today	New Fires Yesterday	Fires Since April 1	Total Costs to Date (Estimates)*	Hectares Burned
Coastal	7	1	60	\$5,077,338.39	2,740
Northwest	1	0	34	\$1,342,359.50	269
Prince George	29	0	153	\$7,650,035.76	11,942
Kamloops	27	2	126	\$15,415,737.70	60,064
Southeast	34	6	155	\$3,957,211.06	5,500
Cariboo	63	5	202	\$20,086,327.29	281,288
HQ	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$68,516,110.46	N/A
TOTAL	161	14	730	\$122,045,120.16	361,802

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Total Personnel	Out-of-Province Personnel	Contract Personnel	Aircraft
3,801	993	1,287	198



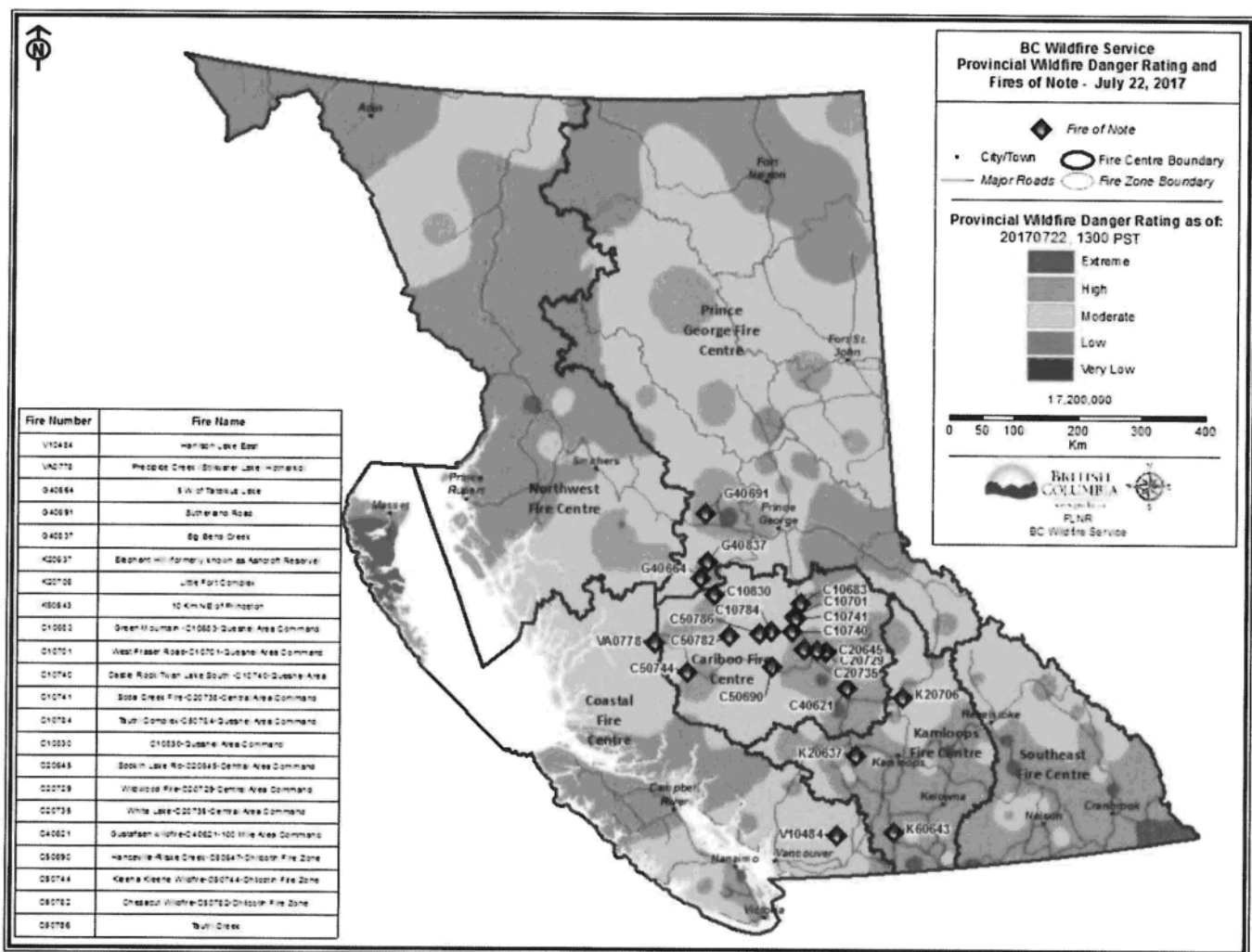
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Wildfire Summary for July 23, 2017

Fire Centre	Burning Today	New Fires Yesterday	Fires Since April 1	Total Costs to Date (Estimates)*	Hectares Burned
Coastal	7	0	60	\$4,933,600.85	2,740
Northwest	1	0	34	\$1,342,612.50	269
Prince George	24	0	152	\$7,826,086.60	13,827
Kamloops	27	4	130	\$16,201,447.67	65,805
Southeast	29	2	158	\$4,173,344.48	5,506
Cariboo	64	3	205	\$21,567,599.53	281,528
HQ	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$69,756,954.31	N/A
TOTAL	152	9	739	\$125,801,645.94	369,674

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Total Personnel	Out-of-Province Personnel	Contract Personnel	Aircraft
4,082	987	1,602	191



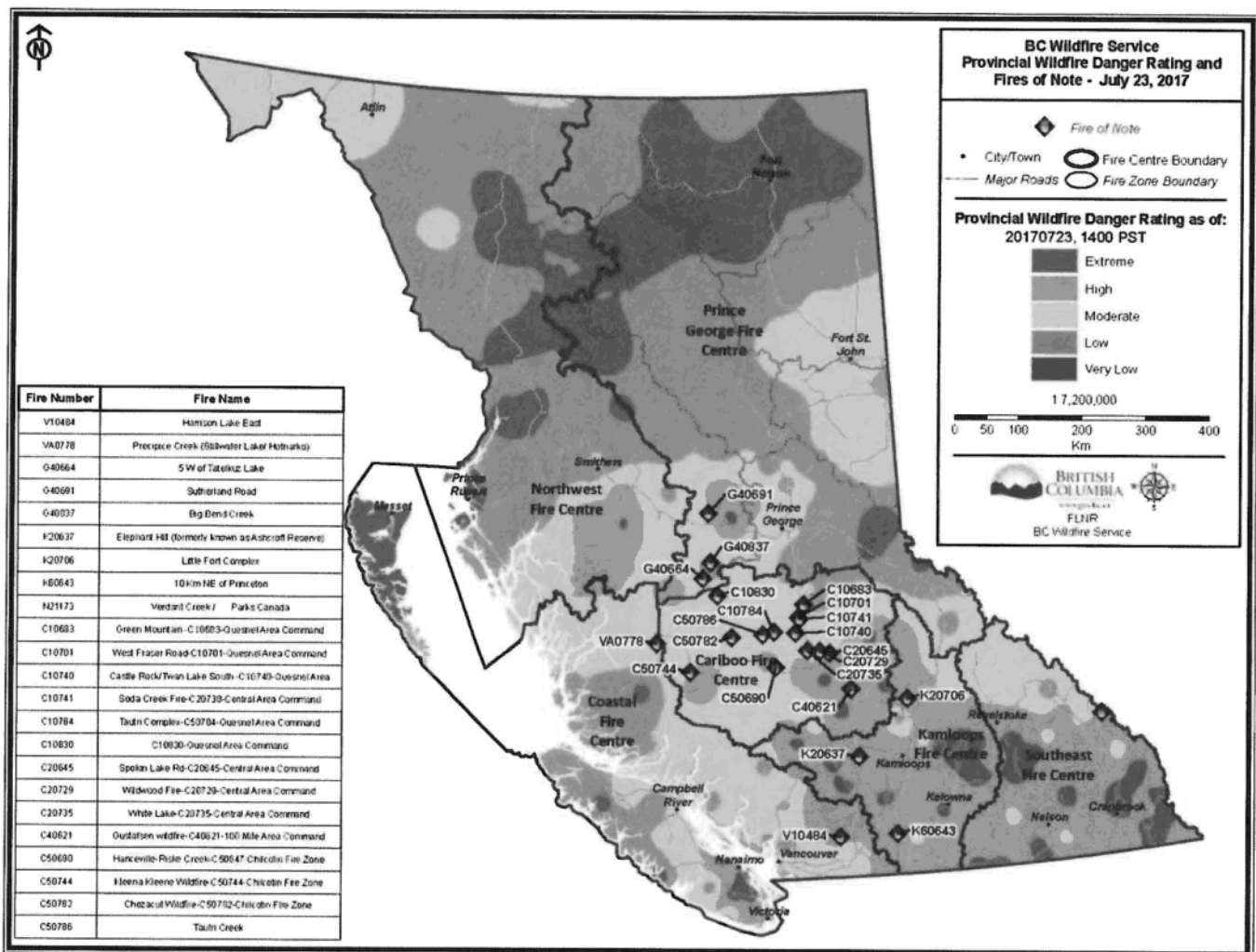
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Wildfire Summary for July 24, 2017

Fire Centre	Burning Today	New Fires Yesterday	Fires Since April 1	Total Costs to Date (Estimates)*	Hectares Burned
Coastal	8	1	61	\$5,285,677.85	2,740
Northwest	1	0	34	\$1,367,540.50	269
Prince George	25	2	154	\$8,237,377.79	13,827
Kamloops	28	8	136	\$16,990,321.85	66,601
Southeast	29	6	164	\$4,348,951.22	5,576
Cariboo	63	1	205	\$23,924,419.81	284,151
HQ	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$72,196,454.33	N/A
TOTAL	154	18	754	\$132,350,743.35	373,165

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Total Personnel	Out-of-Province Personnel	Contract Personnel	Aircraft
3,749	994	1,291	213



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Wildfire Summary for July 25, 2017

Fire Centre	Burning Today	New Fires Yesterday	Fires Since April 1	Total Costs to Date (Estimates)*	Hectares Burned
Coastal	7	1	62	\$5,482,326.08	2,740
Northwest	1	0	34	\$1,379,635.26	269
Prince George	23	1	154	\$8,627,267.87	13,827
Kamloops	25	2	137	\$17,956,877.02	66,606
Southeast	32	7	172	\$4,586,380.59	5,591
Cariboo	64	0	206	\$25,334,911.54	286,411
HQ	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$74,774,009.77	N/A
TOTAL	152	11	765	\$138,141,408.13	375,444

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Total Personnel	Out-of-Province Personnel	Contract Personnel	Aircraft
4,318	1,182	1,973	180

