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Good morning,

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The Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 18, 2020 is scheduled to end on July 1, 2021.

Sparks Lake Interface Wildfire:

Thompson-Nicola Regional District declared a SOLE, upgraded to an Evacuation Order for 9 properties, issued an expanded Evacuation Alert for 150 properties, due to the interface fire north of Kamloops. A reception centre has been opened in Kamloops.

McKay Creek Wildfire:

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District declared a SOLE and upgraded to an Evacuation Order for 10 properties near Pavilion Area EA B.

Pink Mountain Wildfire:

Peace River Regional District EA B issued an Evacuation Alert.

PROVINCIAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Numbers current as of June 29, 2021

New and Active Cases:

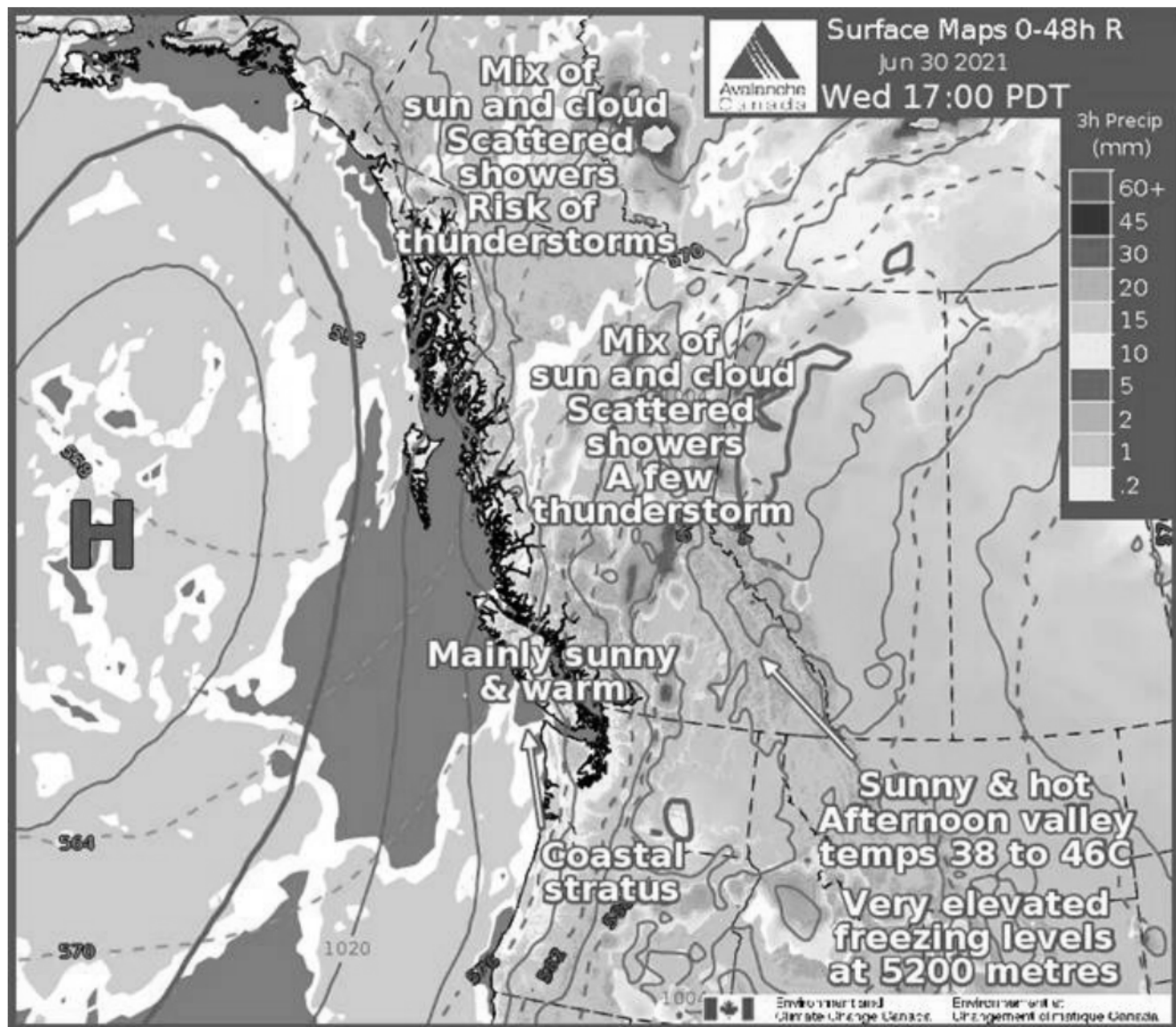
Provincial Totals: 29 New Cases / 876 Active Cases (-54)

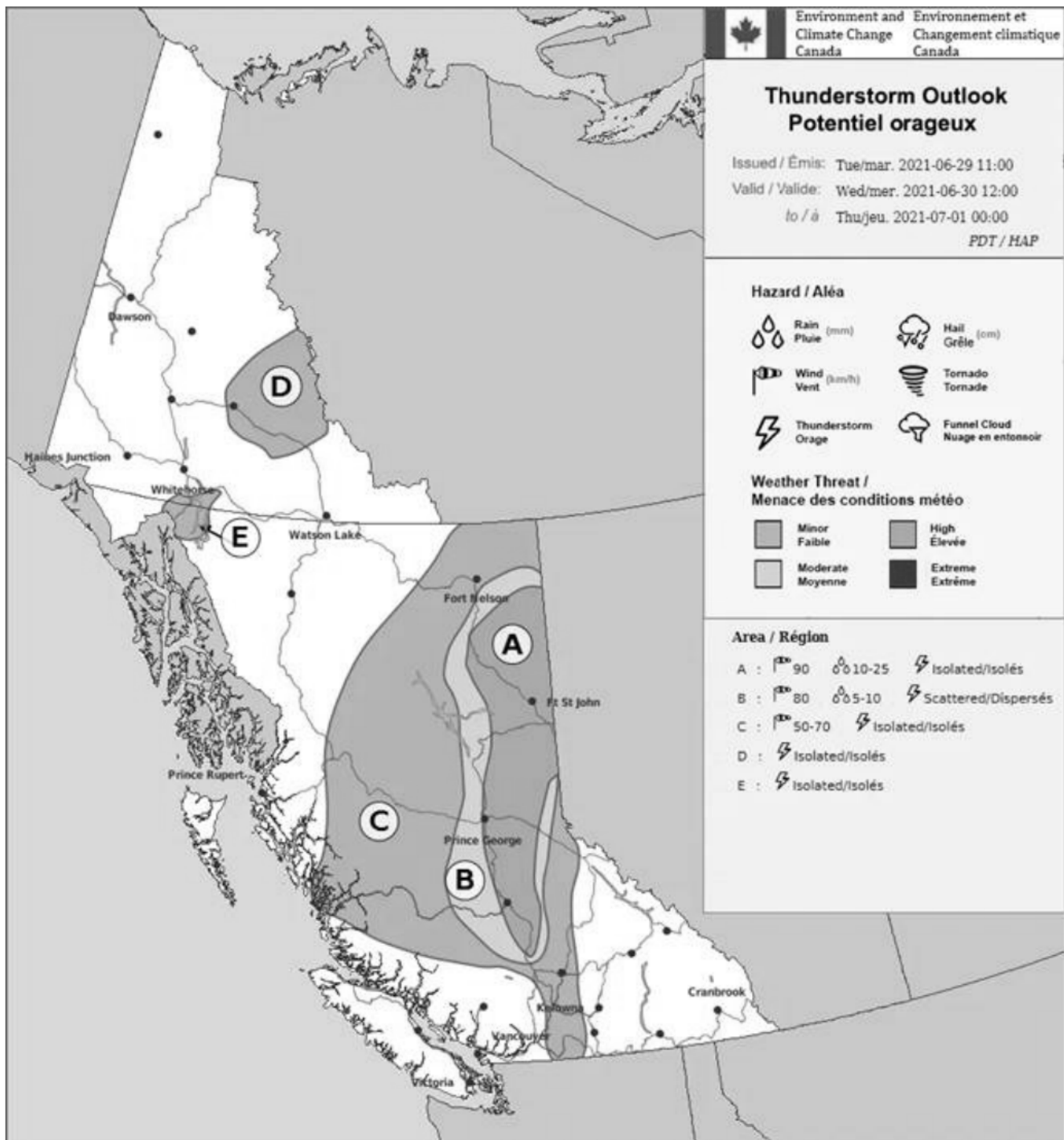
- Vancouver Coastal Health: 7 New Cases / 302 Active Cases (-4)
- Fraser Health: 7 New Cases / 324 Active Cases (-28)
- Vancouver Island Health: 3 New Case / 22 Active Cases (-3)
- Interior Health: 10 New Cases / 179 Active Cases (-16)
- Northern Health: 0 New Cases / 41 Active Cases (-4)
- People who reside outside Canada: 2 New Cases / 8 Active Cases (+1)

Other:

- In hospital: 110 (+3)
- In ICU/CCU: 34 (-3)
- New Recovered Cases: 83
- New Deaths Reported: 0

PROVINCIAL WEATHER





This morning, as the hot ridge of high pressure slowly drifts eastward, an upper disturbance moving northeastward along the back edge of the ridge will bring scattered showers and trigger a few high elevations thunderstorms. With widespread high fire danger ratings across BC, lightning and gusty winds from thunderstorms could significantly increase the wildfire risk for parts of the Prince George and Cariboo Fire Centre regions.

In terms of temperatures, expect hot and mostly dry conditions to continue over southern interior regions. Warm temperatures of 18 to 24 C will climb to 38 to 46 C this afternoon. For south coast regions, cool marine air will start to penetrate inland into the Fraser Valley. Temperatures will cool by a few degrees from yesterday but, daytime highs will still reach towards 30 C this afternoon.

This afternoon, showers and thunderstorms mainly over central and northern BC will continue to push northeastward. Localized heavier showers could generate rainfall amounts of up to 10 to 15 mm over northeastern Prince George Fire Centre regions. For the south coast and southern interior regions, warm and dry conditions will persist through the night.

WEATHER ALERTS and ADVISORIES

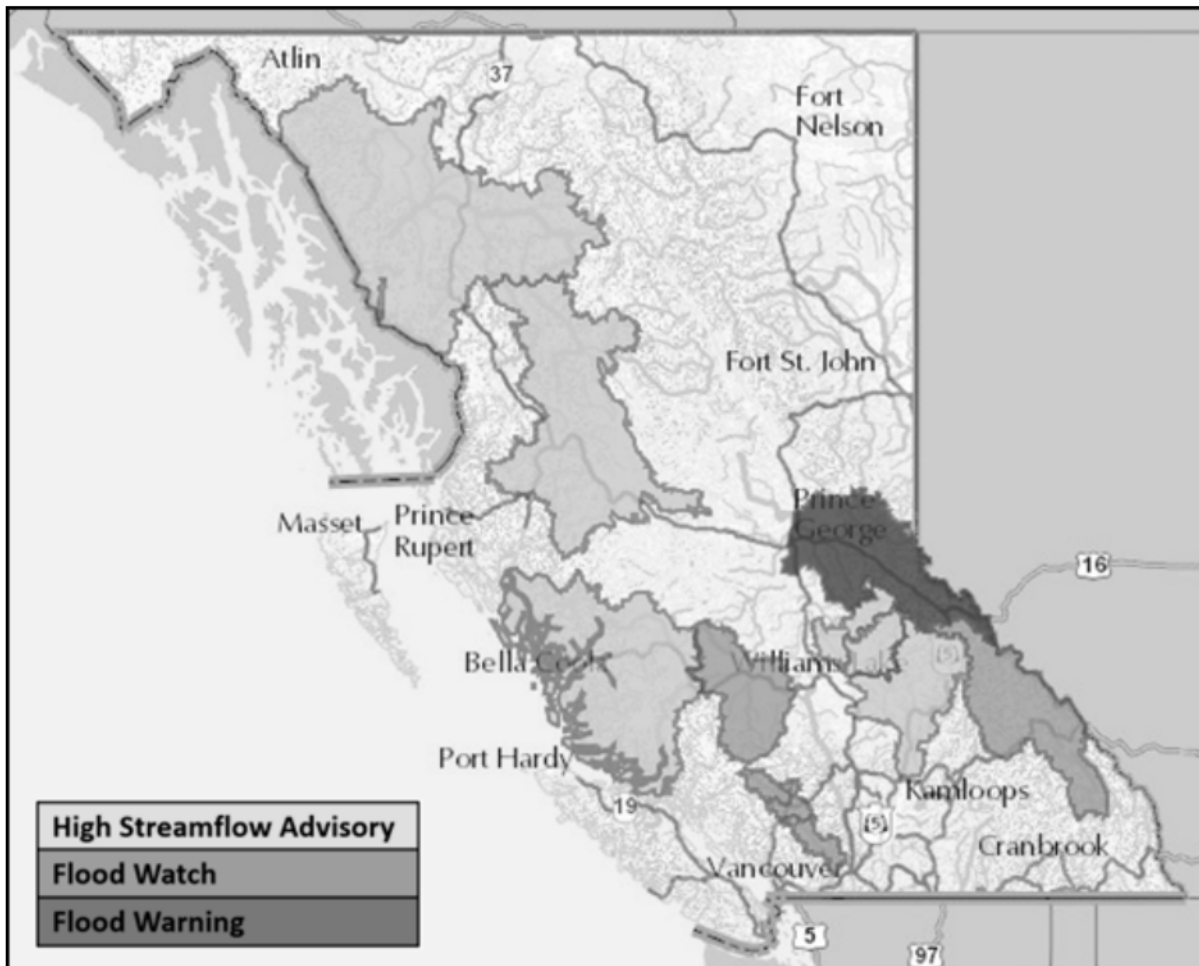


Heat Warning in effect for: Most of the province through the end of the week.

Special Air Quality Statement in effect for: Fraser Valley, Metro Vancouver, South Thompson and Sunshine Coast.

Special Weather Statement in effect for: 100 Mile, BC Peace River, Cariboo, Chilcotin, Fort Nelson, McGregor, Nicola, North Thompson, Prince George, South Thompson, Williston and Yellowhead. Potential for severe thunderstorms with very strong wind gusts, intense lightning and brief bursts of heavy rain.

FLOOD WARNINGS and ADVISORIES



Flood Warning issued for:

Upper Fraser River including the Robson Valley and areas from Sinclair Mills upstream to Torpy, Dome Creek, McBride and surrounding tributaries.

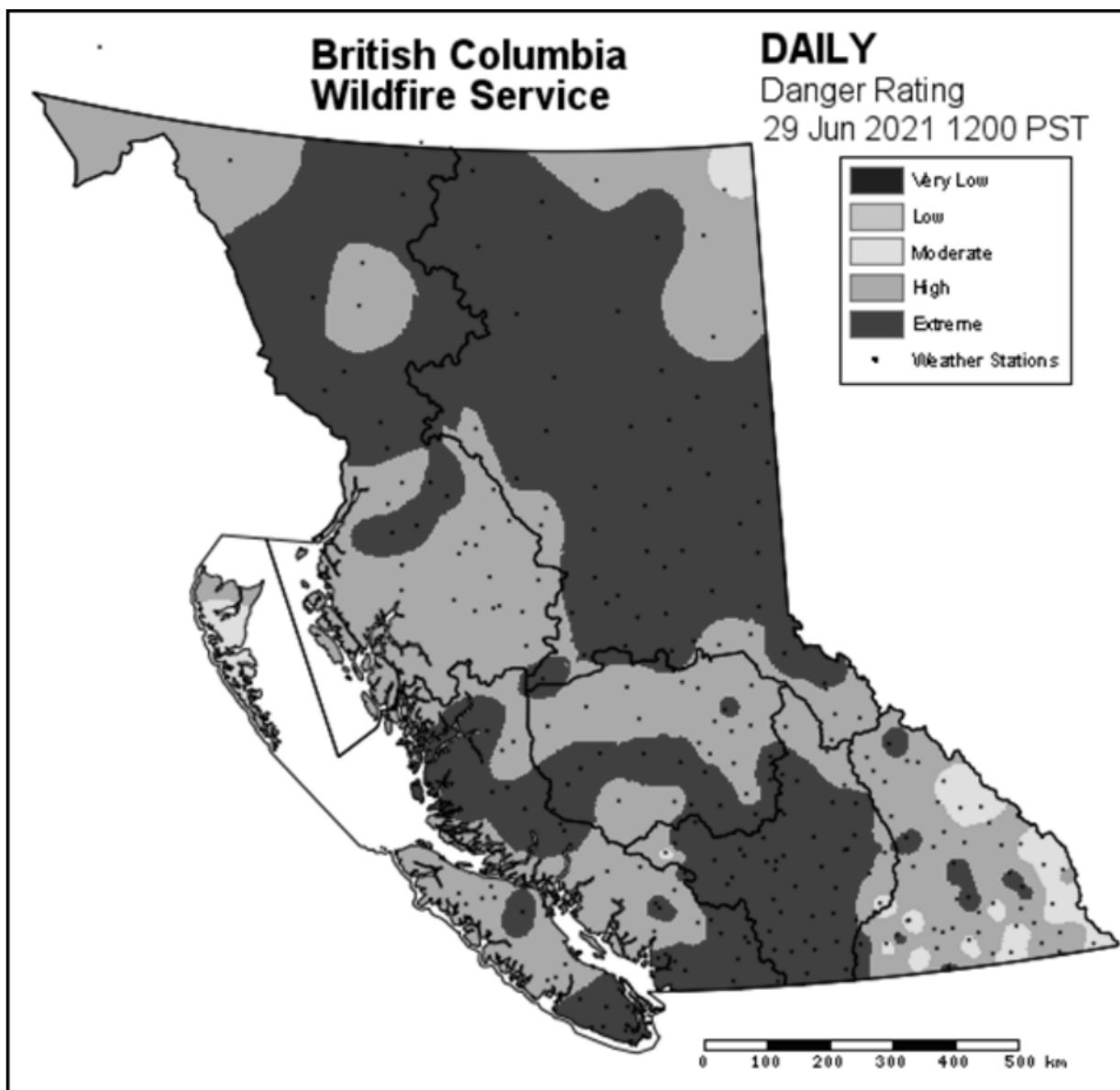
Flood Watch issued for:

Lillooet River including Pemberton, Lillooet Lake, Lillooet River and tributaries, and Harrison Lake. Chilcotin, including Taseko River, Chilko River, Chilcotin River, Big Creek, Homathko River and surrounding tributaries draining from the Chilcotin/South Coast Mountains. Upper Columbia River including the Columbia River mainstem and tributaries around Donald, Golden, Radium, Invermere and surrounding areas.

High Streamflow Advisory issued for:

Skeena River and tributaries (including the Zymoetz and Kitsumkalum Rivers), Morice River and tributaries, Bulkley River and tributaries (including the Telkwa River), Stikine River and tributaries, Iskut River, Bella Coola River and tributaries, Kliniklini River. North Thompson River and higher elevation tributaries, including Clearwater River, Blue River, and others. Quesnel River and its tributaries.

WILDFIRE DANGER RATING



McKay Creek Wildfire: this Wildfire of Note is burning 23 kilometres north of Lillooet, along West Pavilion Road. It is estimated at 5000 hectares and classified as “out of control”. The Squamish- Lillooet Regional District declared a State of Local Emergency and upgraded to an Evacuation Order for 10 properties along the West Pavilion road from 14 km mark to the 41 km mark in Electoral Area "B". Currently there are 46 fire fighters on site, being supported by 4 helicopters. Smoke is visible from Lillooet and nearby areas.

Sparks Lake Interface Wildfire: this Wildfire of Note, burning 15 kilometers north of Kamloops Lake in the vicinity of Red Lake, is estimated at 2300 hectares and classified as “out of control”. Currently, there are forty-seven personnel on site being supported by four helicopters and three pieces of heavy equipment. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has issued a State of Local Emergency, upgraded to an Evacuation Order for 9 properties and issued an expanded Evacuation Alert for 150 properties in Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country). The fire is visible from Kamloops and nearby communities.

George Road Interface Wildfire: this Wildfire of Note, continues to burn approximately 7 kilometers south of Lytton, adjacent to Highway 1. It is estimated to be around 350 hectares in size and is classified as “out of control”. Fire activity is expected to increase in the inoperable areas due to the current weather conditions. There are currently no alerts in effect for this Wildfire.

Pink Mountain Wildfire: currently burning north of the Buckinghorse River, adjacent to Highway 97 N. Wildfires G80995 and G80996 merged into G80997, which is now estimated to be over 3000 hectares in size. Highway 97 is closed in both directions between Sikanni Chief Road and Prophet River Sub Road, 114km south of Fort Nelson. Peace River Regional District Electoral Area B issued an Evacuation Alert.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY (All Hazard)

PECC Level 2	NEA	NWE	SEA	CTL	SWE	VICCR	Total
PREOC Activations	1	1	1	1	1	1	6

States of Local Emergency	4	3	2(+1)	3(+1)	12(+2)
Band Council Resolution	15	15	12	10	9
Evacuation Orders	3	1	2(+1)	3(0)	9(+1)
Evacuation Alerts	6(+1)	2	3(0)	1(0)	12(-1)
Reception Centres			1(+1)	1	2(+1)

NORTHEAST REGION

The **Northwest PREOC** will be activated Monday through Friday for COVID-19 support and regional flooding.
Peace River Regional District - EA B: Issued an Evacuation Alert due to wildfire due to the Pink Mountain wildfire.

NORTHWEST REGION

The **Northwest PREOC** will be activated Monday through Friday for COVID-19 support and regional flooding.

SOUTHEAST REGION

The **Southeast PREOC** will be activated Monday through Friday for COVID-19 support.

CENTRAL REGION

The **Central PREOC** will be activated Monday through Friday for COVID-19 support and wildfire.
Thompson-Nicola Regional District – Sparks Lake Area: A SOLE was declared, an upgrade to an Evacuation Order for 9 properties and an expanded Evacuation Alert for 150 properties due to the Sparks Lake wildfire. A reception centre has been opened in Kamloops.

SOUTHWEST REGION

The **Southwest PREOC** will be activated today for COVID-19 support, wildfire, and regional flooding.
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District - Pavilion Area EA B: A SOLE was declared and upgraded to an Evacuation Alert for 10 impacted properties in response to the McKay Creek fire (K71030).
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District - Pemberton Valley EA C: An Evacuation Order issued on June 26, 2021 was rescinded.

VANCOUVER ISLAND and CENTRAL COAST REGION

The **Vancouver Island – Central Coast PREOC** will be activated Tuesday through Thursday for COVID-19 support.

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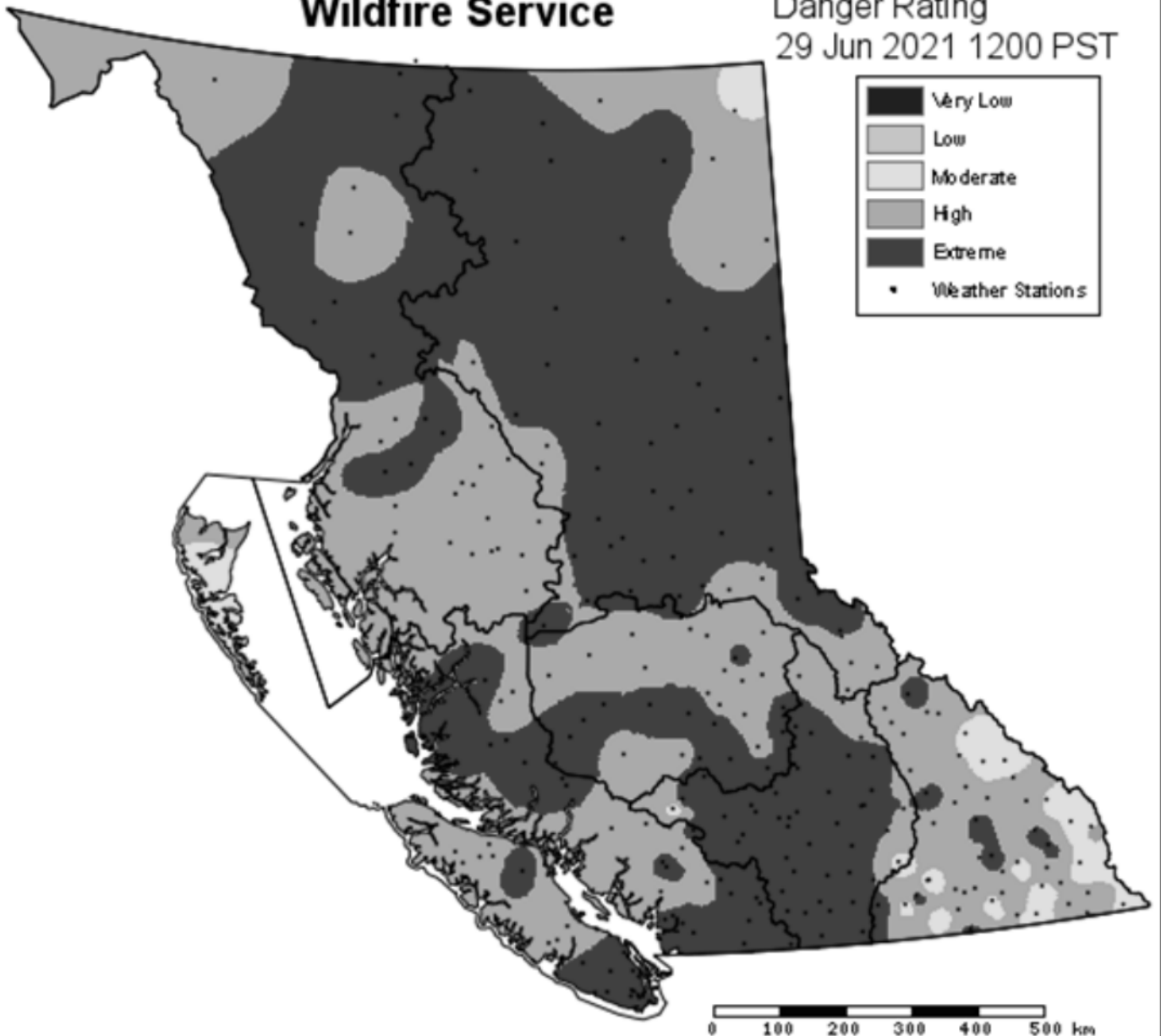
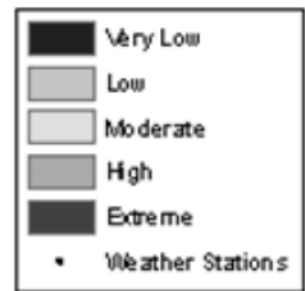


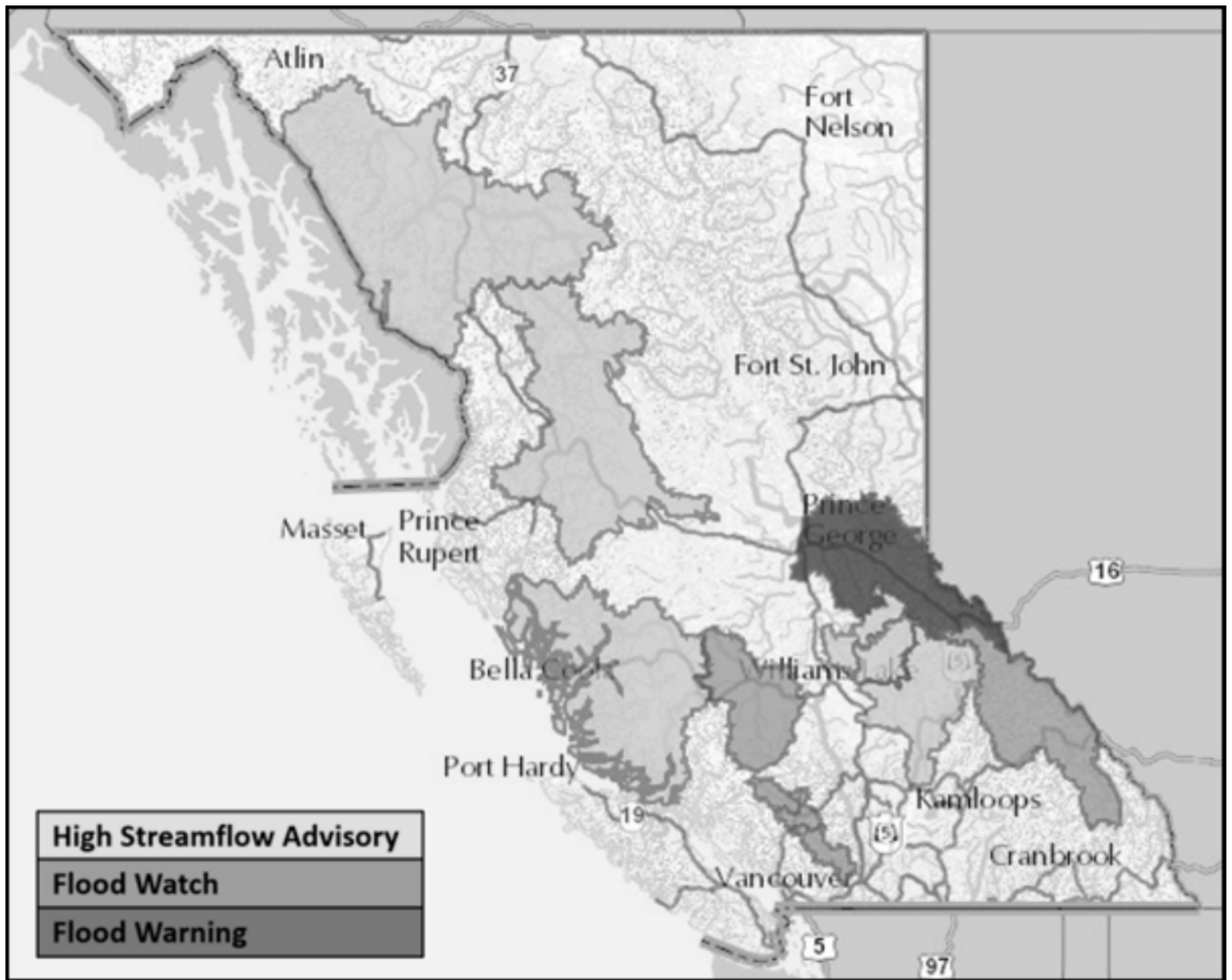
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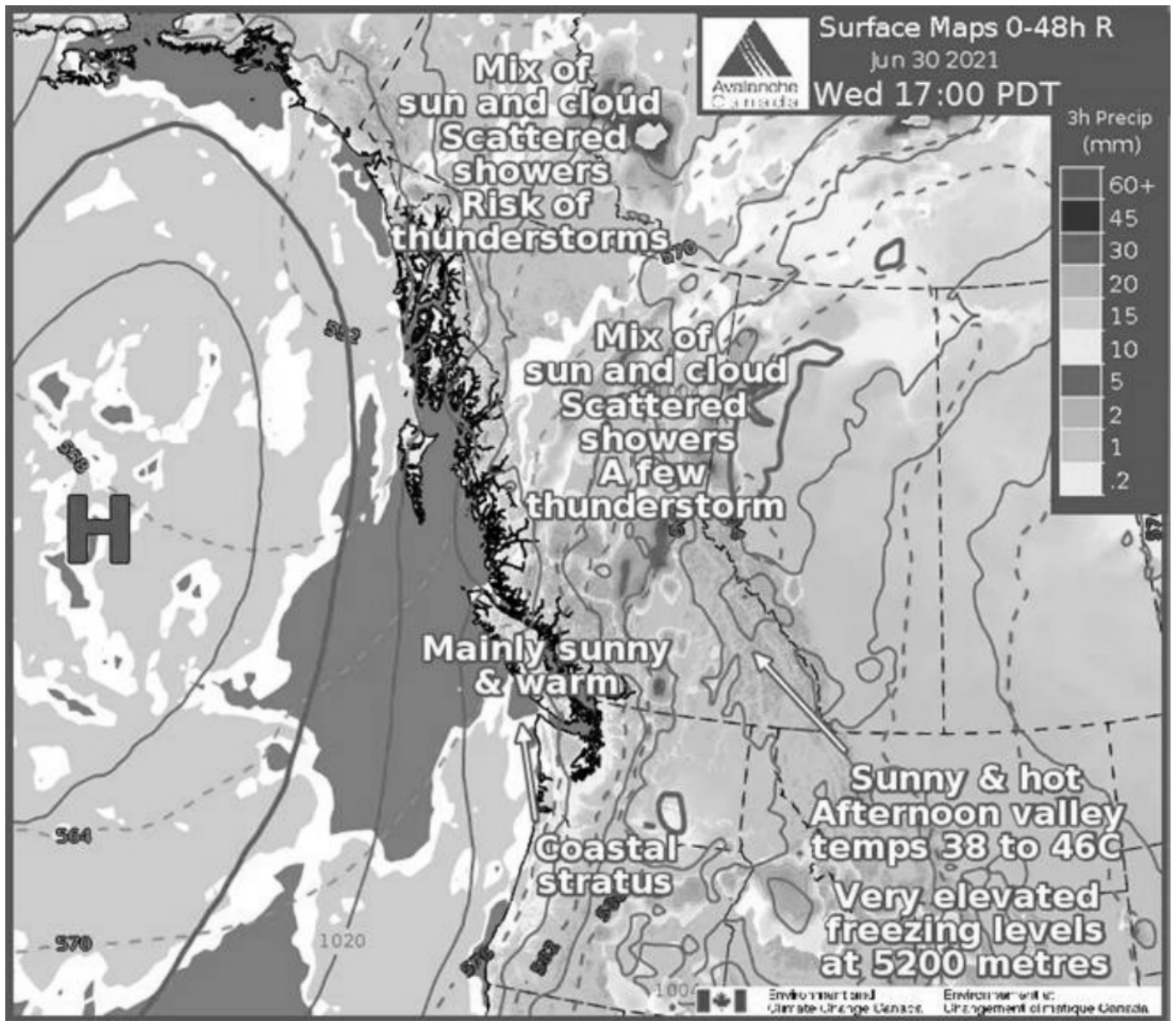
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Tornado
Tornado



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High
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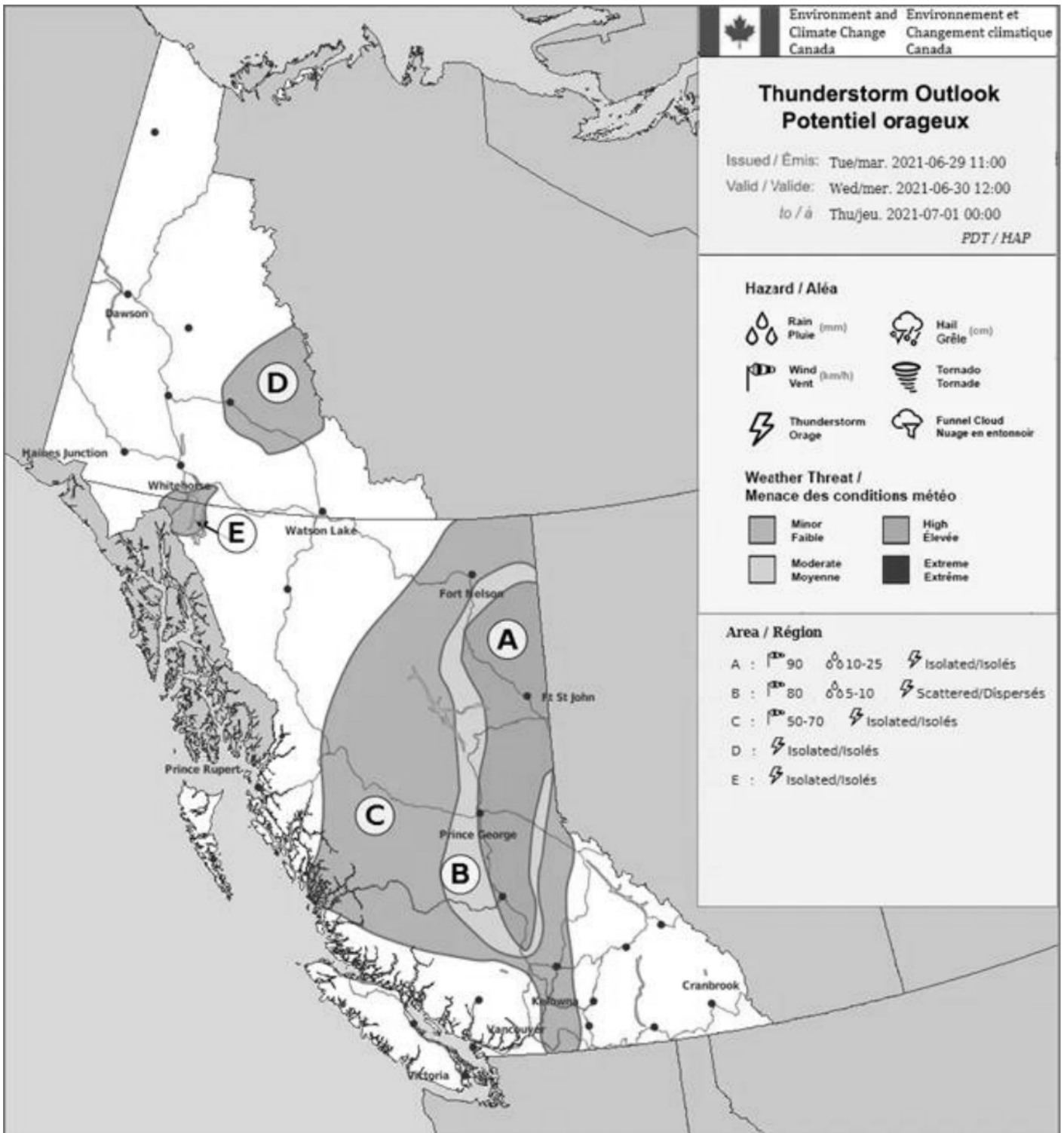
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We should send the EMBC background to Zuss. We don't need a declared SOE to support local govts heat response.

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Heat wave gov measures

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Background:

Provincial role in responding to the heat wave is through Health Authorities supporting communities in developing Heat Alert Response Plans and notifying the public of heat warnings, which Dr Henry spoke about in the avail, and through EMBC providing reimbursement to Local Governments and Indigenous Communities to support local response. Details on each below:

Extreme Heat Measures taken

- BC's Health Authorities and BCCDC provide resources to support local governments in developing Heat Alert and Response Plans (e.g. resources from Interior Health here: [https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/Emergency/ExtremeHeat/Pages/Heat-alert-and-response-system-\(HARS\).aspx](https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/Emergency/ExtremeHeat/Pages/Heat-alert-and-response-system-(HARS).aspx))
- BC's Health Authorities issues extreme heat alerts that were accompanied with the opening of cooling centres coordinated by municipalities and issued specific warnings to those over the age of 65 at greater risk of heat-related illness.
- These alerts are part of the province's Heat Health Alert Plan
- The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General put out a statement on Friday urging British Columbians to take caution with increasing temperatures, including tips and resources for battling the heat.
- Dr. Bonnie Henry and Minister of Health, Adrian Dix, also asked everyone to take care of one another during the heat wave.
- For those receiving support from Home Health, nurses contacted clients and scheduling visits to make sure people with underlying health conditions were hydrated and staying as cool as possible.
- In long-term care networks, staff were redeployed staff to keep residents cool and hydrated.
- In BC's Acute Care system, staff were redeployed appropriate care for people amid increased emergency room visits and hospital admissions.
- Additionally, alternate times for vaccinations were arranged to ensure clinics were at comfortable temperatures and – in one case – firefighters hosed down a clinic's roof to cool off the building.

Here are EMBC's current measures, specifically supporting Local Governments:

To assist Indigenous Communities and Local Governments is responding to the current Heat Wave the following is an overview of what supports are available through the Emergency Program Act:

- Reimbursements are limited to incremental costs, examples include:
 - Staff wages/overtime to open a civic facility that would otherwise not be open.
 - Workers Compensation coverage for ESS volunteers to support.
 - Water for use/distribution within the facility.
 - Transportation to and from cooling centers in communities where no scheduled public or reasonable transportation exists.
 - Requires Expense Authorization Form (EAF) approval from PREOC
- For communities that do not have suitable facilities, please contact EMBC to review and discussion options.
 - Community requested by Health Authority to provide assistance to respond to impacts to current heat wave, those activities may be considered for reimbursement.
 - Would be considered through Expense Authorization Form (EAF) to the EMBC Regional Duty Manager or PREOC.
 - Incremental costs to support fire service responding to increased heat related calls.
 - Would be considered through Expense Authorization Form (EAF) to the EMBC Regional Duty Manager or PREOC.
- For Indigenous communities in BC, EMBC is working in close coordination with the First Nations Health Authority and Indigenous Services Canada to provide wrap-around supports to address public safety concerns. Please contact the EMBC Regions or PREOC if there are heat-related emergency needs or gaps in your community.



Better Regulations for British Columbians

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Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Jobs, Economic
Recovery and Innovation

Message from the Minister

I am proud to present this year's Better Regulations for British Columbians report. The profiled stories feature the role government has played to help people and businesses adapt to unanticipated events and shifting conditions.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for all of us, and we recognize that some have been especially hard hit. Our focus is ensuring that our province's economic recovery works for everyone. The B.C. government has rolled out a \$10 billion COVID-19 response, which includes *StrongerBC for everyone: BC's Economic Recovery Plan* – a strategy that protects people's health and livelihoods while supporting businesses and communities.

This report outlines the actions taken to improve our regulations and services over the past fiscal year to support economic recovery throughout British Columbia. Some of our achievements include caps to rental fee increases, increased childcare spaces, and the launch of the BC Marketplace to help B.C. businesses sell their products and services to online audiences, to name a few.

We have also initiated efforts to modernize language used in government regulations and policies so that everyone can see themselves in the language used by government. This year, we successfully eliminated over 600 instances of gendered language within our regulations, the first jurisdiction in Canada to begin this important work. It is important to reframe our language to build a better B.C., where everyone is included and reflected in government services and policies.

By working together, we continue to create opportunities for people and businesses to build a brighter future for everyone.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

Honourable Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

Introduction

British Columbia's long-standing commitment to regulatory and service improvement is supported by three primary goals:

- ✓ to increase access to quality government services that people count on;
- ✓ to promote a modern, efficient, and effective regulatory system; and
- ✓ to enhance accountability for regulatory and service improvement.

Central to our ability to deliver these goals is the continued dedication to eliminate outdated regulations and make services more accessible for British Columbians throughout the province.

The Better Regulations for British Columbians annual report highlights government's work in the past fiscal year to improve services and regulations for people and businesses throughout B.C. The stories featured reflect the extraordinary year experienced by all British Columbians in the context of COVID-19, alongside government's ongoing commitment to its key principles.

The report is organized into the following sections:

- **COVID-19 Pandemic Rapid Response**: features government's quick actions to enable technologies, ease costs, reduce barriers, and support people and businesses as B.C. navigates the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftereffects;
- **Commitment to Reconciliation, Equity and Inclusion**: highlights initiatives that ensure all people are seen, heard, respected and supported and have equal access and opportunities to develop to their full potential;
- **People-First Approach**: promotes the people-centred regulatory and service improvements that British Columbians have come to trust and rely on;
- **Initiatives to Build a Strong Economy**: profiles economic recovery through supporting B.C. entrepreneurs and businesses, restoring B.C. jobs, and preparing people for careers of the future; and
- **Investment in a Sustainable Future**: features initiatives that mitigate climate change and increase provincial food security.
- **Accountability and Commitment**: The final section profiles government's commitment to maintain accountability and measure progress on regulatory and service improvement. It includes an updated regulatory requirements count and a description of this year's bundled amendment package that featured over 600 updates to gendered language in B.C.'s regulations.



Section One: COVID-19 Pandemic Rapid Response

The COVID-19 pandemic took the world by storm and changed everything in its path. It has had an unprecedented impact on our people and province.

Businesses were forced to act quickly, shifting their delivery models to comply with public health orders to keep British Columbians safe. Some workers were laid off, others lost their jobs, and many more had to adapt to working remotely while simultaneously managing personal and family priorities. The past year has proven how flexible, responsive and resilient British Columbians are, making headlines under Dr. Bonnie Henry's guidance to ***"Be Kind, Be Calm, Be Safe."***

Throughout the crisis, government has put people and businesses first. In addition to providing financial support to those who needed it the most, the Province initiated many programs to keep supply chains open, protect people's jobs and livelihoods, and ensure businesses were operating in a way that kept the public safe.

Going forward, we will build on these successes. We will also continue to support British Columbians through the pandemic and economic recovery by remaining responsive. This includes reviewing the temporary changes made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that improved service delivery for British Columbians to determine if some of these changes should permanently remain.

This section profiles examples of government's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic through the rapid use of new and enhanced tools and technology, decreased costs to businesses and people in crisis, reduced barriers to accessing services, and continued support for people and businesses.

Tools and Technology

SERVICE DELIVERY IN A TIME OF CRISIS



A temporary Ministerial Order under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) allowed health-care workers and other provincial public services to quickly adapt to the temporary use of communication technology tools, making it easier to communicate and coordinate service delivery. The same Ministerial Order allowed post-secondary institutions to pivot their teaching practices to include online meetings, discussions and exam formats as an alternative to in-person classes.

Child and Youth Mental Health services trained all provincial intake teams to offer treatment and therapy services for children and youth by phone and/or virtually.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Quick action by Legal Aid BC ensured that vulnerable people in the province were able to access important legal aid services during the pandemic while in-person services were restricted. Adjustments to services include:

- Increased lawyer resources on the Family LawLINE;
- Scheduled duty counsel and family advice lawyers to provide services entirely by telephone;
- Provided summary advice on criminal matters by telephone upon request;
- Increased resources to Prisoners Legal Services to cover increased demand; and
- Launched a remote child support mediation service.

These adjustments not only helped vulnerable citizens, but also streamlined processes and reduced the potential for a COVID-related backlog that would have slowed service delivery.



VIRTUAL INDUSTRIAL SITE INSPECTIONS FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, regulations under the Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act (GGIRCA) were amended to extend reporting deadlines and allow for virtual site visits by an accredited third party to industrial operations that emit 25,000 tonnes or more of carbon dioxide equivalent greenhouse gases during each one-year reporting cycle. Third parties review data on how facilities measure the release of gases, ensuring consistent and accurate [greenhouse gas emission reporting](#). Having a professional reliance system throughout B.C. ensures that industrial facilities are meeting world emission reporting standards and enables B.C. to track progress and meet target commitments.

Due to strict compliance guidelines, not all site visits can be done remotely, but of the 102 facilities that required verification for the 2019 reporting year, 50 facilities engaged in virtual verification in line with international best practices.

As a result of positive reviews from industry, verification bodies and accreditation bodies, the regulations under the GGIRCA have been changed to permanently enable virtual site visits. This makes B.C. the first jurisdiction to allow virtual site visits, and maintains the same standard reporting as before while reducing the costs and time involved in third-party verifiers travelling to remote sites.



ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Various Ministerial and Emergency Orders were put in place quickly, which enabled the temporary use of electronic meetings in several contexts. This flexibility protects public health while also ensuring that business is conducted in a timely and efficient manner. Examples include:

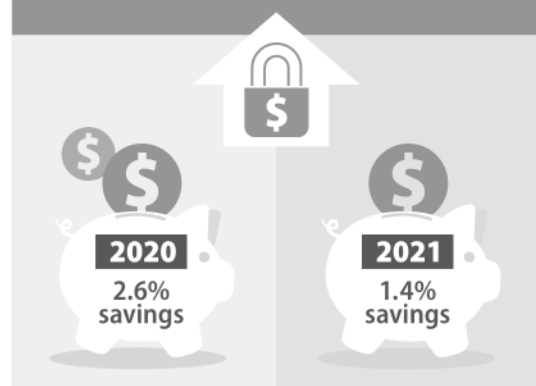
- Societies, cooperative associations and companies were able to meet their obligations under the Cooperative Association Act, Societies Act and Business Corporations Act by holding annual general meetings in an electronic format.
- Strata corporations were able to hold remote/electronic annual and special general meetings. Owners or residents without a computer, smart phone or tablet were able to attend meetings in person, or participate by telephone or by proxy.
- Credit unions were able to hold electronic meetings to ensure they remained engaged with membership and conducted business safely.
- Local governments continued to uphold the principles of transparency, accountability, and accessibility while holding public hearings electronically. While different modes of access were based on local circumstances, public participation and comments were accepted via email, letter, phone, and/or electronically when available. This allowed local governments to provide certainty and ensure important land use decisions were made in a timely manner.

Public in-person hearings are a statutory requirement prior to adopting certain land use bylaws, such as official community plans and zoning bylaw amendments. Emergency Order M192 provides local governments with the authority to hold public hearings electronically during the COVID-19 pandemic so that they can continue making important land use decisions and allow development such as housing to proceed. This is meant to provide continuity, certainty and more predictable timelines to the development industry while supporting economic recovery.

Eased Costs

RENTAL RATE INCREASES FROZEN

Rental rates are frozen until December 2021, saving approximately 1.5 million renters in British Columbia 2.6% of their rental costs in 2020 and 1.4% in 2021.



LOWERED LIQUOR PRICING FOR BUSINESSES

Permanent policy changes now allow restaurants, bars and tourism operators with liquor licences to purchase beer, wine and spirits at the wholesale price set by the BC Liquor Distribution Branch. Prior to this change, hospitality licensees paid full retail price on most liquor purchases.

Reduced liquor pricing better positions the 8,500 business owners in B.C.'s hospitality and restaurant sector, who employ 190,000 British Columbians, to increase revenue as they navigate through the pandemic to economic recovery.



CAPPED DELIVERY SERVICE FEES

Delivery service commissions and other related fees charged to restaurants have been temporarily capped at 15% of the customer's order for delivery services and 5% for all other services to put more money back in business owners' pockets. As a result of the impact of COVID-19, restaurants have increased reliance on delivery services to create new revenue streams and stay afloat during pandemic restrictions and physical distancing. The delivery fee caps ensure immediate relief for businesses by placing a limit on the fees that restaurants must pay for this service.

TAX DEFERRAL IN A TIME OF NEED

- As part of B.C.'s COVID-19 Action Plan, effective March 24, 2020, the due dates for certain tax returns and payments made to government under the consumption tax acts (Carbon Tax Act, Motor Fuel Tax Act, Provincial Sales Tax Act and Tobacco Tax Act) were extended to September 30, 2020. In addition, due dates for the Employer Health Tax were extended. The final 2019 return and payment was extended from June 15, 2020, September 15, 2020 and December 15, 2020 to December 31, 2020, January 31, 2021 and February 28, 2021, respectively. These changes provided immediate relief to businesses in a time when they needed it the most.
- Approximately 45 businesses who purchased multi-jurisdictional vehicles before May 4, 2020 and applied for a B.C.-only licence between March 11, 2020 and September 30, 2020, were waived from paying the exit tax on these vehicles. This temporary measure was used to support the commercial transport industry by allowing certain vehicles to change their licensing status in response to COVID-19 without paying the exit tax that normally would be required from the licensing change.
- Changes to the Land Tax Deferment Act and Regulations modernize the property tax deferment program by implementing online applications as well as automatic renewals and equity checks. The online format makes it easier and faster for homeowners to apply, reduces the mistakes that can happen in paper-based applications and eliminates the need to reapply for future renewal.



WAIVED CIVIL RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL FEE REQUIREMENTS

In response to the hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, B.C.'s [Civil Resolution Tribunal](#) (CRT) on a case-by-case basis, exercised discretion to waive fees for those who lost their incomes as a result of COVID-19 and who can no longer afford CRT fees. These changes saved successful applicants \$25-\$200 in CRT fees per item as current household income documents at the time would not have been able to prove loss of income to obtain the fee waiver.

FLEXIBILITY FOR STRATA CORPORATIONS

Updates to the Strata Property Regulation allow strata corporations the added flexibility to [postpone meetings](#) when a state of emergency is in effect as well as [pay for rising insurance costs from their contingency reserve fund](#), without prior approval from owners, if the payment is required before there is time to arrange a general meeting.

WAIVED RENT FOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION OPERATORS

Eligible holders of commercial recreation tenures and park-use permits, such as outdoor adventure businesses, fishing and hunting lodges, guest ranches, ecotourism lodges, seasonal campgrounds and other commercial recreation operators, will have one year of annual base rent waived by the Province between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021.

The total amount of rent forgiveness that has been provided to eligible commercial recreation businesses is \$3.23 million for 1,473 tenures and permits – about \$2.89 million for 990 Land Act tenures and about \$341,000 for 483 Park Act permits.

Reduced Barriers



PROTECTED CHILD CARE SPACES

Approximately 4,000 Early Childhood Educators and Early Childhood Educator Assistants received one extra year to complete the professional development and work experience hours needed to renew their certifications. These changes kept people at work in these jobs, and ensured that there was no loss of child care spaces as a result of workers not being able to complete requirements to maintain their certification during the COVID-19 pandemic when child care spaces were scarce.

FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

A Ministerial Order provided local governments with emergency liquidity in the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. This package involved several measures including authorizing local governments to borrow from their capital reserves to cover operational revenue shortfalls in 2020. This money could then be repaid to the capital reserve fund over five years. These changes allowed local governments to use their reserve funds to continue providing critical services to residents and businesses, while providing a timely repayment for future capital needs.





EXPANDED FOOD AND LIQUOR SERVICE AREAS

Food Primary, Liquor Primary and/or Manufacturer licensees (such as wineries, breweries, and distilleries) can apply for a [temporary authorization to expand service areas](#) until the end of October 2021. So far, approximately 2,000+ licensees have been able to temporarily expand their service areas into larger outdoor patio spaces. These changes allowed for more customers to be accommodated safely while still adhering to the required physical distances.

EXTENDED HOURS OF SALE AND DELIVERY OF LIQUOR PRODUCTS

The hours of liquor sales and delivery services were temporarily extended to begin at 7 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. This helped licensees protect and support vulnerable people, such as elderly and/or immunocompromised customers, by providing a greater window of time for customers to shop.

PACKAGED LIQUOR FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION AND DELIVERY

Permanent changes allow Liquor Primary and Food Primary licensees to sell and deliver packaged liquor for off-site consumption with the purchase of meals ordered through take-out or delivery options. These changes open a potential new revenue stream for foodservice businesses.

PACKAGING AND SALE OF GROWLERS FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION AND DELIVERY

Food Primary and Liquor Primary licensees were authorized to package and sell growlers of draught beer for off-site consumption for 60 days. This allowed licensees to mitigate financial loss by selling product which might otherwise have spoiled due to prohibitions to on-site service, and provided a temporary additional revenue stream to maintain operations and employment.



MADE-IN-B.C. SANITIZER

A temporary authorization allowed breweries, wineries and distilleries to use their establishments to manufacture, package, sell and donate sanitizer in response to a recommendation from industry. Participating establishments were able to pivot their operations, create new revenue streams and help manufacturers who may have had to close their lounge areas or tasting rooms, or lose sales revenue due to closures in the hospitality industry. These changes increased the production, distribution and availability of these essential health and safety products required by people, businesses, hospitals and other institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic, and put more sanitizer on the market to ensure B.C. had an ample supply.



SAFER ELECTION PROCESSES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Over two dozen Ministerial Orders (MOs) were signed under the Local Government Act (LGA) to support local governments in conducting safer by-elections and assent votes during the pandemic. The MOs were developed directly with each local government to provide specific exemptions to election procedure bylaws or the LGA to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, and included such measures as allowing mail-in ballots for all eligible voters and enabling oral declarations when signing the voting book. As a result of these changes, local governments continue to implement these important democratic processes in a manner that is safer for their citizens.



FLEXIBLE DESIGNATION OF FARM PROPERTIES

Due to COVID-19, government has waived this year's minimum income requirement for properties that were classed as a farm in 2020. This saved approximately 400 farm properties and 900 developing farms from potentially losing their farm class status. Farm class status provides many benefits, including a significant reduction in property taxes. By waiving the income requirements and the need to submit sales receipts for 2021, the Province helped to ensure the continued operation of many farm properties throughout British Columbia.

There are nearly 18,500 farm properties in B.C., and approximately 5,800 would have been required to submit income reports for 2020. Of these, up to 900 developing farms and approximately 400 farm properties with a history of income below the required threshold would have been most at risk of losing farm class status for 2021.



STREAMLINED TRANSPORTATION RESOURCE REQUESTS

To streamline COVID-19 transportation requests, the Province created a web portal so requestors, including health authorities, Indigenous communities, and local governments, could submit their COVID-19 transportation requests online and receive transportation assistance sooner. Examples of requests include health authorities seeking air transport of blood samples from remote communities to labs for COVID-19 testing; transport of patients from remote communities to COVID-19 prepared hospitals; requests from rural, remote, and coastal communities to transport people in need of advanced medical care to and from the Lower Mainland; and Indigenous communities requesting assistance to control traffic into their communities to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This transportation request process will now become part of the Province's standard emergency response procedures during any major emergency event.

Support for People and Businesses

COVID-19 WEBSITE



The [COVID-19 website](#) continues to provide information for residents of British Columbia about COVID-19, and has had 61 million page views since launch. Through this page, British Columbians can stay informed about programs and services, how to stay healthy, how to access financial supports, and how to keep their businesses safe and viable throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, the website includes topic areas such as:

- COVID-19 immunization plan and how and where to get vaccinated;
- Information about vaccination in multiple languages;
- Provincial restrictions;
- K to 12 education;
- Recovery benefits;
- Travel restrictions;
- Violation tickets;
- Mental health;
- Quarantine requirements;
- Economic recovery planning;
- Provincial Health Officer orders; and
- Links to health information at the BC Centre for Disease Control.

EXTENSIONS TO THE TEMPORARY LAYOFF PERIOD

Amendments to the Employment Standards Regulation allowed employers and employees to extend the maximum period for a temporary layoff to August 30, 2020, if the layoff was a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The extension gave businesses the opportunity to recall their employees back to work at a later date, instead of having to terminate employees, pay severance and lose an experienced workforce. The extension also supported employees by allowing them to keep their jobs and employment-related benefits while accessing the federal Canada Emergency Response Benefit. Additional amendments removed technical requirements centred on a paper-based process and enabled a new, digital solution for employers and employees.

A simplified temporary layoff variance application was developed to enable a joint digital process to assist those employers and employees who wanted to extend a temporary layoff period past the August 30, 2020 deadline. The new process enabled the secure upload of supporting content directly to the Employment Standards Branch and resulted in over 1,000 temporary layoff variances being issued, protecting approximately 12,000 jobs. It continues to be efficiently used to keep employees and employers connected during the COVID-19 pandemic to support B.C.'s workplaces.



TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKER QUARANTINE PROGRAM



Seasonal labourers are essential to ensuring a stable food supply in B.C. The Province introduced the Agricultural Temporary Foreign Worker Quarantine Program to allow agricultural Temporary Foreign Workers (agTFWs) to safely quarantine upon arrival to Canada as required by the federal Quarantine Act. The program is centrally managed and funded through the Province, saving farmers the time and money it would have taken to upgrade their on-farm accommodations to ensure a safe quarantine.

The Province provided accommodation, food-services, laundry services, wellness walks, interpretation and translation services, health screening and other necessary supports to agTFWs during their 14-day quarantine period. Of the 5,000 agTFWs who arrived between April 13, 2020 and December 31, 2020, 64 were found to be COVID-19 positive. All COVID-19 positive agTFWs recovered while under the care of the provincial quarantine program's on-site medical team. The program prevented COVID-19 positive agTFWs from potentially spreading the virus to others, and protected the Province's food supply by ensuring the sector's continued access to needed labour.

The Province will continue the agTFW Quarantine Program in 2021, and has recently been consulted by the federal government for advice and materials to assist other provinces in safeguarding agTFWs and the communities that welcome them from the risks of COVID-19 transmission.

SUPPORT FOR B.C. AGRI-BUSINESSES

Through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP), a joint federal-provincial cost-shared initiative investing in the agriculture and agrifoods sector, businesses that specialize in agriculture and food processing can access [coaching, consulting and business planning services](#) to help with recovery from the impacts of COVID-19. The supports are tailored to businesses' specific circumstances and include coaching services and support in business structures, business strategy, production economics, cash flow and financial analysis and/or recovery, value added ventures, succession planning, human resources management, and risk assessment and mitigation aimed at helping businesses adapt to changes and pivot in the ever-changing economic climate brought on by COVID-19.





B.C. BUSINESS COVID-19 SUPPORT SERVICE

Through a partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province, Small Business BC launched the [B.C. Business COVID-19 Support Service](#): a single outlet of information and resources for businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Advisors are available by phone, email or through use of a live-chat feature to answer questions and offer support in multiple languages. Advisors offer tailored guidance for businesses on how to benefit from and obtain supports from the provincial and federal governments, industry and community partners. The website also includes updates and other resources, making it faster and easier for businesses to access the information they need for recovery.

As of the end of March 2021, the B.C. Business COVID-19 Support Service has served more than 23,226 businesses through phone, email and chat since its launch in April 2020, and has had more than 800,000 visits to its COVID-19 web page.

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BC TOURISM RESILIENCY NETWORK

The [BC Tourism Resiliency Network](#) was established in partnership between Western Economic Diversification Canada, Island Coastal Economic Trust and the provincial government to help B.C.'s 19,000 tourism businesses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Available resources include online guides to government funding, online courses to assist employers, as well as access to targeted one-on-one support from experts in human resources, finance, marketing, and business strategy and transition. Since its launch, the network has had over 30,000 points of contact with businesses and provided direct support to over 1,780 businesses that are registered in the program as of February 2021.

BC MARKETPLACE

Through a partnership between the B.C. Government, Western Economic Diversification Canada and Small Business BC, the [BC Marketplace](#) was launched to link British Columbians to local products and services available for purchase online. The BC Marketplace is a free, online resource that currently showcases more than 2,500 B.C.-based businesses. This service helps boost small businesses' growth and online presence and connects businesses with customers who want to buy local products and services.

COVID-19-RELATED LEAVE

Amendments to the Employment Standards Act provide the option for unpaid leave to employees unable to work because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This change provides job protection to employees impacted by COVID-19 and helps reduce the risk of virus transmission. Eligible employees receive financial support while on COVID-19-related leave through the federal Canada Emergency Response Benefit or Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit.



Section Two: Commitment to Reconciliation, Equity and Inclusion

Reconciliation, equity and inclusion are foundational principles of our government that inform all that we do. From signing the First Nations Children and Youth in Care Protocol dedicated to increasing First Nations students' success, to supporting post-secondary students' mental health, we continue to build a B.C. where everyone feels seen, heard and has the opportunity to fully participate.

FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN CARE PROTOCOL

The First Nations Children and Youth in Care Protocol was signed, demonstrating the Province's commitment to working in partnership with First Nations leadership to address systemic barriers facing First Nations students who are also children and youth in care. Through this partnership, B.C.'s legislation and policies will be reviewed and improved to better support the educational outcomes and well-being of First Nations youth in care as they transition from the school system to post-secondary education and/or into the workforce.

INDIGENOUS JUSTICE CENTRES

The B.C. government and BC First Nations Justice Council partnered to open Indigenous Justice Centres (IJC) in British Columbia. To date, three IJCs have opened in Merritt, Prince George and Prince Rupert, improving culturally appropriate access to justice for Indigenous communities.

IJCs provide culturally appropriate information, advice, support and representation directly to Indigenous people at the community level, focusing primarily on criminal law and child protection issues. IJCs take a holistic approach to client and community wellness by facilitating client connections to supports such as housing, mental health and addictions treatment, and employment services.

WILLIAMS LAKE INDIGENOUS COURT

The establishment of the [Williams Lake Indigenous Court](#) will offer better outcomes for those in conflict with the law by providing a holistic, culturally appropriate approach to justice and finding ways to address underlying challenges that may drive criminal behaviour. Indigenous courts are sentencing courts tailored to delivering service specific to the needs of Indigenous offenders, generally adopting an approach to justice that focuses on healing, holding the offender accountable, and reintegrating the offender into the community to achieve better future outcomes.

The Williams Lake Indigenous Court sits once a month, with a judge, Crown, defence lawyer, the client and Elders (Knowledge Keepers) sitting in circle to consider the details of the case and background of an offender. Participants discuss the offending behaviour and its impacts, while working together to develop a Healing Plan.

PROTECTION FROM HOUSEHOLD VIOLENCE

Changes to B.C.'s Residential Tenancy Act protect renters and roommates and allow them to find new homes and end their fixed-term tenancies early without penalty due to violence or if their safety is threatened by continuing to live in a rental unit.

LAW FOUNDATION LEGAL CLINICS

A [poverty law legal clinic in Kelowna](#) and the [Immigration and Refugee Legal Clinic in Vancouver](#) are now open, expanding the network of provincially-funded legal clinics from five to seven. The legal clinics provide free legal information, advice and representation to low-income individuals in locations where a need for poverty law and other specialized legal services, such as disability, housing, and immigration and refugee law, are identified. The legal clinics have increased access to justice in B.C. by filling a gap in service for vulnerable populations that otherwise would not have been able to access legal support.

IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

The first of its kind in Canada, [Here2Talk](#) is a free and confidential 24/7 mental health counselling and referral service designed to support post-secondary students. Students can access masters-level trained counsellors any time, any day, as often as needed by phone, app or the web. Here2Talk's call and chat services are provided in English and French, with some additional languages such as Punjabi, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish and Arabic offered over the phone based on availability.

NEW DOMESTIC ARBITRATION ACT

A new Arbitration Act came into force in B.C. in September 2020, which modernizes, repeals and replaces outdated domestic arbitration legislation. The new act supports party autonomy to efficiently resolve disputes out of court. Party and court resources have been freed up through a streamlined, simplified appeal process: four rounds of appeal hearings in court under the previous legislation have been condensed to two rounds maximum, with parties given the ability to opt out of appeals altogether.



Section Three: People-First Approach

Our people-first approach allows government to design and deliver the services people count on to keep everyone in B.C. healthy, safe and living affordably.

Some of this year's updates include new and improved digitized and streamlined processes, not only to adhere to social distancing practices and help people living with disabilities, but also to serve people in rural or remote communities, as well as anyone who would have difficulty navigating in-person or hardcopy processes.

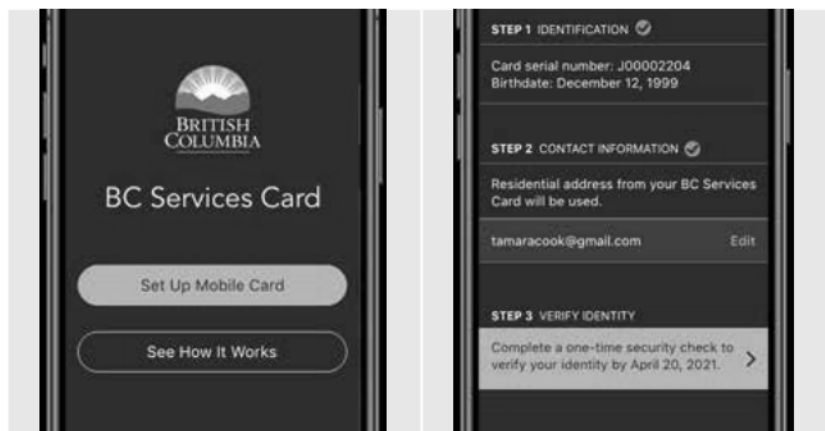
UPDATES TO THE WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT

Nearly three dozen legislative amendments to the Workers Compensation Act provide better support to injured workers and their families and enhance WorkSafeBC's ability to investigate workplace incidents, improving the health and safety of workers while keeping employer premiums stable.

Some of the amendments that directly benefit workers include:

- Increased maximum annual salary amount on which workers' compensation benefits are based;
- Fast-tracked effective date of presumptions for occupational diseases caused by viral pathogens, including COVID-19; and
- Courts now have explicit authority to hear victim impact statements as part of a prosecution relating to occupational health and safety violations.

FASTER BC SERVICES CARD IDENTITY VERIFICATION



Remote identity verification in British Columbia has become even easier. The Province has launched Send Video, the newest way to verify a person's identity in order to activate a mobile BC Services Card and [access online government services](#).

People can use Send Video within the BC Services Card app from their iPhone, iPad, Android phone or tablet to send Service BC a photo and a short video of themselves at any time. A Service BC representative reviews and verifies the person's identity and activates their mobile BC Services Card for online use, eliminating the need to visit a Service BC Centre for in-person identity verification.

British Columbia is the first jurisdiction in North America to use an identity-verification solution through video. These services are another step forward in government's work to help British Columbians conveniently, safely, and quickly access services online. These efforts also support B.C.'s new digital framework, which aims to improve the experiences and interactions people have with government services.

FLEXIBLE USE OF BASIC RESPITE

Families are getting easier access to the supports they need through changes in policy. For example, automatic renewal of respite funding is reducing the burden on families and providing assurance that funding is on its way. And until March 31, 2022, families who receive Children and Youth with Support Needs Direct Funded/At Home Program respite funds have more flexible options in how they use this funding to access supports that meet their needs. If families are unable to secure traditional respite support, funds can be used later during the term of the agreement and can be used for meal preparation/grocery shopping assistance, homemaker supports, caregiver relief support for siblings, online programs for children, counselling services and any other options that support family functioning. As well, families are not required to provide expense forms.

REMOTE EXECUTION, SIGNING AND WITNESSING OF WILLS

Amendments to the Wills, Estates and Succession Act enable courts to accept electronically signed wills and allow for the remote witnessing of wills.

BETTER MANAGEMENT FOR STRATA INSURANCE

Amendments to B.C.'s acts and regulations were intended to bring further transparency to the strata insurance market and mitigate rising costs so that strata councils and owners can make informed decisions on their insurance policies. These changes:

- Require prompt notice to owners of changes to strata corporation insurance coverage;
- Allow strata corporations to use their contingency reserve fund when necessary to pay for premium increases;
- End referral fees; and
- Require insurance agents to disclose their commission amount.

ENHANCED CARE COVERAGE AUTO INSURANCE

Effective May 1, 2021, ICBC's new [Enhanced Care coverage](#) delivers affordable auto insurance that provides all care and recovery supports for British Columbians in the event of a crash. These improvements to B.C.'s insurance system are made possible because of the elimination of significant costs associated with the historic litigation-based system. ICBC will apply those savings – more than \$1.5 billion per year – towards lower, more stable insurance rates and better benefits for British Columbians.

Customers with full basic and optional insurance will save 20%, on average, on their annual insurance premiums. All British Columbians – regardless if they are a driver, passenger, pedestrian or cyclist – will automatically be protected under Enhanced Care if they are injured in a car crash in Canada or the United States. Key features to Enhanced Care include no overall limit to medical and rehabilitation benefits, enhanced income replacement benefits, a new permanent impairment compensation payment, and more.

NATIONAL SAFETY CODE ONLINE KNOWLEDGE TEST

To improve road safety, business practices and service delivery, online knowledge tests and resources have been launched as part of the National Safety Code (NSC) application process for commercial vehicle operators to obtain an NSC certificate.

The NSC Online Knowledge Test (available through the [VehicleSafetyBC](#) portal) replaces the former paper-based knowledge test that was only available in the Lower Mainland. It can be re-taken at no additional cost. The test is also designed to encourage the user to refer to the improved and expanded online [Carrier Safety Guide](#) which helps users quickly and easily understand the necessary information to operate safely.

LEARN2RIDE ONLINE

Developed in partnership between TransLink and the Province, [Learn2Ride Online](#) is a free web-based bike skills course helping children ages 9-12 learn basic bike safety. So far, almost 1,600 students have participated in the online Learn2Ride course since it was launched in June 2020, helping B.C. youth learn to cycle safely by learning about bike parts, the importance of bike helmets and other safety gear, and how to be aware of surroundings and to communicate effectively when biking.



CLEARER DRIVEBC 511 SIGNAGE

DriveBC has replaced a 1-800 number on highway signs with the easier to see and remember 511 number. By dialing 511, callers are now able to access a menu through their phone where they can receive information and updates such as road conditions and events on B.C. highways in real time. Additionally, the 511 number is increasingly used throughout North America, making it safer and more intuitive for travelers visiting from elsewhere to get the information they need.

VARIABLE SPEED LIMITS USING SMART TECHNOLOGY

The Province has launched a [new variable speed limit system](#) in the Fraser Valley that adjusts speed limits to align with current congestion or weather conditions. The speed limits are set based on data provided by traffic and road weather sensors installed approximately every 500 metres along the highway. There are also multiple road/weather sensors that measure parameters, such as level of grip on the road, visibility, and temperature. The variable speed limits make driving safer by slowing traffic before congestion to reduce rear-end collisions caused by sudden changes in travel speed that typically occur in this area.

AIR QUALITY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE EXPANSION

Expansion of the [Air Quality Subscription Service](#) now allows people to automatically receive real-time air quality advisories by SMS text message notification. In addition to the sulphur dioxide alerts previously rolled out, the alerts will warn users about poor air quality and smoky skies while also providing health advice and safety suggestions via text message.



Section Four:

Initiatives to Build a Strong Economy

As we lay the foundation for economic recovery, we aim to build a B.C. that works for everyone. We continue to support B.C. entrepreneurs and businesses and encourage investment, growth and innovation throughout the province. We strive to prepare people for future career paths by creating opportunities and supports for all British Columbians to obtain the skills and experience necessary to reach their full potential.

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL REGISTRY ACCESS SERVICE

The [Multi-jurisdictional Registry Access Service](#) (MRAS), a new online service, simplifies the business registration process across provincial lines, making it easier for owners to register their business in multiple provinces. Until now, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba had separate processes and systems for corporations and limited partnerships to complete their extra-provincial business registrations and maintenance filings. The four provinces are now the first to implement the online MRAS, a hub that allows corporate information sharing between the provinces, making registration in multiple provinces faster and easier for business owners.

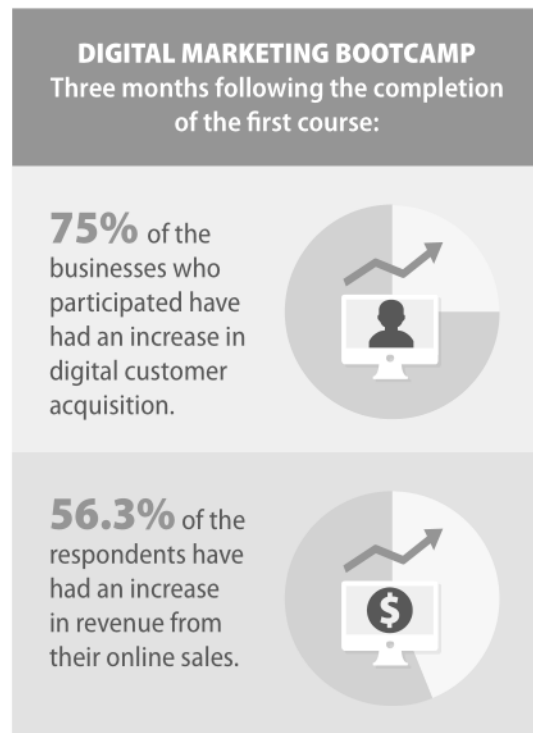
There has been a 25% increase in the number of extra-provincial registrations from 248 registrations in the quarter (July 2020 - Sept 2020) before the launch of the MRAS initiative to 311 registrations in the quarter after its implementation.



DIGITAL MARKETING BOOTCAMP

The [Digital Marketing Bootcamp](#), developed in partnership between the B.C. government and Alacrity Canada, is a new online course offered for free to small and medium-sized businesses. It provides participants with a foundation in digital marketing, including search engine optimization, paid advertising, analytics, content marketing and more.

In April 2021, the Digital Marketing Bootcamp program received funding to support more participants. It is expected that nearly 5,900 people will be trained by May 31, 2022.



BUILDING BENEFIT COMPANIES

Changes to the Business Corporations Act give British Columbians the opportunity to classify their businesses as a benefit company, provided they meet the requirements. British Columbia is the first province in Canada to create the option of benefit companies. This builds a new way to do business that benefits people, communities and future generations. It also offers benefit companies greater exposure to consumers who value and want to support businesses dedicated to corporate social responsibility.

DID YOU KNOW? A benefit company is a for-profit corporation committed to conducting its business in a responsible and sustainable manner, as well as promoting public benefits in addition to serving the interests of its shareholders. For example, the benefits could be artistic, charitable, cultural, economic, educational, environmental, literary, medical, religious, scientific and/or technological.

DIGITAL SEALS FOR ENGINEERED DESIGN DRAWINGS AND DOCUMENTS

What used to take days and weeks now takes minutes. Professional Engineers and Geoscientists working on Ministry and Transportation and Infrastructure projects now have the option to [sign, seal and deliver their drawings and documents digitally](#). These changes improve efficiency and productivity, reduce the environmental footprint, and eliminate courier, printing and archiving costs.



BUSINESS STRUCTURES WIZARD

The [Business Structures Wizard](#) (the Wizard) is a free online tool that helps entrepreneurs select the best entity type when starting their business (i.e., sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation). The tool guides users through a series of 10 easy-to-follow questions and enables entrepreneurs to better understand their options and the implications of each business structure as related to considerations such as liability and financing.

The Wizard was developed in collaboration between the provincial and federal governments and aims to enhance service delivery by providing easy access to government services, avoiding confusion and reducing errors in the registration process so that entrepreneurs can spend more time growing their businesses.



Section Five:

Investment in a Sustainable Future

B.C.'s economic recovery includes investment and preparation for a cleaner, brighter future that addresses climate change. We continue to work hard to leverage opportunities that create value from our natural and renewable resources and also protect our land, air and water. The harvest of local food keeps jobs and supply chains in B.C. and lowers our carbon footprint. From increased recycling incentives to reduced barriers in the cannabis market, B.C. is well-positioned for a sustainable future.

MODERNIZED RECYCLING

Changes to the Recycling Regulation support physical distancing and drive increased recycling due to added convenience and incentives. The minimum deposit for all beverage containers is now set at 10 cents and can now be paid by cheque or electronically, such as through e-transfer, in addition to the current cash refund requirement. These changes are expected to increase container return rates, incentivize participation in recycling programs, and provide ease and efficiency for the consumer.

INCREASED B.C. GROWN FOOD

Through the [Feed BC program](#), the Province is helping health care, post-secondary, K-12 education and other sectors find and procure more B.C. food to meet the daily needs of patients, residents, students and clients. Feed BC provides targeted training, technology, guidance and business-to-business value chain support to B.C. producers and processors interested in selling to B.C.'s public sector institutions and beyond. This initiative will increase the availability and variety of B.C. grown and processed food for people served by hospitals, residential/long-term care facilities, public post-secondary institutions and other government-supported facilities.

WILDFIRE APP

In May 2020, the Province launched the BC Wildfire Service mobile app which provides real-time wildfire information and an interactive map that users can customize to display a variety of fire-related data.



Key features of the Wildfire App include:

- Interactive wildfire map;
- Latest wildfire news and advisories;
- Statistics for the current wildfire season;
- Push notifications (including 'Near Me' evacuation orders and alerts); and
- Information to help the public report wildfires.

As of April 2021, there have been approximately four million page views on the app and over 40,000 app installs. The BC Wildfire Service mobile app is available for [Apple \(iOS\)](#) and [Android](#) devices and is free to download in the App Store and Google Play.

NEW WEB REPORTING TOOL FOR RIVER HEALTH

The [Canada-B.C. Water Quality Monitoring Program](#) is a web reporting tool to help people learn about current water quality and detect future issues that may threaten aquatic life in an easy to read and transparent format. Typically, water quality trend data are published in technical reports and are not easily available to decision makers and the public. This online interactive tool reports water quality trends in key rivers throughout B.C. in a format that is easy to understand for all. It also provides quick access to provincial, regional, and local decision-makers when assessing projects that may impact water quality, while also providing long-term trend analyses to assess potential impacts from resource development, urbanization, agriculture and climate change.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PESTICIDE APPLICATORS CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

A series of projects were completed to streamline and modernize the way industry and the public obtain training materials, arrange exam sessions, and successfully complete the [Pesticide Certification program](#) which is required for applying pesticides.

This included:

- An online ordering platform that allows the public and industry to order required training materials 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as opposed to being restricted to business hours and having to pay for materials in person or by phone;
- A new exam management system that allows for better tracking and greater efficiency in providing updates and feedback to applicants;
- Software to facilitate exam scheduling and status tracking;
- Redesigned Integrated Pest Management Training and Certification webpage with a user-experience and accessibility lens; and
- Exams translated into additional languages, such as Chinese, Punjabi, Vietnamese and Spanish.



NEW EMERGENCY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE

As of November 2020, all dangerous good incident reports are being captured, tracked and managed in a new [BC Emergency Incident Management System](#), providing a single unified information technology platform for B.C. emergency managers, responders, stakeholders and partners. The new software provides an emergency incident management platform to enable fast and effective decision-making and response to better protect the safety of B.C.'s responders and environment.

Increased access to information will improve transparency and situational awareness, and assist the processing of Freedom of Information requests, litigation, and information sharing with partner agencies and stakeholders.

ONLINE ACCESS TO HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS

The [2020-2022 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis](#) features more than 100 amendments to existing hunting and trapping regulations and can now be viewed online. The Synopsis is published every two years, responding to the most current information available about wildlife populations and sustainability. It features proposed changes to hunting, trapping, motor vehicle prohibitions, and weapons restriction regulations made in consultation with First Nations and stakeholders. The updates ensure the continued conservation of wildlife or habitat, address safety concerns, maintain or enhance recreational opportunities, and uphold the principles of humane treatment of wildlife.



EFFICIENT TIMBER SALES

Regulatory amendments allow Timber Sales Managers to immediately re-advertise a Timber Sales License (TSL) that does not receive any eligible bids with a reduced advertising period of five days, ensuring a timely bidding process. The amended regulation has already been successfully used to re-advertise TSLs which received no bids, making timber more readily available at the market price (determined by bids) for the forest industry.



TRANSPARENT WALLS FOR CANNABIS RETAIL STORES

Updates to regulations now allow cannabis retail stores to feature transparent walls, provided that all cannabis-related accessories, products and packaging are not visible from outside the store. These updates allow licensees to configure their stores in ways that protect minors from exposure to non-medical cannabis products and address concerns regarding employee safety, while also meeting the requirements in the federal Cannabis Act.

CANNABIS PREPAID PURCHASE CARDS

Cannabis prepaid purchase cards can now be used at all of a non-medical cannabis retail store's locations, including online purchases. Previous rules stated that prepaid cards could only be used at the location where the card was purchased. These changes provide convenience for consumers and make the cards more appealing to buy and sell.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CANNABIS WORKER SCREENING

Security screening for cannabis workers has moved to expire every five years instead of every two years. The changes ensure that the security screening process for cannabis workers is timely and cost effective, while also allowing provincial security screening resources to focus on the qualification of new workers rather than the requalification of current workers.



STREAMLINED SPILL RECOVERY REPORTS

Following a spill, a Conclusion of Recovery Report is required as part of the process to ensure environmental recovery targets have been carried out and achieved. [Online guidance for how to properly draft Conclusion of Recovery Reports](#) is now available, providing a template to use and making it quicker and easier for people to include the required recovery plan content and meet the regulatory requirements outlined in the Spill Preparedness, Response and Recovery Regulation.

JOB CONNECTIONS THROUGH NEW ONLINE WEBSITE

[The B.C. Farm, Fish and Food Job Connector](#) site links British Columbians looking for careers in agriculture to current job vacancies offered by farmers, seafood businesses and food processors. Available jobs include positions for crop and seafood harvesters, food processing workers and farm managers, agrologists, large machinery operators and marketing specialists. The site acts as a single hiring resource for employers, offering sector-specific information and resources to support businesses through the hiring process, saving businesses time and money so they can focus on growing and harvesting food.

Jobs are available in more than 30 communities in the Fraser Valley, Okanagan, Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Island, as well as in the Kootenays, Cariboo and northern B.C.

There are close to 600 postings for more than a thousand positions posted on WorkBC in the agriculture, seafood and food and beverage sectors.

B.C. farms, ranches, seafood and food processing companies generated a record \$15 billion in revenue in 2019.

INCREASED LOCAL MEAT SUPPLY IN SELECT REGIONS

Updates to the Meat Inspection Regulation increase local meat supply and streamline administrative processes. Class D licences are now able to be issued in select regional districts within the Alberni Valley, the Kootenays, and the Robson Valley. Each license adds up to 25 animal units to the local market where the meat was slaughtered, increasing local meat supply for select regions. Additionally, Class D and E meat slaughter licences are now regulated under the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, which will streamline the licensing process for provincial meat inspection for B.C. consumers, ranchers and producers as they no longer have to contact regional health authorities, reducing administrative burden for businesses.

SOIL AND FILL IN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE

Farmers looking to build additional housing for their extended relatives who live on their properties within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) will now have an easier time building and maintaining roads on their properties, due to updates to the Agricultural Land

Commission Act. Updated regulations increase the amount of soil removal or fill placement permitted for annual farm-road maintenance without requiring permission. These changes reduce farmers' application fees by 40% and increase flexibility for use of their properties.

UPDATED CONTAMINATED SITE IDENTIFICATION PROCESSES

Changes to the Environmental Management Act and Contaminated Sites Regulation streamline the site identification process, eliminating unnecessary steps and making the process clearer and more predictable for practitioners, municipalities and the general public through:

- An automatic requirement for site investigation when a regulated industrial or commercial activity has occurred on a site, and if a person, owner or operator is seeking re-development or shutting down operations; and
- Identification of industrial or commercial sites where owners or operators are undergoing bankruptcy to increase the likelihood that contamination is addressed by the responsible person and not the taxpayer.



Section Six:

Accountability and Commitment

Our commitment to better regulations means constantly updating and improving our regulations and services in B.C. to ensure they are modern and inclusive. The stories profiled in this report are a sample of the efforts made in every ministry to improve access to the services British Columbians count on. We're working hard to develop regulations and policies that simultaneously encourage competitiveness, growth and innovation while protecting the environment, public health and safety.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we worked diligently to make a series of rapid changes to regulations and legislation to help businesses, communities and people in need. Many of these initiatives are featured in this report, such as how we changed liquor regulations to enable restaurants to pivot their service models or when we permitted remote municipal meetings and elections. We continue to respond quickly to ensure flexibility and support for all British Columbians during and after these challenging times.

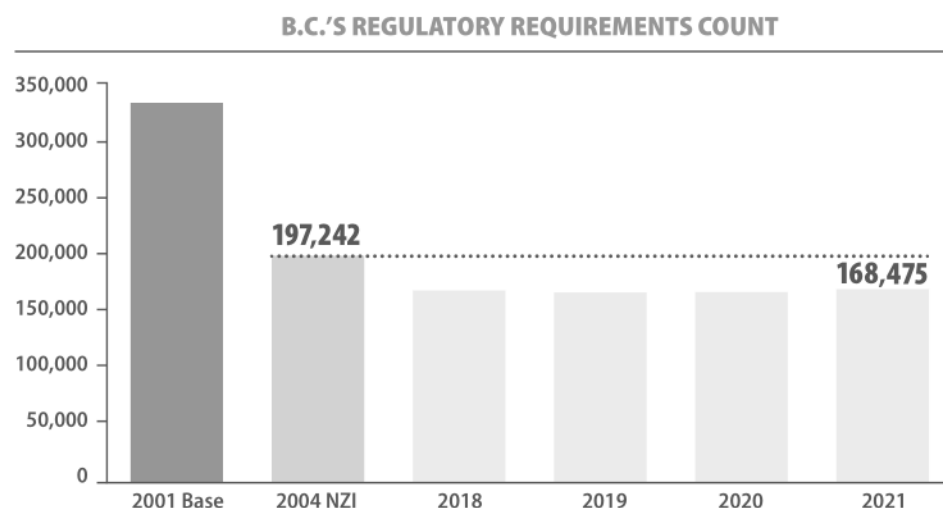
We are proud to share that even with the unprecedented volume of amended and new legislation and regulation due to the pandemic, the regulatory requirements count has remained stable at 15% below the baseline count established in 2004. We are committed to developing better regulations and services that consider impacts to all people and businesses and promote equity, economic recovery, and accessible service delivery.

Regulatory Requirements Count

Our regulatory requirements count and regulatory impact assessment process ensure that we stay accountable in designing modern, effective and efficient laws and regulations. To achieve this, all new or amended legislation, regulations, and associated policies and forms must include analysis of all potential impacts for people and businesses. Any changes to regulatory requirements must be documented.

A regulatory requirement is any action a person, government or business must take to access services, carry out business or meet legal responsibilities.

To stay accountable to the initial 40% reduction of regulatory requirements achieved between 2001 and 2004, a baseline regulatory count was established in 2004. The Net Zero Increase commitment (NZI), in place until 2022, caps total regulatory requirements at the 2004 count of 197,242. As of March 31, 2021, the regulatory requirements count was 15% below this baseline with a total of 168,475.



Better Regulations for British Columbians Amendment Package

The Better Regulations for British Columbians annual regulatory amendment package allows government to make many small changes at once in a streamlined process, keeping our regulatory framework current. In March 2021 we [updated 17 regulations](#) to clarify, modernize or repeal outdated sections.

Inclusive Language Initiative

Demonstrating our government's commitment to equity and inclusion, we also made significant changes to regulations in 15 ministries by updating approximately [600 instances](#) of gendered language through an amendment package. Terms such as he, she, mother, father, aunt, uncle, brother, sister and man-made have been updated in amended regulations to more inclusive wording that does not use gendered language. This is typically achieved by a slight rewording of the affected sentence, or using non-gendered substitutes such as parent or sibling. This work is just beginning; there are many examples of gendered and outdated language within our regulatory framework and policies, and we will build on the momentum and success of this year's amendment package.

Our Commitment

We are committed to continuing our efforts to ensure that B.C.'s laws and regulations are inclusive and representative of all British Columbians, and that all impacts on people, communities and businesses are considered when developing government policy. We will build on our existing regulatory improvement mechanisms by leveraging technology to identify outdated, complex or burdensome language to target our improvement initiatives. Finally, we will continue to collaborate with our partners and stakeholders to identify and address regulations and policies that are a barrier to access, innovation and growth, ensuring that B.C. is known for having better, smarter, and more inclusive regulations.

- If you have encountered a regulation or service that you think could be improved, contact us at BetterRegulations@gov.bc.ca.

We accomplish more when we work together. Based on recommendations from B.C.'s Mining Jobs Task Force 2018 report, the Province provided funding and support to the Mining Association of British Columbia to develop a BC Mining Innovation Roadmap. Over 280 people from mining, government, environmental and Indigenous groups worked together to share ideas and build the Roadmap's themes. The Roadmap was released in March 2021 and outlines a shared path to solidifying B.C. as a globally competitive mining region with a thriving culture of innovation and collaboration, a regulatory regime that supports innovation and high environmental and safety standards, and a workforce prepared for the future. Through the Roadmap and the future Mining Innovation Hub, government, communities and the mining industry are working together to position B.C. as a global leader in regulatory excellence and mining innovation, prepare for future jobs in an inclusive mining industry, and protect B.C.'s land, air and water through sustainable practices.





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Subject: QA summaries - Heat Wave media avails

A big thank you to Hope for preparing these summaries!

MMF media avail – 2:00, June 30, 2021

Aaron McArthur, Global

Q: if heat events are going to be more common, what thought does Gov have to making them part of a state of emergency to take more drastic action?

A: hearing from coroner's report and recommendations, in terms of EMBC, working on rewrite of EPA that traditionally only deals with fires and floods, expectation is events of the weekend will be factored into the new legislation. Look at right now, many communities stepped up, libraries, etc., is it time to mandate that with local gov plans? Challenges – many people were living by themselves in condos particularly LMD with no AC – look at strata's to have a plan when a heat alert is put in place so you check on residents in building? Number of steps that we will have to look at, with climate change this may happen in the future – lots of work to take place.

Camille Bains, Canadian Press

Q: why the campfire ban went into effect today at noon, why not earlier this week?

A: based on BC fire service based on local conditions, particularly in preparation as we move to stage 3 pandemic – that's how they're made

Follow-up: do we not have a way to change those plans with something so unprecedented?

A: the wildfire service looks at situation in diff parts of province, decisions on local conditions on the ground. This weekend is particularly in LMD, we do not typically see a heat event such as this weekend

Liza Yuzda, CKNW

Q: wouldn't it have been good with this message to be out Friday/Saturday? What was the gov personal responsibility that people were safe?

A: EMBC reached out to local governments to inform them of services and supports available from province in terms of financial supports, cooling centres, etc., additional supports for fire to respond to calls. Putting out a heat alert along with guidance on what needs to happen (put in place on Friday). What we've seen is unprecedented, last 5 years have only been 3 heat related deaths

Follow-up Q: unprecedented here, not somewhere like France. New Wednesday last week it was coming, lessons learned from France. Isn't it governments responsibility to look at this and be more stringent? It's gov's responsibility to make people understand how devastating.

A: EMBC reached out to communities with supports available about needs to have centres open, need to ensure facilities are open for people who need a place to cool down. MOH put out heat alerts, many parts of BC used to dealing with heat events, not as common for temperatures to get into high 30s, LMD different situation. Will now look at recommendations from BCCS and redevelop EPA to ensure supports are available to deal with these events that will come more common

James Keller – Globe and Mail

Q: City of Van/Burnaby launching own review, saying prov needs to be involved. Does the prov plan a public inquiry on how this went wrong?

A: critical is BCCS report/review that determines how and where deaths occurred, demographic info will be critical. On top of that, whether MOH or PSSG, look at what has taken place, what are the gaps, how do we address it? Put in place a complete rewrite of EPA, shaped traditionally on flood and fire being developed on things such as COVID, and now these extreme temperatures last weekend. Lots of wor will be underway if this were to happen again.

Follow-up: enough done to prepare? People's homes aren't safe – was gov caught offguard?

A: reality is, never seen anything like it. Only 3 heat related deaths in last 5 years, many parts experience extreme hot weather (Okanagan, Kootenays). BCCS is vital in terms of recommendations brought forward in determining steps to be taken. How and where did fatalities take place, circumstances around it? On top of that, looking at roles of local gov, prov, feds, all levels have to work together.

Penny Daflos, CTV

Q: did munis/mayors/agencies approach asking for declaration of state of emergency?

A: in order to access funds and supports, state of emergency doesn't need to be declared – and we're still in a state of emergency.

Follow-up: did anyone ASK? Never happened before, what preparations did EMBC and prov make seeing 20 degrees above normal?

A: no one asked state of emergency declaration. Once EMBC became aware, reached out to local govs about supports that are available to them, in terms of financial supports for additional staff hours – additional firefights to assist in calls in Vancouver, along with advisory about steps for people to take

Alex Costello, CBC

Q: what commitment to make we don't lose more lives in another heatwave?

A: critical with the work undertaken by coroner in report and recommendations – rewrite of EPA underway (climate related events), steps prov can work with local govs. Number of people who live in buildings without AC is a critical thing to know

Follow-up: heard from paramedics on staffing issues – when are we moving to address issues?

A: MOH working very hard to address this, hired additional 200 paramedics and will be hiring a significant more amount

BC Coroners Service media avail – 2:30, June 30, 2021

Q: What was missed in this whole weekend?

Looking at retrospectively what lessons can be learned and done differently, have a temperate climate on the coast. Many things many of us can learn in terms of response, informing public about risk, misunderstood the extreme risk, not used to this heat.

Follow-up: when will a report be issued?

A: coroners still responding to deaths reporting, occurring now and the last couple of days. Once all of the info is in the system, will be looking at any patterns (regions, ages, gender, underlying health, type of facility they lived in) to identify where we can make a difference and recommendations. Will be doing it over couple months, takes time to get reports in

CTV

Q: speak again about delays resulting from the number of calls coroner asked to investigate?

A: prior to last few days, experienced 3 deaths in last 5 years. Took everyone off guard, health services and first responders hadn't experienced this. Took time to ramp up response – delays in responding, reaching the coroner – reallocated resources now particularly in LMD. Truly appreciate work of law enforcement able to respond

Follow-up: lot of cases under investigation, BCCS doing that and analyzing info. Possible recommendations for the province/gov in terms of how to prepare and manage situation in future?

A: always do when looking at a death – anything we could do differently in future to prevent? Look at other jurisdictions, talk with health partners for their recommendations, work together and province is looking forward to the recommendations. All know it's unprecedented, if we start to see increasing levels of heat, we know we have to change practices to prevent again

News 1130

Q: been told extra coroners being pulled into LMD? Accurate, where are they coming from?

A: yes, how system works – field coroners and full coroners who are subject matter specialties. Many full time coroners have been deployed to field, part timers have been put on called, all already trained and working for BCCS

Follow-up: all are with BCCS? No external?

A: all BCCS appointed coroners and trained within prov

Radio NL

Q: when it comes to recommendations to province – AC – advocate for incentives for installing or requirements to do so?

A: early to predetermine recommendations – always consult with SMEs and other jurisdictions, good sense of what is reasonable and practical and evidence-based with most impact

Follow-up: confirmation of public death on golf course in Kamloops this afternoon (45 degrees right now). Reaction hearing of death like that right now? What does that do if you hear something like that when it comes to recommendations on how to stay safe and avoid physical activity

A: don't know cause of death, and reiterate all reports are being investigated (don't know all are heat) – significant increase and that's likely a factor, but to be confirmed. Death in a public place – hearing from public health colleagues for people to stay inside or in shade, in an AC building, most at risk are elderly, children, underlying conditions. Heat exhaustion can hit unexpectedly and not aware they're experiencing it until it's too late. Best advice is to avoid exercise as much as possible. Working outside – curtail work during col parts of day, regular breaks, water, shade

Global News

Q: seeing a number of deaths on the coast, talking to local Okanagan RCMP, not reporting any deaths. Whether or not any of them are occurring in the interior?

A: asked for regional breakdown and hoping to provide ASAP, know many reports have not been entered into system. In field, receive report of death, don't have a mobile way to record. Know formal count is lower than the number of deaths BCCS receiving reports for. Aware of death in interior, don't want to give misleading information so as soon as confidence numbers are portraying what is happening, won't give regional numbers. As soon as most data has been entered, it'll be released.

Burnaby Beacon

Q: on subject of Okanagan, worst is not over in terms of temperature in interior – mid to high 30s for the next week. Could some of the LMD deaths shift into interior?

A: concerned about that, preparing to have resources in the Okanagan, hope this information and what was heard from other health authorities, that people will take care and stay inside. Where we've seen challenges on coast, people not prepared for heat – lack of AC, people likely didn't realize what extreme heat would actually be.

Follow-up: MMF outlined resources province deployed, letting local govs know about cooling centres, guidance, etc. with the last 5 days – immediate advice be to deploy more resources into interior even they're used to it?

A: first advice would be individuals to recognize the risk – in early days, but many people didn't realize heat could be deadly. Getting information out and letting people know it would be unprecedented is a warning that heat could be deadly. If your condo is warm and can't cool it off, go to a cooling centre, relatives, etc. many people who have died lived alone, is it another impact of those who remained isolated because of COVID? Advice is to connect with relatives, make sure people are okay.

Wall Street Journal Ottawa

Q: 486 deaths over 5-day period comparable, talking about an increase of 320% - is it fair to say 100s of deaths could be attributed to the heat?

A: we've been careful to say they're all under investigation, suspect many are attributable to heat. Won't know with certainty until analysis is done. Absolutely know many people found in residences very warm and not ventilated, don't know if there was contact within hours of their deaths, etc.

Q: to clarify, earlier – 3 deaths attributable to heat, contextualize that? Over what time period?

A: within the last 3-5 years, haven't seen anything like this before. May be that the people who died had underlying conditions, really hard to determine what role was played. Even if someone had an underlying condition, it's classed as heat-involved, but included in the numbers.

Globe and Mail

Q: when did you say report is expected to be ready?

A: no firm date on analysis, want the data to settle so there's confidence in the numbers – then look in aggregate for trends of patterns – hoping to do that over next couple of months, preliminary analysis can be done in next 2-3 months. Recommendations will take longer, want to consult those with greater knowledge – other provs, jurisdiction, etc.

Follow-up: still early, heatwave ongoing. Noticed trends in locations of deaths that may be useful in trying to prevent?

Example – many elderly, living alone in apartments. Other trends?

A: haven't done a deeper analysis – anecdotal is tending to be elderly who live alone, and often times inside in residence – haven't seen many of people collapsing and dying outside (could be that they can be seen earlier)

North Shore News

Q: any information on number or proportion, any happening in senior homes, LTC, older LTCs aren't equipped with AC, trouble getting fans (telling families to get them), can't get to a cooling centre.

A: can't say with certainty there hasn't been any deaths in LTCs, keeping an eye on summary as they come in, haven't seen any trends – suspect because if those people aren't feeling well, medical attention will be sought. Trend is living alone where no one can notice and they may not be noticing until too late

Follow-up: any preliminary info in terms of who these people are, other than elderly and living alone. Any demographic info? Private homes?

A: private residences, condos – people with chronic disease – may see LTCs had residents die because they have a concentrate of elderly with underlying diseases. Takes time to get data for it to be useable

Vista Radio

Q: work places – can't give direction to employers, worried about people forced to work either economically or expectations or those who work in commercial kitchens. Is there a maximum temperate that people should be able to leave?

A: difficult to answer but jurisdictions with high temperatures do have temperatures where there are workplace cut offs, ie over 42 for people outdoors stop working. Not sure if it's directly applicable to BC, may occur frequently going forward or not. Have to think about how we exactly influence public policy. Know people at greater risks are working in high ambient temperature (ie kitchens) – during that environment, do the best you can.

Breaker News

Q: case at English Bay on Sunday morning, 5 men overdosed – any died? Is the body found in water related to that incidence?

A: unaware if any succumbed – would only hear a report of who died. Aware of someone in water, not aware of history of the last few hours. Deaths that are under investigation.

Q: end of emergency response chain being coroner, when was last time staff/office involved in heat related exercise?

A: not been involved, participated in most likely ones (earthquake, etc.). historic heat event, this may be the way of future with climate change and global warming, having experienced this event will be looking at what plans we can have in place in terms of responses

Communications Situation Report - June 30, 2021

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Hi all,

Please find below the Communications Situation Report for June 30. Updates are in RED.

Note that as the Provincial Emergency ends at midnight tonight, this will be the last Communications Situation Report related to COVID-19. Our Communications Shop is turning our focus the wildfire situation.

Updates on case numbers will continue to be released through the joint statements from Dr. Henry and Minister Dix.

These reports may start up again should the wildfire situation warrant it.

Thanks,

Jordan Turner

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**Emergency Management BC
Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**

Date: June 30, 2021

*Please note, given the dynamic nature of emergencies, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.

COVID-19 Overview

The Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 18, 2020 is scheduled to be lifted June 30, at 11:59 p.m.

- Number of confirmed cases in BC: 147,621 (44 new)
 - 35,494 (+12) Vancouver Coastal Health
 - 85,805 (+17) Fraser Health
 - 5160 (+1) Island Health
 - 13,154 (+14) Interior Health
 - 7800 (+0) Northern Health
 - 209 people who reside outside Canada
- Active cases: 816 (-60)
- Deaths: 1754 (0 new)
- 108 (-2) are in hospital – 34 in ICU/CCU
- Recovered: 145,032 (+101)

Wildfire Overview

Provincial Campfire Ban: effective at noon (Pacific time) on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 campfires, Category 2 and Category 3 open fires are prohibited throughout the province of British Columbia. The ban will remain in effect until noon on October 15, 2021, or until the order is rescinded.

Wildfire of Note: George Road

The George Road wildfire, currently estimated at 350 ha in size, is burning seven kilometres south of Lytton, adjacent to Highway 1. The George Road wildfire is classified as Out of Control. Previous evacuation alerts for the Thompson Nicola Regional District and the Lytton First Nation were rescinded.

Wildfire of Note: Sparks Lake (Evacuation Alert – Thompson Nicola Regional District)

The Sparks Lake wildfire, currently estimated at 4,000 ha in size, is burning 15km north of Kamloops Lake. The Sparks Lake wildfire is classified as Out of Control. Due to the hot and dry weather, increased fire behaviour is being seen on site. This is an evolving situation in which BC Wildfire Service continues to adjust and increase their resources to match the activity on site. Smoke is visible from Kamloops and nearby communities. Thompson-Nicola Regional District declared a State of Local Emergency, upgraded to an Evacuation Order for 18 properties, and issued an Evacuation Alert for 150 properties in the Deadman, Red Lake, Tranquille Valley and Vidette Lake areas, as well as 298 addressed properties in the Loon Lake and Hihium Lake areas within Electoral Areas 'E' and 'J' due to the interface fire north of Kamloops. A reception centre has been opened in Kamloops.

Wildfire of Note: McKay Creek (Evacuation Order – Squamish-Lillooet Regional District)

The McKay Creek wildfire, currently estimated at 5,000 ha in size, is burning 23 km north of Lillooet, along West Pavilion Road. The McKay Creek wildfire is classified as Out of Control. Due to the hot and dry weather, this fire grew quickly after it started. This is an evolving situation and more updates will be provided when they become available. Smoke is visible from Lillooet and nearby areas. Squamish-Lillooet Regional District declared a State of Local Emergency and issued an Evacuation Order for 10 properties near Pavilion Area EA B.

Pink Mountain Wildfire: currently burning north of the Buckinghorse River, adjacent to Highway 97 N. Wildfires G80995 and G80996 merged into G80997, which is now estimated to be over 3000 hectares in size. Highway 97 is closed in both directions between Sikanni Chief Road and Prophet River Sub Road, 114km south of Fort Nelson. Peace River Regional District Electoral Area B issued an Evacuation Alert.

Flood Overview

- **Flood WARNING is in effect for: Upper Fraser River, Chilcotin**
- **Flood WATCHES in effect for: Upper Columbia, Lillooet River, Morice River, Kliniklini River**

Regional District of East Kootenay (Evacuation Alert – Fairmont Creek)

An evacuation alert remains in place in the Regional District of East Kootenay for Fairmont Creek. The Evacuation alerts for Spruce Grove Campground & RV Resort and Hoodoo Mountain Resort have been rescinded.

News Releases/Updates

- Provincial
 - Dr. Henry and Minister Dix Joint Statement
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0045-001284>
 - PSSG: Chief coroner's statement on public safety during heat wave
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0045-001280>
 - MMHA: New resources to help children, teens cope with anxiety
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021MMHA0029-001247>

- PSSG: Liquor store hours permanently extended
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0056-001235>
- EDUC: COVID-19 school safety funding fully allocated to keep students, staff in classrooms
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021EDUC0046-001271>
- TACS: Joint statement encouraging British Columbians to travel
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021TACS0045-001269>

- Federal

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/06/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-june-30-2021.html>
- Government funds four new projects to encourage COVID-19 vaccination in Canada
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/06/government-of-canada-funds-four-new-projects-to-encourage-covid-19-vaccination-in-canada.html>

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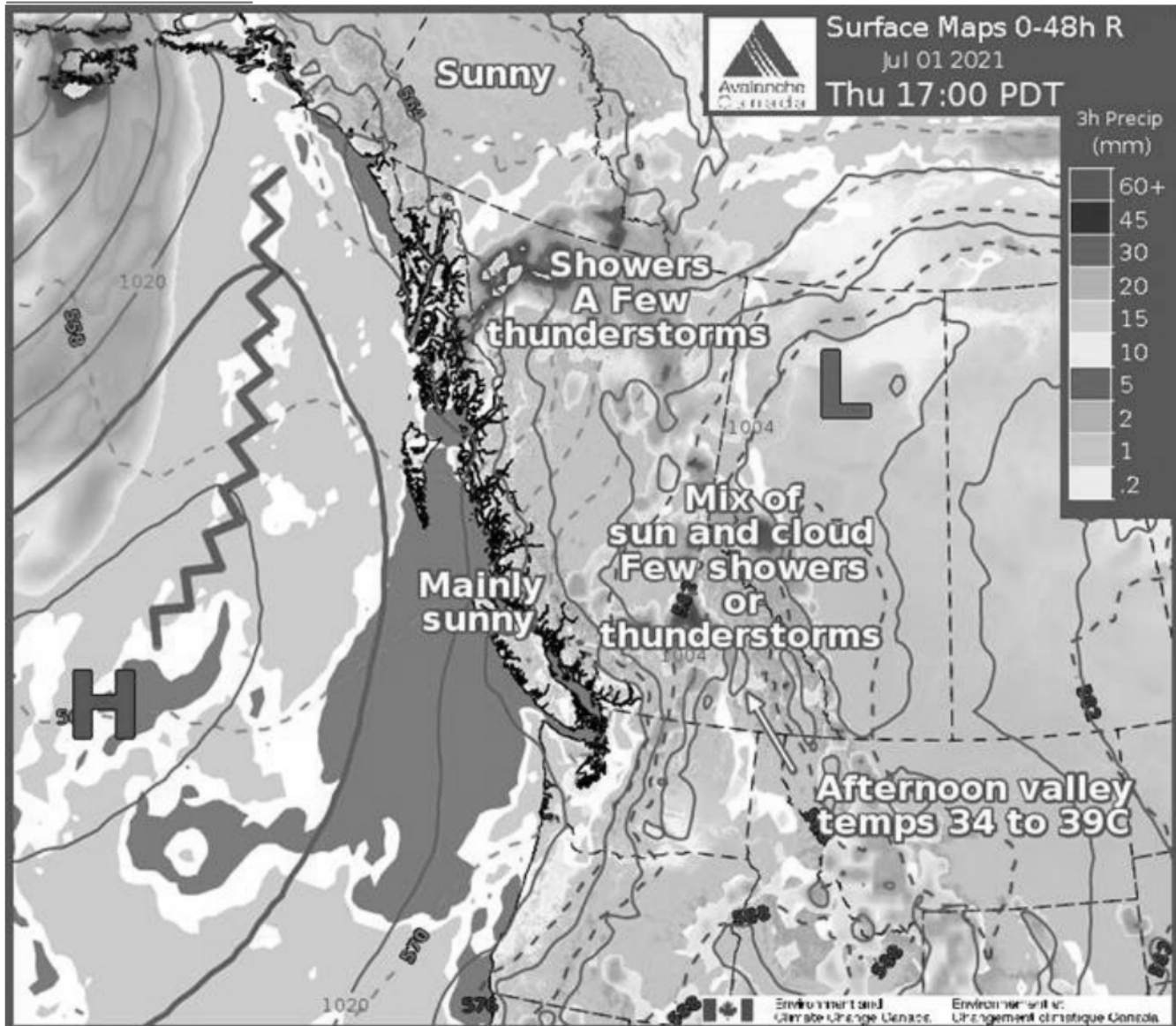
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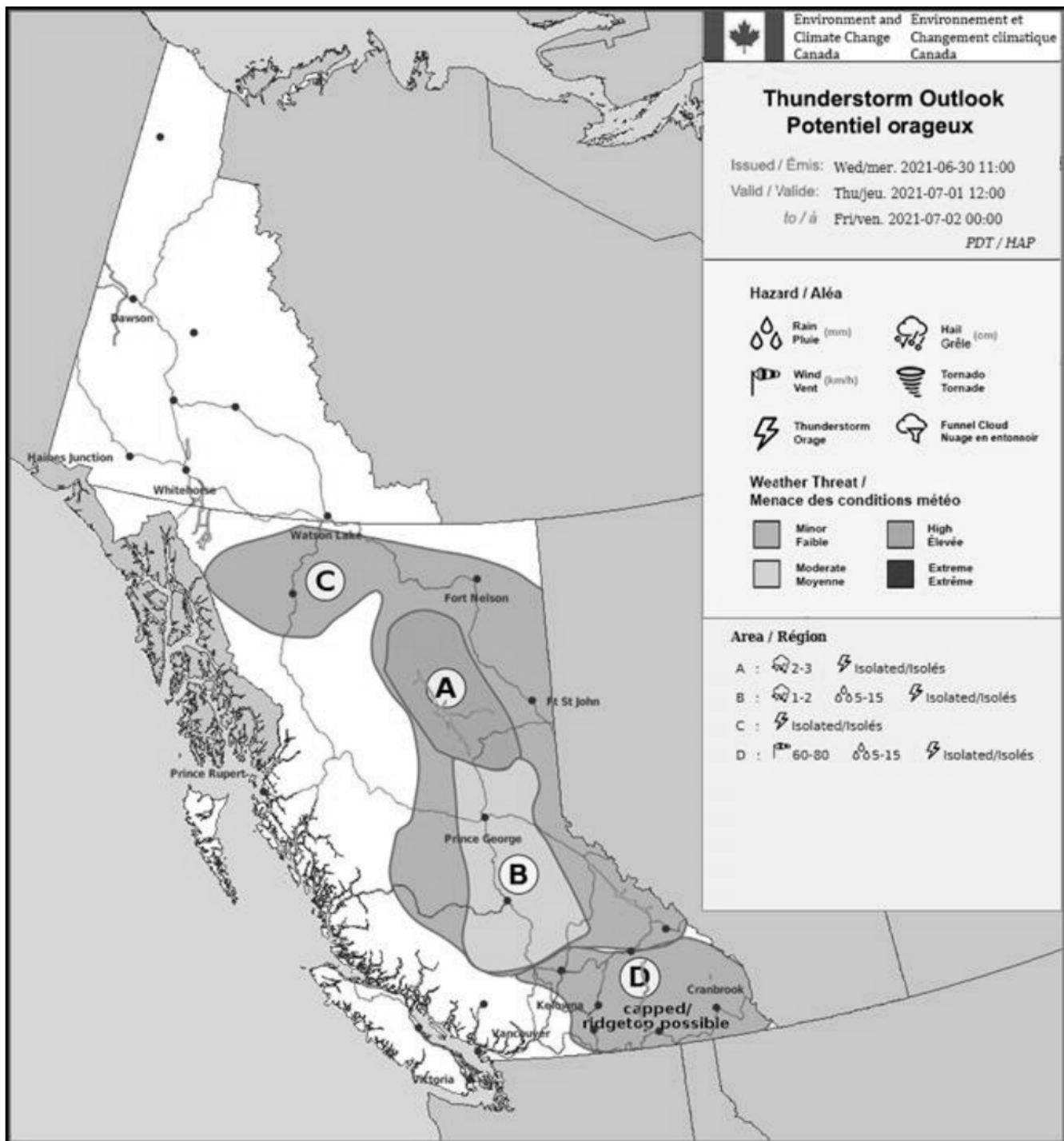
There was a significant increase in wildfire activity over the last 24 hours. The Village of Lytton has evacuated due to a fast moving fire yesterday, with reports of widespread damage. Other communities have seen an increase in wildfire activity as well, more information below in Regional Summaries.

PROVINCIAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As the Provincial State of Emergency declared due to COVID-19 ended last night, those statistics will no longer be reported in this brief. For current statistics refer to the [BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

PROVINCIAL WEATHER





This morning, as the ridge of high pressure continues to push eastward, the air mass will become quite unstable due to the upper trough moving into northern BC in its wake. As a result, expect a few showers with risk of high elevation thunderstorms over much of the interior regions this afternoon. The showers over northern sections will intensify due to the combined influence of the low-pressure centre over Alberta and an upper disturbance moving across northern BC. Rainfall amounts of up to 10 to 15 mm can be expected in localized heavier showers over regions north of and including, Fort Nelson and Dease Lake.

For the south coast and southern interior, above seasonal temperatures will continue. The temperatures will climb to high 30s over southeastern BC, while south coastal regions will see much milder daytime highs in the mid 20s. With an unstable air mass over the region, the risk of thunderstorms exists over much of the interior BC. There is also a risk of seeing more intense thunderstorms capable of producing severe weather conditions such as strong winds, hail and heavy downpour over near the Cariboo Fire Centre regions.

This afternoon, showers will continue over northern BC. Rainfall amounts of up to 15 to 25 mm can be expected over regions north of and including Fort Nelson and Dease Lake. The isolated thunderstorms over central and southern interior regions will diminish later this evening, leaving only scattered clouds with a chance of showers over the area by Friday morning.

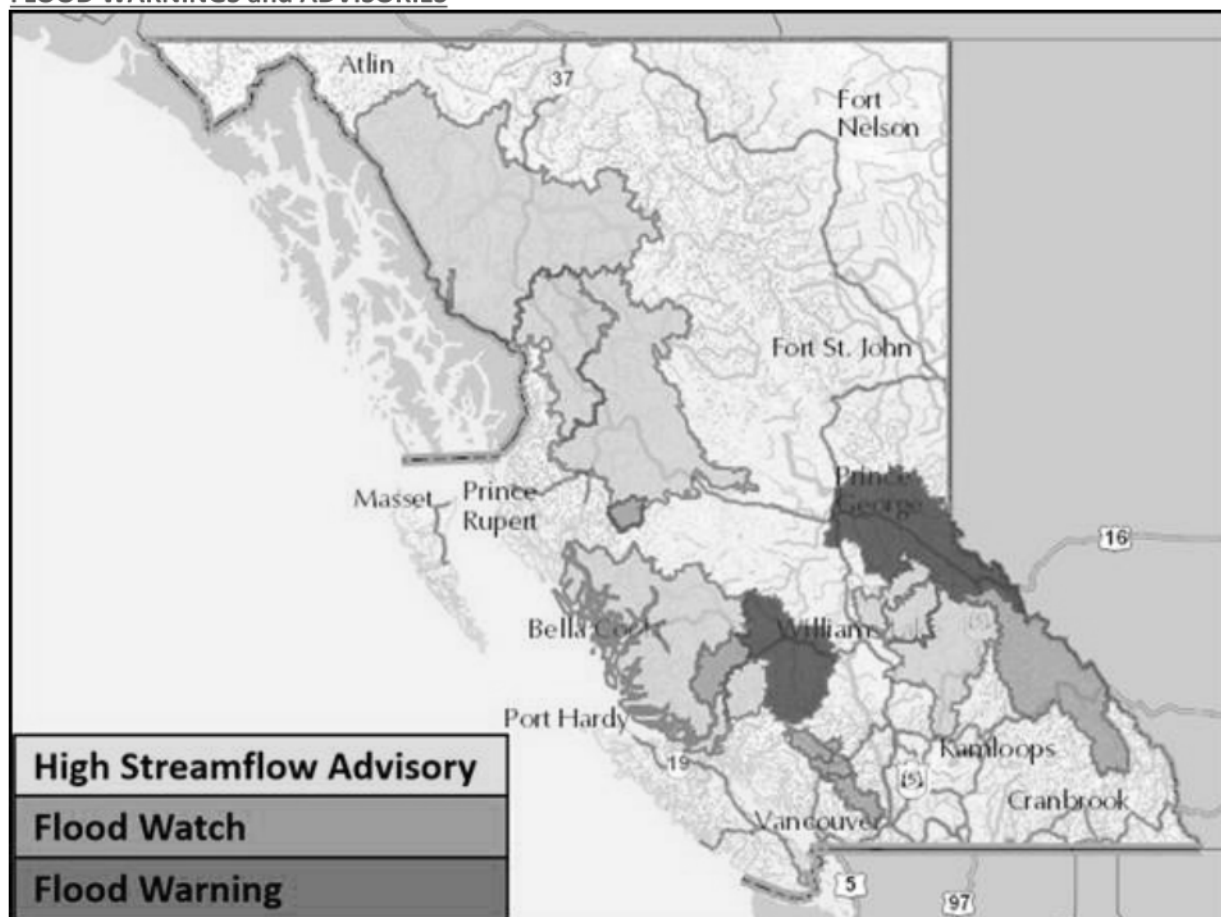
WEATHER ALERTS and ADVISORIES



Heat Warning in effect for: Most of the province through the end of the week.

Special Air Quality Statement in effect for: 100 Mile, B.C. Peace River, Fort Nelson, Fraser Canyon, North Thompson, South Thompson and Williston.

FLOOD WARNINGS and ADVISORIES



Flood Warning issued for:

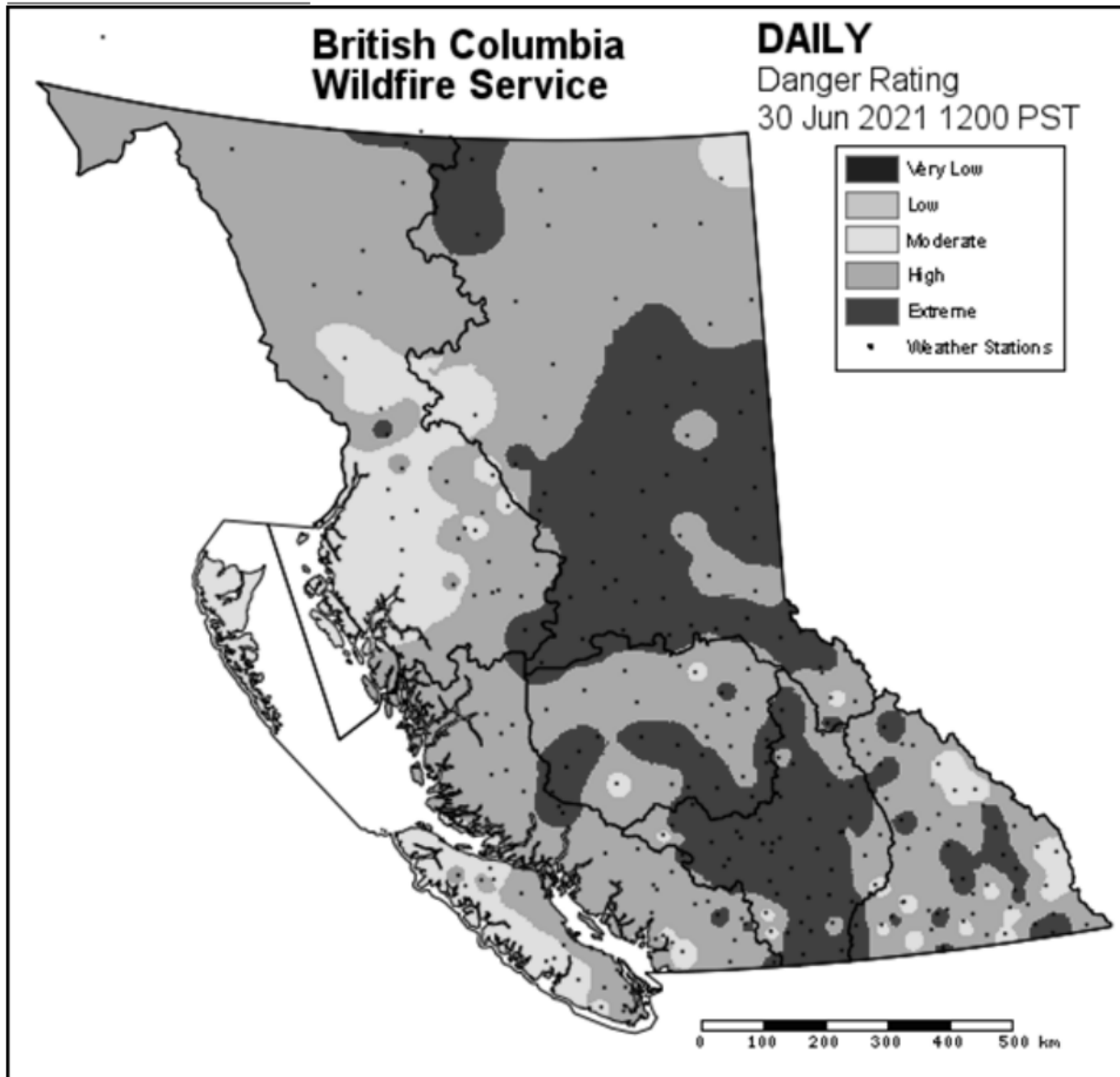
Upper Fraser River including the Robson Valley and areas from Sinclair Mills upstream to Torpy, Dome Creek, McBride and surrounding tributaries. Chilcotin, including Taseko River, Chilko River, Chilcotin River, Big Creek, Homathko River and surrounding tributaries draining from the Chilcotin/South Coast Mountains.

Flood Watch issued for:

Morice River near Houston. Lillooet River including Pemberton, Lillooet Lake, Lillooet River and tributaries, and Harrison Lake. Upper Columbia River including the Columbia River mainstem and tributaries around Donald, Golden, Radium, Invermere and surrounding areas. Kliniklini River and tributaries.

High Streamflow Advisory issued for:

Skeena River and tributaries (including the Zymoetz and Kitsumkalum Rivers). Bulkley River and tributaries (including the Telkwa River). Stikine River and tributaries. Iskut River. Bella Coola River and tributaries. Homathko River and Tributaries. North Thompson River and higher elevation tributaries, including Clearwater River, Blue River, and others. Quesnel River and its tributaries. Nass River.

WILDFIRE DANGER RATING

McKay Creek Wildfire: this Wildfire of Note, burning 23 kilometres north of Lillooet, along West Pavilion Road, is estimated at 6000 hectares and classified as “out of control”. The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) has issued an Evacuation Order for the West Pavilion road from 14 km mark to the 41 km mark in Electoral Area "B." Crews are working supported by aerial assets and heavy equipment.

Sparks Lake Interface Wildfire: this Wildfire of Note, burning 15 kilometers north of Kamloops Lake in the vicinity of Red Lake, is estimated at 20,000 hectares and classified as “out of control”. BC Wildfire Service is conducting 24-hour operations in response to this wildfire. Crews are working to establish control lines with assistance from heavy equipment. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has issued an Evacuation Order for 18 properties in Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country), an Evacuation Alert for 150 properties in the Deadman, Red Lake,

Tranquille Valley and Vidette Lake areas, as well as 298 addressed properties in the Loon Lake and Hihium Lake areas within Electoral Areas "E" and "J."

George Road Interface Wildfire: this Wildfire of Note, continues to burn approximately 7 kilometers south of Lytton, adjacent to Highway 1. It is estimated to be around 350 hectares in size and is classified as "out of control". Fire activity is expected to increase in the inoperable areas due to the current weather conditions. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has rescinded the Evacuation Alert for 10 residences in Electoral Area "I". The Lytton First Nation has also rescinded the Evacuation Alert for IR 20, Kitzowit. This is a separate fire from the fire which caused the evacuation in Lytton.

Pink Mountain Wildfire: currently burning north of the Buckinghorse River, adjacent to Highway 97 N. Wildfires G80995 and G80996 merged into G80997, which is now estimated to be over 4800 hectares in size. Highway 97N closures remain in effect between Suicide Hill Pullout and Prophet River Sub Road (87 km north of Wonowon to 102 km south of Fort Nelson) in both directions. Peace River Regional District EA B has issued an Evacuation Alert.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY (All Hazard)

PECC Level 2	NEA	NWE	SEA	CTL	SWE	VICCR	Total
PREOC Activations	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
States of Local Emergency Band Council Resolutions	5(+1)		3	5(+3)	3		16(+4)
Evacuation Orders	4(+1)		1	5(+3)	3		13(+4)
Evacuation Alerts	7(+1)		2	6(+3)	2(+1)		17(+5)
Reception Centres				3(+2)	1		4(+2)

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

NORTHEAST REGION

The **Northeast PREOC** will be activated Monday through Friday.

Peace River Regional District - EA B: An Evacuation Alert to the Pink Mountain wildfire has been rescinded and replaced with an Evacuation Order. A SOLE and a second Evacuation Alert was issued.

Cariboo Regional District – Deka Lake: An Evacuation Alert area due to an interface fire.

NORTHWEST REGION

The **Northwest PREOC** has stood down for Canada Day but, regional managers will be monitoring events to maintain situational awareness.

SOUTHEAST REGION

The **Southeast PREOC** has stood down for Canada Day but, regional managers will be monitoring events to maintain situational awareness.

CENTRAL REGION

The **Central PREOC** will be activated Monday through Friday.

Thompson-Nicola Regional District – Village of Lytton: A SOLE and an Evacuation Order was issued for the entire Village of Lytton due to Wildfire K71086. In addition to the Reception Centre in Kamloops, two other Reception Centres have been activated in Cook's Ferry and Chilliwack.

Thompson-Nicola Regional District – EA E: SOLE declared in response to wildfire. An Evacuation Order was issued for 136 properties and an extended Evacuation Alert for 298 properties Electoral Area E/J.

Thompson-Nicola Regional District – EA I: SOLE declared in response to wildfire. An Evacuation Alert for 24 properties and an Evacuation Order for 87 properties.

Skeetchestn Indian Band: BCR and Evacuation Alert declared in response to wildfire.

SOUTHWEST REGION

The **Southwest PREOC** will be activated today.

Squamish-Lillooet District - Pavilion Area EA B: An Evacuation Alert in the Pavilion Lake area.

VANCOUVER ISLAND and CENTRAL COAST REGION

The **Vancouver Island – Central Coast PREOC** has stood down for Canada Day but, regional managers will be monitoring events to maintain situational awareness.

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
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
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




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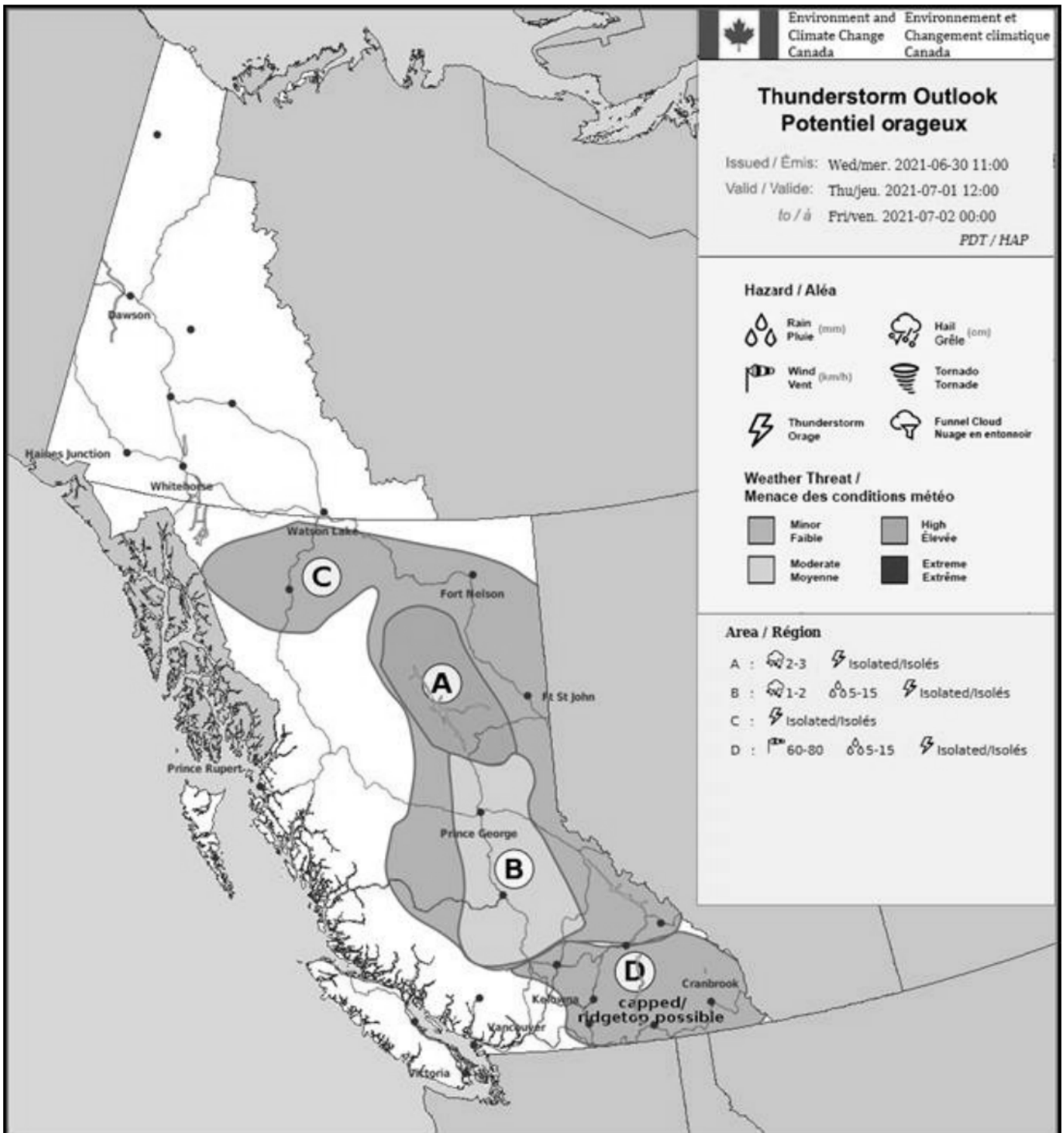
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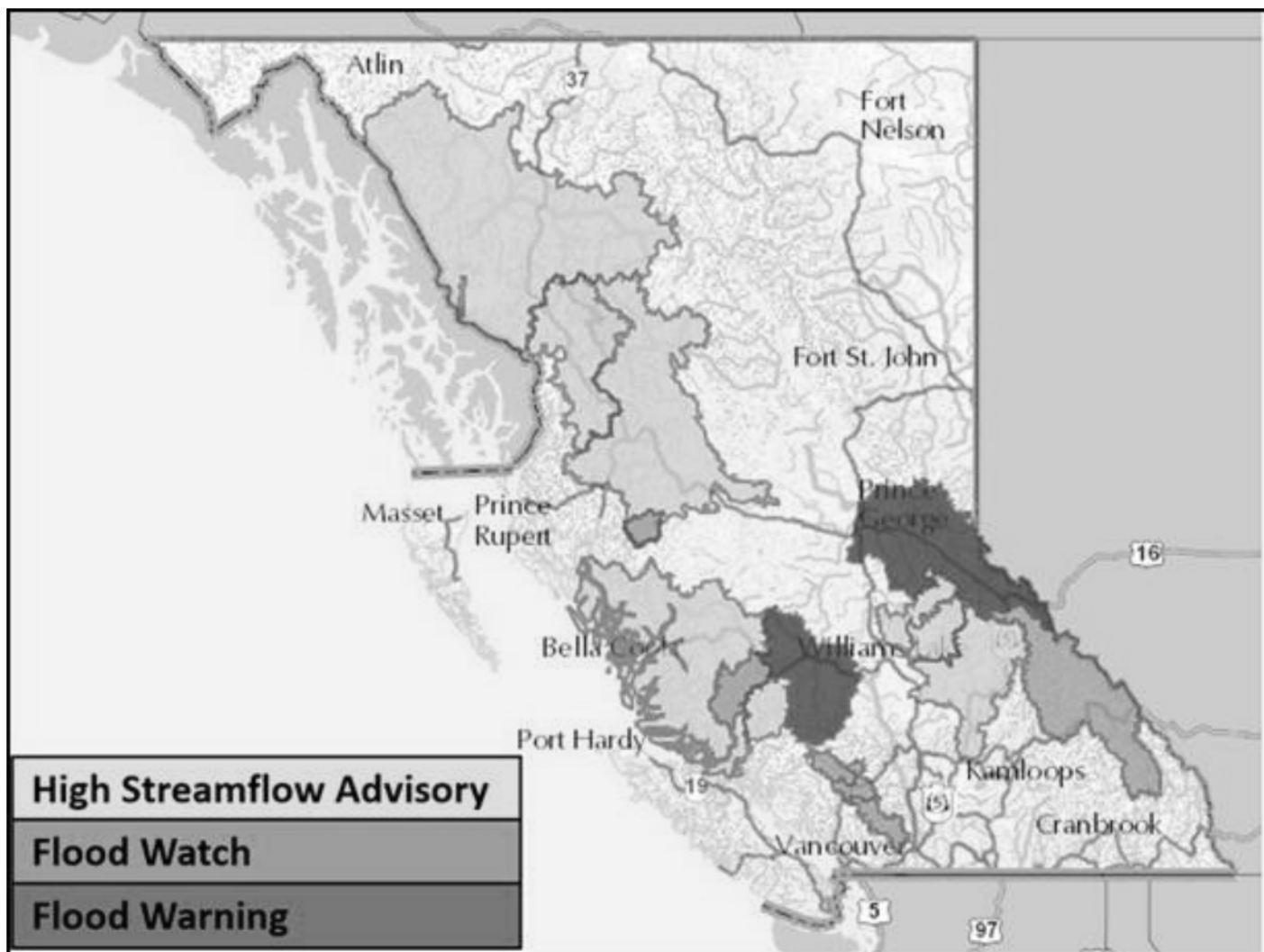
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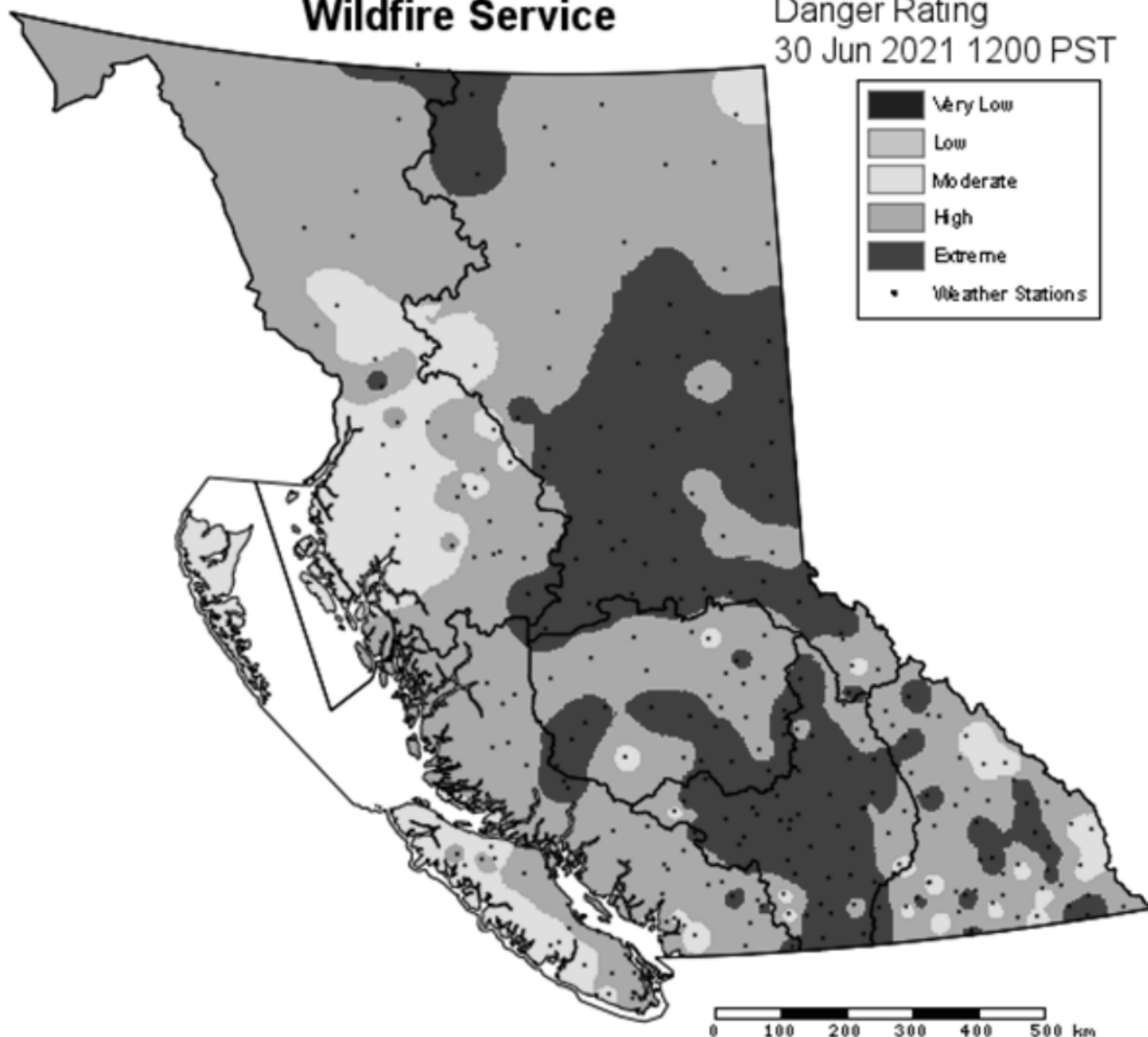
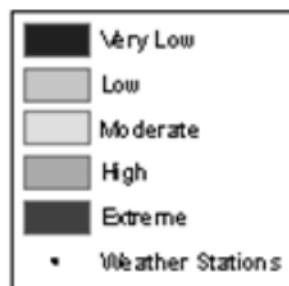


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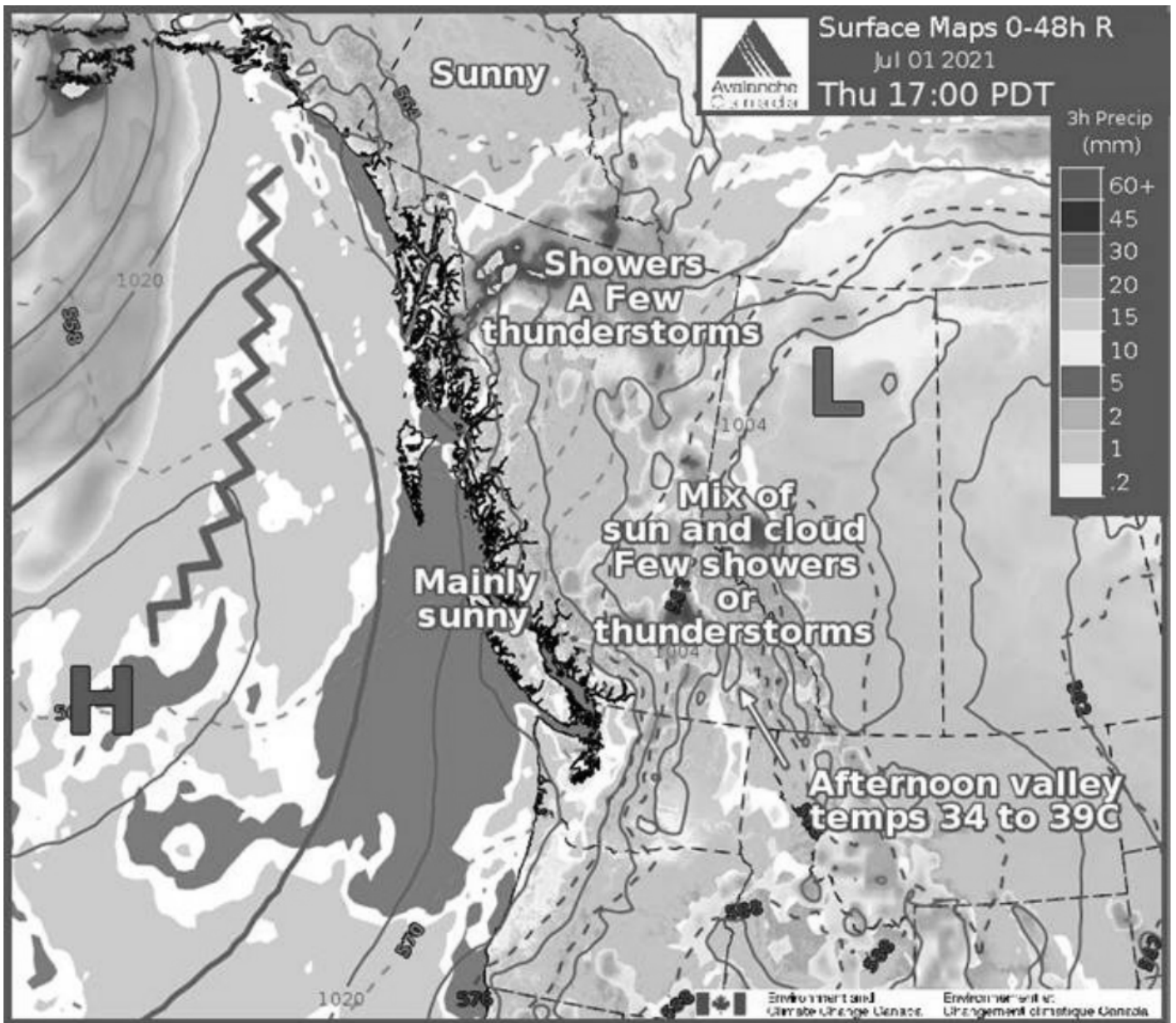
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Yes - We'll handle the first one on actions since 2017/2018 and Jamie Jeffreys can take on the other two.

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Subject: RE: FLNR and BCWS coms contacts.

David and Jordan,

Would your teams be able to help with a bit of QA ahead of Premier's media briefing at noon? I'm working up a number of other questions.

FLNRO / BCWS

What has the province done to improve wildfire prevention/response since the 2017 and 2018 seasons?

How has the heat impacted firefighting efforts?

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What are the impacts of COVID-19 on the fire fighting?

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EMBC

What has the province done to improve wildfire emergency response/evacuations since the 2017 and 2018 seasons?

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Why don't you maintain the Provincial State of Emergency?

What does a Provincial State of Emergency do to support wildfire response?

How are local evacuation orders and alerts issued? Who decides and when?

What supports are available to evacuees?

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Subject: Re: FLNR and BCWS coms contacts.

Thx. Including Brett Lowther. He's on it.

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On Jul 1, 2021, at 9:04 AM, Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

David is looking for notes on our response to Abbott Chapman. I'm attaching two estimates notes on wildfire for this year.

Tim Renneberg

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Thanks David!

George Smith (he/him)

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On Jul 1, 2021, at 7:08 AM, Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

George and Tim. Reaching out this am to ensure FLNR and BCWS coms contacts are included in coms planning so we can provide support for MKC and FLNR staff. I've cc'd Jordan Turner. Also including BCWS coms lead Jamie Jeffreys and FLNR coms manager Glen Plummer. Please include us moving forward. I've heard via my MO the following: We are aiming for another premier briefing at 11am tomorrow. Then potentially a stand up with PJH / EMBC / BCW. All of this is TBC. Thx. David.

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Progress update: government's Action Plan responding to Abbott-Chapman review of 2017 wildfire and flood seasons

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Key Messages

- On Oct. 31, 2018, the B.C. government released its Action Plan to address the 108 recommendations contained in the report *Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in B.C.*, authored by George Abbott and Chief Maureen Chapman.
- This independent report was completed in response to the 2017 flood and wildfire seasons, which were unprecedented at the time.
- Our government is committed to ensuring the safety of British Columbians and first responders. We recognize that in a changing climate, we need to do more to prevent, prepare, respond and recover from emergency events like wildfires and floods.
- On Oct. 31, 2019, the government released its second progress update on its Action Plan, following the release of the first progress update on April 30, 2019.
- This latest progress update details the work that's been done on each of report's 108 recommendations:
 - Responses to 99 of the recommendations (about 92%) are considered "complete" or "underway", or else "substantial improvement" has been achieved to date.
 - Of the remaining nine recommendations, four require further analysis and discussion, while alternate approaches are being used to address the other five recommendations.
- The second progress update also describes how the Province is using the United Nation's Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to structure its emergency management improvement efforts.
- Top priorities include:
 - continuing to build strong partnerships with Indigenous and local communities
 - incorporating local and traditional knowledge into emergency management practices
 - improving public information and outreach to Indigenous and local communities
 - better integrating response and recovery activities across government
 - investing in the BC Wildfire Service's response capabilities
 - supporting the development of a Climate Preparedness and Climate Adaptation Strategy for 2020, led by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- Significant progress has been made in all these areas. We will continue to build on these successes in the years ahead.

Questions and Answers

Where can people see the Abbott-Chapman report, the government's Action Plan, and the two progress updates?

- These documents are all available on the Emergency Management BC website (in the "Reports" section) at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/emergency-management-bc>

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How does this Action Plan relate to the Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed between B.C., Indigenous Services Canada and the First Nations Leadership Council?

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Does the Action Plan address the recommendations of the federal report *From the Ashes: Reimagining Fire Safety and Emergency Management in Indigenous Communities*?

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Does the Action Plan address the issues raised in the recent TNG report?

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How many of the 33 recommendations from the TNG report will you implement?

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Funding

How much is it going to cost to implement all the recommendations in the Action Plan?

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Have you increased the budget for wildfire prevention?

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What other financial supports has the government provided related to wildfire prevention since the Abbott-Chapman report was completed?

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Progress to Date	Total #	Recommendation Numbers
Complete	49	8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 25, 27,37, 41, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 62, 63, 67, 68, 76, 78, 79, 81, 82,

		83, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 94, 97, 98, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 107
Substantial Improvement	31	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 13, 18, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 38, 40, 42, 46, 49, 53, 73, 74, 88, 93, 95, 96, 105, 108
Underway	19	15, 19, 20, 31, 36, 28, 43, 51, 57, 61, 64, 65, 66, 69, 70, 72, 75, 84, 99
Further analysis / discussion required	4	5, 60, 71, 80
Alternate Approach Used	5	7, 24, 33, 52, 77

Primary Responsibility	Total #	Recommendation Numbers					
Province	92	1, 3, 7-11, 13-18, 20-27, 29-31, 35- 55, 57, 59, 61- 72, 74- 82, 85 -108					
Province and Canada	12	2, 4 - 6, 9, 12, 19, 32, 58, 60, 73, 83					
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EMBC & FLNRORD [Not included within the "Total"]	(14)	4, 22, 23, 29, 31, 47, 48, 50, 54, 58, 60, 89, 93, 97	(8)	(4)	(1)	(1)	(0)
Health	5	8, 14, 30, 92, 94	4	1	0	0	0
Municipal Affairs and Housing	1	56	1	0	0	0	0
Environment	1	80	0	0	0	1	0
Transportation and Infrastructure	1	78	1	0	0	0	0

Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation	1	10	1	0	0	0	0
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Themes from the Abbott-Chapman Report	Total #
Partnerships and Participation	50
Knowledge and Tools	39
Investment	12
Communication and Awareness	7

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Preparedness and Planning	56
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Recovery	17
Response	10

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Funding	7
Technology	6
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Thanks David!

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George and Tim. Reaching out this am to ensure FLNR and BCWS coms contacts are included in coms planning so we can provide support for MKC and FLNR staff. I've cc'd Jordan Turner. Also including BCWS coms lead Jamie Jeffreys and FLNR coms manager Glen Plummer. Please include us moving forward. I've heard via my MO the following: We are aiming for another premier briefing at 11am tomorrow. Then potentially a stand up with PJH / EMBC / BCW. All of this is TBC. Thx. David.

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George/Tim – the media avail went very well. Including Karl and a few others on this. Karl – the attached FAQ will be really helpful for SM. George/Tim – if you could send the final com products for the media avail so I can share with MKC that would be helpful. We'll work with our MO staff on her social media feeds as well. Cheers - D

FAQ: rolling update on wildfire topics in B.C.

May 12, 2021 – 1149 hrs

Important notes:

PRIMARY TOPICS are covered in the first section of this FAQ.

SECONDARY TOPICS are covered in the second section.

New or updated information is in red text.

NOTE: The wildfire FAQ dated Sept. 15, 2018 includes additional background information on less-common topics that are not included in this FAQ but may come up in future.

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PRIMARY TOPICS

PREPARATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S WILDFIRE SEASON

- In recent years, the B.C. government has invested heavily in wildfire prevention and preparedness initiatives to help keep British Columbians safe and protect the province's natural resources and infrastructure.
- The B.C. government has allocated \$136 million for Direct Fire costs in Budget 2021 for the 2021-2022 wildfire season – the same as last year's firefighting budget but \$73 million more than was allocated in Budget 2018.
- These significant increases recognize historical firefighting costs and allows for more response capacity, community engagement and communication resources to help communities be better prepared for wildfires.
- The B.C. government strongly supports the efforts of local governments and First Nations to reduce wildfire risks in and around their communities by completing fuel management projects, developing Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans and implementing FireSmart principles. This work is particularly important in the wildland-urban interface, where urban development borders on grasslands and forested areas.
- Engagement and partnerships with industry, stakeholders, local governments and First Nations are active at the provincial, fire centre and fire zone levels.

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- For the 2021 fire season, a fleet of 28 fixed-wing aircraft will be deployed at 14 bases throughout B.C.
- The BC Wildfire Service currently has 18 contracts in place with companies to provide eight-person, Type 2 firefighting crews (providing 270 qualified people) that meet Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre standards.
- The solicitation for Type 3 firefighter contractors was publicly advertised on March 13, 2020. To date, 59 companies that can provide trained Type 3 firefighters have been awarded contracts with the BC Wildfire Service. These companies can provide about 2,000 Type 3 contractor firefighting personnel.
- A pilot program was conducted in 2020 to assess how the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs, or drones) could help with: planning wildfire response activities; assessing areas facing high wildfire risks; and planning and conducting fuel management projects. The BC Wildfire Service will continue to use vendors to conduct drone reconnaissance and mapping flights. The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development has established a team of trained drone operators that the BC Wildfire Service will integrate into its operations. BCWS will also begin to train its own team of drone operators who will follow the ministry's established operating standards.

- The BC Wildfire Service's Research and Innovation Program continues to work with the academic and business communities to identify and develop new tools and techniques related to wildfire management.
- In May 2020, the BC Wildfire Service launched its official mobile app, which provides real-time wildfire information and features an interactive map that users can customize to display a variety of fire-related data. This free app complements the BC Wildfire Service's website and social media channels.
- The mobile app is one of many proactive initiatives undertaken by the BC Wildfire Service to give members of the public, media and stakeholders access to consistent, accurate and timely wildfire information throughout the province.
- The Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program, established in September 2018, has two complementary funding categories:
 1. FireSmart Community Funding and Supports (FCFS)
 - In 2019, the B.C. Government committed \$60 million to the CRI program's FCFS funding stream to help regional districts, municipalities, and First Nations fund wildfire risk reduction activities to increase community resiliency to wildfires.
 - This funding is administered by the Union of B.C. Municipalities.
 - As of May 3, 2021, 366 Community Resiliency Investment Program grants have been allocated provincewide, amounting to more than \$37.1 million.
 - Applicants applied for projects within nine eligible areas: education; community planning; development considerations; inter-agency cooperation; emergency management planning; FireSmart training and cross-training; FireSmart projects for critical infrastructure; FireSmart activities for residential areas; and fuel management.
 2. Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction (CLWRR)
 - Starting in 2019/2020, as part of a more comprehensive wildfire risk reduction effort, the B.C. government committed up to \$50 million over three years for wildfire risk reduction efforts on Crown land.
 - The CLWRR category targets areas of Crown land facing a higher wildfire risk near communities or critical infrastructure.
- In the 2020-21 Stronger BC economic recovery plan: Announced in September 2020, BC's Economic Recovery Plan issued \$19.5 million in additional funding to the CRI Program (\$10 million towards Fire Smart Community Supports and \$9.5 million towards Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction). This increased funding will create upwards of 500 jobs in B.C. to support wildfire risk reduction work.
- The BC Wildfire Service and its partners are committed to the continued development and expansion of the BC FireSmart program, working with communities, stakeholders and interest groups on wildfire preparedness and fire prevention based on the seven FireSmart disciplines.
- Ten Local FireSmart Representative workshops have been held throughout B.C. in the past year, certifying more than 400 B.C. residents as FireSmart Representatives. These representatives are trained to understand the wildland fire hazard assessment process

and assist with appropriate mitigation measures available to individuals or small groups of homes.

2020-21 WILDFIRE SEASON STATISTICS

(April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)

- Total number of wildfires: 658
- Number of naturally occurring wildfires: 275 (about 42%)
- Number of human-caused wildfires: 381 (about 58%)
- Total number of hectares burned: 14,479 hectares
- Total costs: approximately \$193.7 million
- Evacuations due to wildfires: 8 alerts and 3 orders

2019-20 WILDFIRE SEASON STATISTICS

(April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

- Total number of wildfires: 825
- Number of naturally occurring wildfires: 375 (about 45%)
- Number of human-caused wildfires: 448 (about 54%)
- Total number of hectares burned: 21,138 hectares
- Total costs: approximately \$182.5 million
- Evacuations due to wildfires: 4 evacuations were ordered

2018-19 WILDFIRE SEASON STATISTICS

(April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019)

- Total number of wildfires: 2,117
- Number of naturally occurring wildfires: 1,536 (about 73%)
- Number of human-caused wildfires: 579 (about 27%)
- Total number of hectares burned: 1,354,284 hectares
- Total costs: approximately \$615 million
- Evacuations due to wildfires: 66 evacuations were ordered, affecting 2,211 properties

2017-18 WILDFIRE SEASON STATISTICS

(April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018)

- Total number of wildfires: 1,353
- Number of naturally occurring wildfires: 773 (about 57.1%)
- Number of human-caused wildfires: 552 (about 40.8%)
- Total number of hectares burned: 1,216,053 hectares
- Total costs: approximately \$649.6 million

COMPARISON OF NUMBER OF HECTARES BURNED PER SEASON

(10 highest amounts since 1950 – not including the 2021 season)

Fire Year	Hectares Burned
2018	1,354,284
2017	1,216,053
1958	855,968
1961	483,097
2014	368,786
1971	351,342
1982	348,695
1950	343,339
2010	337,149
1985	312,757

Summaries of past wildfire seasons in B.C. (from 2003 onward) are available on the BC Wildfire Service website at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/wildfire-history>

SEVERITY OF WILDFIRE SEASONS AND PRIORITIZING FIRE RESPONSE

- The amount of land burned is just one of many benchmarks used to assess the severity and impact of a given wildfire season. A higher number of hectares burned doesn't necessarily correlate with a higher impact on people or communities.
- However, it can be devastating when people and communities are affected by evacuations, and by the loss of homes and other structures. The B.C. government is committed to supporting recovery efforts where required.
- The BC Wildfire Service prioritizes its response to wildfires to help protect our most valuable assets:
 - The top priority is always human life and safety.
 - The second priority is property.
 - The third priority is the protection of areas with high environmental values (community watersheds, habitat for species at risk, etc.)
 - The fourth priority is resource values (timber harvesting sites, resource extraction sites, etc.)
- The BC Wildfire Service also recognizes fire as an ecological process:
 - Fire is a natural and essential ecological process and has influenced nearly all forest and grassland environments in British Columbia.
 - A wildfire is a "natural disturbance event," an acute environmental disruption that causes long-term changes to the affected ecosystem. Ecosystem resilience refers to the ability to resist and recover from natural disturbances. Following a wildfire, a resilient ecosystem will recover more quickly and will be more biodiverse.

- Fire is a natural component of B.C.'s ecosystems, so when a wildfire is burning away from people, property, environmental values or resource values, it can actually be more beneficial than harmful in the long term.

FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL AND OUT-OF PROVINCE ASSISTANCE

- More than 1,700 BC Wildfire Service firefighters and support staff are in place for the 2021 fire season.
- The Province regularly calls on the services of contractors to support efficient wildfire management in British Columbia.
- The BC Wildfire Service currently has agreements with 59 companies to provide Type 3 firefighting crews throughout the province. These companies can provide up to about 2,000 private Type 3 contractor firefighting personnel.
- In preparation for the 2021 wildfire season, the BC Wildfire Service procured 18 contracts for eight-person, Type 2 firefighting crews (providing 150 qualified people) that meet Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre standards. These contractors are used to supplement BC Wildfire Service firefighters for sustained action support. They are used in a variety of scenarios, including mop-up, patrol and other support activities. Type 2 crews are more experienced and more highly trained than Type 3 crews.
- B.C.'s 73 certified Parattack firefighters are based in the Prince George Fire Centre (54 in the Fort St. John Fire Zone and 19 in the Mackenzie Fire Zone).
- Additional national and international resources are available as needed, through mutual aid agreements, to ensure that we have the capacity to manage the wildfire situation throughout B.C.

Why are firefighters and equipment sometimes brought in from other provinces or other countries?

- We generally use the closest and most suitable resources available for our firefighting operations.
- When our own personnel are stretched to capacity, we can call on other resources from local contract crews or from our national and international partners.

How are requests for out-of-province assistance handled?

- Requests for out-of-province assistance are made through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC), which co-ordinates the sharing of firefighting resources within Canada.
- Any incoming firefighting crews are trained to CIFFC standards.
- The cost of bringing in firefighting personnel (firefighters, wildfire management professionals, support staff) and aircraft from other provinces or countries is covered by the B.C. government.
- Out-of-province personnel coming into B.C. are deployed where they're needed most, at the direction of the BC Wildfire Service.

PROVINCIAL PARK CLOSURES DUE TO WILDFIRES / RECREATION SITES AND TRAILS CLOSURES DUE TO WILDFIRES

- Information about any provincial park and protected area closures is available on the BC Parks website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks
- Information about any recreation site and trail closures is available on the Recreation Sites and Trails BC website at: www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/closures.aspx
- In provincial parks, protected areas and recreational areas open to the public, the BC Wildfire Service reminds people to remain vigilant and not engage in activities that could potentially start a wildfire.
- Anyone who is in a provincial park or protected area must adhere to any BC Wildfire Service open fire prohibitions in effect, as well as any smoking bans implemented by BC Parks.
- Even if there are no provincial open burning prohibitions in place, people should check with local government authorities to see if any other open burning restrictions are in effect before lighting any fire.
- To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

What measures does BC Parks have in place to deal with wildfire emergencies?

- BC Parks campgrounds are run by park operators who, under the terms of their contracts, are required to develop and enact emergency plans.
- BC Parks maintains relationships and partnerships with the BC Wildfire Service, Emergency Management BC, local governments and Indigenous governments and works within existing government legislation to deal with wildfire emergencies.

Would BC Parks offer any compensation to people who incur losses due to wildfires while in a provincial park?

- BC Parks does not have a mechanism in place for compensation.

HIGHWAY CONDITIONS AND CLOSURES DUE TO WILDFIRES

- For the most up-to-date highway closure information, visit: www.DriveBC.ca
- A list of emergency highway advisories is available online at: <https://www.tranbc.ca/current-travel-advisories/>
- Information about forest service roads and natural resource roads is available online at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/resource-roads/local-road-safety-information>
- On routes where there is low visibility due to smoke from wildfires, drivers should reduce their speed, use their headlights, and watch out for livestock or wildlife on the road.

HIGH-RISK ACTIVITIES

(including industrial activities)

- Anyone conducting high-risk activities (as defined under the *Wildfire Act*) must adhere to their legal obligations, which can be found at:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/for-industry-commercial-operators/high-risk-activities>
- The BC Wildfire Service urges members of the public and industry personnel to refrain from undertaking high-risk activities that could start wildfires, potentially put those people in harm's way, and divert critical firefighting resources away from existing wildfires.

FIRE-RELATED VIOLATION TICKETS

(as of April 15, 2021)

- The government's Conservation Officers conduct regular patrols throughout British Columbia, while Natural Resource Officers from the Compliance and Enforcement Branch work closely with BC Wildfire Service staff to investigate the cause of wildfires and any improper fire use when an open burning prohibition is in effect.
- Natural Resource Officers and Conservation Officers can issue violation tickets for fire-related infractions or prosecute more serious violations through administrative and/or judicial processes. The RCMP is also authorized to issue violation tickets for fire-related infractions.
- Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of up to \$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. Violators could also be held responsible for damages to Crown resources, which could be significant.
- The figures below are for total fire-related violation tickets issued by Conservation Officers and Natural Resource Officers as of **April 15, 2021**. Please note that there can be some lag time between when a violation ticket is issued and when it is entered into the government's data system.
- The first column in the table below indicates the relevant section under either the *Wildfire Act* (WA) or Wildfire Regulation (WR).
- A breakdown of the fines applicable to each type of violation is available in a News Release backgrounder at: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2016FLNR0047-000498>

Data accurate as of April 15, 2020																
COMBINED: Compliance and Enforcement Branch (FLNRD) AND Conservation Officer Service (ENV)																
Section of Wildfire Act (WA) or Wildfire Regulation (WR)	Calendar year															
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
WA 2 Fail to report fire		1	1		1	2	1	1			3	3	6		2	
WA 3 (1) Drop, release or mishandle burning substance			36	23	7	6	7	2	5	8	10	7	11	2	1	
WA 3 (2) Fail to extinguish burning substance			2	1		1	1		1		3	2		1	2	
WA 5 (1) Light, fuel or use fire against regulations	2	4	10	21	17	16	17	27	26	22	49	24	26	26	11	1
WA 5 (2) Fail to extinguish or report fire	3	1		6	1	1	3	4	1	1	12	7	9	3	1	
WA 6 (1) Light, fuel or use fire against regulations, industrial	3	1	7	13	6	7	8	12	5	4	16	9	22	7	4	1
WA 7 (1) Fail to assess fire hazard											1	2				
WA 7(2) Fail to abate fire hazard		1	4	1	1				1	1	3	1	2	2	2	
WA 7(4) Fail to comply with hazard abatement order				1					1		1					
WA 10 (3) Light, fuel or use fire against restriction	1	5	67	230	246	27	46	72	108	244	38	191	177	9	23	
WA 10 (4) Fail to comply with fire restriction			1	5	6	1		6	1	8	12	10	2	4	9	
WA 11 (2) Fail to comply with restricted area requirements				1						1		13	1			
WA 12 (2) Fail to comply with order restricting activity or use						3	1		7	7	1	24	8		2	
WA 16 (2) Fail to comply with fire control order												1				
WA 22 (3) Fail to provide documents							1		1	1	2					
WA 56 (2) Intentional interference, noncompliance or false statement			1		1	1		2		1						
WR 5 Fail to have sufficient fire tools	1		1									6	2	2		
WR 6 (3) Fail to comply with high risk activity restrictions, and keep at activity site firefighting hand tools and adequate fire suppression system			2	1	4	2	3				2	11	4	1		
WR 6 (4) Fail to meet fire watcher requirements							1						3		2	
WR 9 Fail to meet fire prevention measures - railway operations					1									1		
WR 10 Fail to meet fire prevention measures - transmission operations													2			
WR 13 (1) Fail to meet fire suppression responsibilities		1														
Totals	10	14	132	303	291	67	89	126	157	298	153	309	277	58	59	2

USING FIRE TO FIGHT FIRE

(planned ignitions)

- Essential and effective tactics that the BC Wildfire Service uses to help contain very large wildfires include burn operations. Burn operations are sometimes referred to as “planned ignitions”, “burn-offs”, “burn-outs” or “backfiring”.
- When the decision is made to conduct such a burn operation, the wildfire is usually beyond the initial attack stage. Whether the BC Wildfire Service is burning out, burning off or backfiring, the goal is always the same: to remove the majority of available fuel ahead of the wildfire so there’s less fuel available for the wildfire to burn. This strategy slows down and helps limit the spread of the wildfire.
- The first priority with these operations is always safety. Planned ignitions must provide for the safety of personnel, the public, equipment and nearby values (e.g. homes, infrastructure, natural resources).
- The ignition plan must also identify, assess and mitigate potential hazards.
- Large-scale burn operations are supported with appropriate resources, such as aircraft, heavy equipment and firefighters. This way, if a burn escapes, it can be dealt with right away.
- Given the aggressive behaviour that we’ve seen on many wildfires in recent years, there is a potential for escaped fires, but that potential would also exist if the BC Wildfire Service did not conduct these planned ignitions.

PUBLIC INTERFERENCE IN ACTIVE WILDFIRE AREAS

- In recent years, there have been incidents in which fire suppression activities were halted due to interference by members of the public, including:
 - off-road vehicles entering an active fire area, forcing helicopters that were providing bucketing support to temporarily cease operations

- recreational boaters failing to give helicopters and airtankers sufficient room to manoeuvre and operate safely when collecting water
 - the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) in active wildfire areas
- In addition to these incidents, there have also been instances of vandalism and theft of fire suppression equipment, such as water pumps.
- Acts such as these have a direct impact on the effectiveness of fire suppression activities and pose safety risks both to the public and to responders who are working to contain these fires, particularly when air operations are affected.
- In order for wildfire suppression activities to continue safely and effectively, the public must stay out of active fire areas. The *Wildfire Act* and the Wildfire Regulation grant authority to government officials engaged in fire control (including firefighters) to order all people to leave active fire areas.
- During the fire season, the BC Wildfire Service may consider implementing area closures or area restrictions for lakes or backcountry areas, if doing so will help address these issues.

USE OF BOATS WHERE FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT ARE WORKING

- When firefighting aircraft such as airtankers or helicopters are working on an active wildfire and picking up water from nearby lakes, they need plenty of room to manoeuvre to do their job safely.
- Recreational boaters or people using other watercraft who try to get a close-up look at these aircraft present a serious safety risk for air crews and anyone else in the area.
- This behaviour is extremely dangerous and interferes with the BC Wildfire Service's ability to fight a fire, since a pilot cannot collect water when surface craft are in the aircraft's intended flight path.
- In the interest of air crew and public safety, people are urged to use common sense and keep their boats well away from areas where airtankers or helicopters are operating.

What fines or penalties can a boater face if he/she interferes with firefighting aircraft operations?

- A report of a boater getting in the way of an airtanker, helicopter or other firefighting aircraft would be investigated by the Compliance and Enforcement Branch (of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development) and/or the Conservation Officer Service (Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy) and/or the RCMP.
- If it's determined that the person was interfering in firefighting operations, a fine and/or penalty could be issued. Although several options are available, a violation ticket fine would likely be the most common.
- The applicable section of the *Wildfire Act* is Section 56 (2), which covers interference, non-compliance or making false statements. The violation ticket fine would be \$1,150, which includes a \$150 victim surcharge levy. For a case of interference under Section 56(2)(d) of the *Wildfire Act*, there is also the option to levy an administrative penalty

instead of a violation ticket. The maximum penalty is \$100,000 under Section 33(2)(a) of the Wildfire Regulation.

- The person could also be charged with an offence under Section 43(3) of the *Wildfire Act*, which carries a maximum fine of \$100,000.

DRONES OR UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAVs)

- Transport Canada and the BC Wildfire Service explicitly prohibit the use of drones of any size near a wildfire.
- All wildfires are automatically considered to be “flight restricted”, according to Canadian Aviation Regulations. The restricted area is within a radius of five nautical miles around the fire and to an altitude of 3,000 feet above ground level.
- The operation of any aircraft not associated with fire suppression activities within this area, including unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs or drones), is illegal.
- The presence of drones near an active wildfire can slow down or completely shut down aerial firefighting efforts, due to safety concerns. This has happened a few times in recent years and has delayed the BC Wildfire Service’s firefighting response.
- This type of activity is extremely dangerous and poses a significant safety risk to personnel, especially when low-flying firefighting aircraft are present. If a drone collides with firefighting aircraft, the consequences could be deadly.
- There is zero tolerance for people who fly drones in active wildfire areas. The rules regarding drone use are very clear and simple to understand. There is no excuse for wilfully disregarding the regulations.
- In the interest of air crew and public safety, British Columbians are asked to keep their drones well away from wildfires.

Does the regulation of drone use fall under provincial or federal jurisdiction?

- The federal government has exclusive jurisdiction over aeronautics, as administered by Transport Canada.
- Anyone caught operating a drone that interferes with fire control could be fined up to \$100,000, or jailed for up to one year, or both.

DECIDING WHEN TO IMPLEMENT OPEN BURNING PROHIBITIONS

How does the BC Wildfire Service decide when to implement open burning prohibitions, including campfire bans?

- British Columbia is large and geographically diverse province. For that reason, decisions on when and where to implement fire prohibitions are made by B.C.’s six regional fire centres.
- In deciding to implement a prohibition, they consider:
 - level of fire activity
 - fire danger ratings
 - current and forecasted fire weather indices

- long-range weather forecasts
- short term (3-day to 5-day) weather forecasts
- the possibility of lightning in geographically specific areas
- risk of human-caused fires
- fuel types
- fuel volatility.
- Input may also be requested from a range of government and non-government agencies.
- Enforcement of fire prohibitions is undertaken by the BC Wildfire Service, the ministry's Compliance and Enforcement Branch and the Conservation Officer Service. All human-caused fires will be investigated, and charges may be laid under the *Wildfire Act* and Wildfire Regulation.

Why doesn't the BC Wildfire Service just prohibit all open burning during the spring and summer?

- Fire is a very useful tool when used responsibly, so it doesn't make sense to prohibit all forms of burning when the wildfire risk is low.
- British Columbia is renowned for its great outdoors. Many British Columbians enjoy campfires while camping in B.C.'s parks and recreation sites. Many tourism operators also offer wilderness experiences that include campfires.
- During the spring, farmers and ranchers may conduct controlled burns for agricultural purposes, while the forestry industry conduct "slash" burning to remove wood debris left behind after timber harvesting.

CRITERIA FOR IMPLEMENTING CAMPFIRE BANS

- Camping is a long-standing tradition in this province. The B.C. government recognizes that people also enjoy having campfires, so it takes any decision to implement a campfire ban very seriously.
- However, the safety of campers, the general public and our natural resources is paramount.
- The B.C. government needs to balance these interests and therefore takes appropriate steps to ensure that any decision to implement a campfire ban is fair and reasonable.
- Campfires contribute to the overall wildfire risk in B.C. and some wildfires are sparked by escaped campfires, so the government sometimes implements campfire bans to reduce that risk.
- The process for determining fire risk is complex and may differ from one part of the province to another, depending on local conditions.
- British Columbia is a large and geographically diverse province. For that reason, each of B.C.'s six regional fire centres will decide when and where to implement open fire prohibitions within its jurisdiction.

Using the Buildup Index (BUI) to decide when to implement a campfire ban:

- Multiple factors are taken into consideration when assessing wildfire hazards and deciding whether to implement an open fire prohibition, including: current and forecasted weather conditions; the availability of firefighting resources; and the Buildup Index (BUI).
- The Buildup Index rating is an estimate of the total amount of fuel available for combustion on the landscape. It takes into account the fuel's moisture content, since that can affect fire intensity.
- Campfire prohibitions are implemented based on the particular region's Buildup Index (BUI) values. (Previously, campfire bans were date-driven or based on Fire Danger Ratings, depending on the fire centre.)
- A campfire ban will be enacted when over 50% of the weather stations within a defined geographic area surpass the BUI threshold established for that area.
- BUI thresholds vary throughout the province. The threshold for a particular area is based in part on the area's assigned "fuel type", which indicates how volatile those fuels are, how intensely and deeply they will burn, and how difficult it might be to suppress a fire in that fuel type.
- A campfire ban will usually be rescinded once the BUI reaches a value that is 20% lower than the threshold value that triggered the ban's implementation.
- The Buildup Index allows the province's six fire centres to follow a consistent and scientific process for evaluating the need for campfire prohibitions.

BACKCOUNTRY CLOSURES AND AREA RESTRICTIONS

- Any decision to implement a backcountry restriction is not made lightly.
- Public safety is the BC Wildfire Service's top priority.
- Risks are evaluated daily by the BC Wildfire Service's fire management experts, using a combination of:
 - weather forecasts
 - fire danger ratings
 - fuel moisture conditions
 - fire growth modelling
 - observed and forecast fire behaviour on local fires
 - regional and provincial fire loads
- The public has an important role to play when it comes to reporting new wildfires in the backcountry.
- Local seasonal tourism and businesses rely on access to the backcountry, and risks to the public are constantly being evaluated relative to economic risks and stakeholder concerns when determining acceptable levels of access to the backcountry.
- The first priority is keeping people safe, and all British Columbians need to do their part to ensure the safety of their community. However, if conditions reach an unacceptable risk level, a backcountry restriction will be considered.

WILDFIRE INVESTIGATIONS

- Natural Resource Officers from the Compliance and Enforcement Branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development work closely with BC Wildfire Service staff.
- When a wildfire is determined to be human-caused, Natural Resource Officers investigate to assess whether the incident was the result of illegal activities.
- People who undertake illegal activities that cause wildfires could be found liable for: wildfire suppression costs; damage to Crown forests and other forest or land resources; fines or administrative penalties; and reforestation costs.

Investigations

- BC Wildfire Service staff conduct wildfire cause determinations, following internationally recognized scientific standards and protocols.
- The BC Wildfire Service's fire "origin and cause" specialists have been specially trained to examine: fire behaviour; fire ignition sources; fire ignition factors; burn patterns and other physical evidence.
- An assessment of these factors helps determine where a wildfire started and identify the probable cause of that fire.
- If the BC Wildfire Service's fire "origin and cause" specialists conclude that a wildfire was human-caused, the file is then referred to Natural Resource Officers to conduct a thorough investigation, including collecting evidence and compiling witness statements.
- Natural Resource Officers also provide a detailed damages report, which assesses the cumulative impacts of the wildfire on the land base. This assessment includes: damage to the environment; public values (such as recreation features); and natural resource revenue potential. This assessment helps determine the severity of any penalty.
- In cases where the Compliance and Enforcement Branch successfully demonstrates that an illegal human activity caused the wildfire, the BC Wildfire Service will pursue the recovery of fire control costs and related costs from the people responsible.

Arson cases

- Natural Resource Officers have the authority to investigate wildfires suspected to have been deliberately set with the intention of doing damage (i.e. arson).
- Natural Resource Officers work with the RCMP and other law enforcement agencies as required.

FIRE RETARDANT

- Fire retardants, "foam" and water can all be used to slow down a wildfire's growth. They support the efforts of ground crews to contain the fire.
- Water-soluble fire retardants are commonly used in fire suppression because of their long-lasting effect on fires. They contain ammonium salts which affect the burning process of forest fuels.

- Retardants prematurely release the gaseous fuels within logs and debris. This reaction releases a water and carbon dioxide combination that cools and suffocates the fire.
- Nearly 90% of the retardant solution is water. The main active ingredient in the retardant that the BC Wildfire Service uses is ammonium polyphosphate fertilizer, which is the fire-retarding component. Fire retardants also contain small quantities (five to 15 per cent) of performance additives.
- Retardant is typically coloured red with an iron oxide (rust) mixture to increase its visibility for air crews and ground personnel.
- The fire retardant liquid concentrate is mixed with water at a ratio of 5.5 parts water to one part concentrate to form the working solution.
- Retardant has a much longer-lasting effect than water in fire suppression because it does not evaporate.
- Based on a 10-year average, about 11.8 million litres of fire retardant is used each fire season in B.C.
- The actual retardant components that are present in the solution are eventually consumed by plant life and provide nutrients to the plants. The gum thickener and other inorganic compounds are biodegradable and will break down via other means in the environment.
- If retardant lands on houses, cars, etc., the manufacturer recommends that it be removed as soon as possible. If the retardant is still wet, it can easily be washed off with water. If the retardant is dry, removal may require some scrubbing with water, or power washing with a mild detergent.
- More information about the fire retardant that the BC Wildfire Service uses can be obtained from the manufacturer, Perimeter Solutions: <http://perimeter-solutions.com/>

EFFECT OF WILDFIRES ON FORESTRY OPERATIONS

- Logging operations often shut down temporarily in the summer in areas where there is a high wildfire risk.
- Under the *Wildfire Act* and the Wildfire Regulation, companies are required to cease high-risk activities once the danger class rating is rated as “extreme” for more than three days in a row.
- Companies generally plan for temporary closures in the summer.

SEEK OUT ACCURATE SOURCES OF WILDFIRE INFORMATION

- During periods of heightened wildfire activity, multiple evacuations and increased wildfire risks, it’s understandable that people are eager to share their impressions of the current fire situation with others through social media.
- However, the government urges all British Columbia residents and visitors to seek out official sources of wildfire and emergency management information, including: the BC Wildfire Service (on its website at www.bcwildfire.ca, on Twitter at BCGovFireInfo, on Facebook at BCForestFireInfo or on its mobile app); DriveBC (www.DriveBC.ca); and on local government or regional district websites.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT WILDFIRES, ETC.

- The BC Wildfire Service website and mobile app provide lots of information about the current wildfire situation in B.C. and related topics: www.bcwildfire.ca
- The BC Wildfire Service website also provides links to other sites where people can learn more about evacuations, highway conditions, road closures, air quality, emergency preparedness and other topics.
 - Evacuation orders and alerts: <https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca>
 - Road closures: <http://www.drivebc.com>
 - Preparedness: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-your-hazards/wildfires>

FIREFIGHTING CREW ROTATION, DAYS OFF AND FATIGUE

- The BC Wildfire Service manages firefighting crew rotation and fatigue through its Safe Work Standards protocols.
- These standards include ensuring that firefighting personnel typically have a full eight hours of down time between shifts.
- Crew members can work a maximum of 14 days in a row before they must take days off.

FIREFIGHTING AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

- To help with fire suppression efforts in more remote areas, Section 60 of the *Wildfire Act* provides the legal authority for the BC Wildfire Service to enter into agreements with some community associations to help with fire suppression efforts when called upon by the BC Wildfire Service.
- As part of such an agreement, the community association receives training from the BC Wildfire Service and is usually equipped with small pumps and hoses to help with fire suppression.

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BC (EMBC)

What advice do you have for people who are reluctant to evacuate when ordered to do so?

- Evacuating a home is a difficult and emotional experience, and we understand that people may be reluctant to do so.
- However, choosing to remain puts yourself, your family and first responders in danger.
- Preparing in advance for a potential evacuation alert or evacuation order can make the experience less stressful. Develop a household plan, put together your emergency kit and connect with your neighbours.

Who should be most concerned about smoke and air particulate concentrations?

- Anyone experiencing any of the following symptoms should contact a health care provider: difficulty in breathing; chest pain or discomfort; sudden onset of a cough; or irritation of airways.
- Exposure is of particular concern for infants, the elderly and those who have underlying medical conditions such as diabetes, lung disease or heart disease.

What about people with respiratory concerns who are having a hard time with smoke?

- Smoke concentrations will vary widely as winds, fire behaviour and temperatures change.
- Residents are advised to consider avoiding strenuous outdoor activities.
- For air quality conditions, visit: <http://www.bcairquality.ca>

RESOURCES

Which agencies are involved in fighting wildfires?

- The BC Wildfire Service is mandated to fight wildfires.
- Where a fire impacts structures, the municipal fire service in the jurisdiction would work to suppress the fire, in many cases with mutual aid assistance.

What happens if firefighters reach capacity and become exhausted? Could the military be called in to help deal with an extreme wildfire situation?

- From a firefighting personnel perspective, our focus is on using trained and experienced firefighting personnel from across Canada before engaging the military in the on-the-ground response to the wildfires.
- In unusually active fire seasons in the past, the Canadian military had a liaison officer embedded within the Provincial Emergency Co-ordination Centre (PECC) who was actively engaged in monitoring front-line needs.
 - In 2018, for example, the provincial government asked the federal government for assistance with its firefighting efforts to help protect public safety, property and infrastructure.
 - Over 200 Canadian Armed Forces personnel were brought in to help with the mop-up and patrol of contained fires (under the supervision of the BC Wildfire Service), thereby freeing up Type 1 firefighters so they could be redeployed to more active wildfires.
 - The BC Wildfire Service provided the required personal protective equipment, firefighting equipment and incremental training needed for these tasks.
 - Heavy-lift aircraft helped reposition wildfire crews and equipment to new fires that threatened communities. These aircraft assisted with the resupply of existing operations (fire camps, air bases, etc.), which allowed BC Wildfire Service aircraft to be redirected from resupply tasks to firefighting.
 - Aircraft were also made available for the emergency transport of any injured personnel and were ready to help evacuate people from remote areas, if evacuation routes became compromised.

SUPPORTS FOR EVACUEES

In the event of an evacuation, where can people go for help? What sorts of Emergency Support Services would be in place?

- Any evacuee requiring immediate assistance with accommodations, food, medical or prescription support will need to seek support at a local emergency social services reception centre.

Is there a chance that evacuees could be turned away from a reception centre because it's full?

- Wildfire evacuees will not be turned away from any reception centres.

What should people do if they're having problems breathing because of wildfire smoke?

- Residents of an area affected by wildfire smoke should be aware that smoke conditions and local air quality can change due to the unpredictable nature of fires.
- Some individuals may be more sensitive to the effects of smoke from wildfires, such as those with heart or lung conditions. These individuals should watch for any change in symptoms that may be due to smoke exposure.
- If any such symptoms appear, the affected individuals should take steps to reduce their exposure to smoke and, if necessary, visit their physician or a local walk-in clinic.
- People with severe symptoms should present themselves to the nearest emergency department.

Who is responsible for helping protect livestock and farm animals in a wildfire emergency?

- Local governments are responsible for livestock and farm animals.
- People can apply for travel permits for some purposes, and allowing the feeding of livestock may be considered.

What resources are in place to deal with livestock in areas facing an evacuation?

- When emergencies occur, Ministry of Agriculture staff work with Emergency Management BC and local governments to provide support when agriculture is involved.
- The Ministry of Agriculture works with producers and encourages farmers to be prepared for emergencies, including specific emergency guides. These guides provide educational materials on various natural and human-caused threats to farms. The guides are an opportunity to be prepared, to mitigate impacts and to tailor responses that a farm would follow in the event of any such emergency.
- The guides, emergency preparedness tips, and other resources are available at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/business-market-development/emergency-management>
- The ministry can also provide assistance to support livestock relocation through Provincial Regional Emergency Operation Centres.
- Motorists are advised that wildfires can sometimes damage fencing near roadways, which means that livestock could move out of previously enclosed areas. Please stay alert for animals wandering near or on roadways.

What should people do with their pets if they have to evacuate?

- If you need to evacuate, take your pets with you. Do not leave them behind.
- However, because pets are not permitted in public shelters, go to a relative or friend's home if possible or find a "pet-friendly" hotel. If you do, you should still register with Emergency Support Services or the Canadian Red Cross.

What if health care facilities need to be evacuated?

- Typically, the relevant health authority will establish a call line for families whose loved ones have been relocated from health facilities due to wildfire activity.

FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT

- BC Wildfire Service staff work continually to ensure that the most appropriate firefighting equipment is available to help protect our communities, natural resources and infrastructure from wildfire risks.
- Effective wildfire management relies on a fleet of reliable and capable aircraft to assist firefighters on the ground.
- Aviation contracts are awarded through a competitive process.
- The BC Wildfire Service can augment its capacity through its long-standing mutual aid sharing agreements and contractual provisions.
- The number of aircraft being used from day to day and from week to week can fluctuate significantly, depending on the current wildfire situation.
- Over the course of an average wildfire season, the B.C. government's contracted airtankers conduct about 560 missions throughout the province.

What is the current composition of the B.C. government's long-term, contracted aircraft fleet?

- Aircraft in the provincial contracted fleet is repositioned as needed during the fire season to be ready for anticipated fire starts in high-risk areas.
- This strategic prepositioning helps reduce firefighting costs overall.
- In 2020, the BC Wildfire Service contracted two Avro RJ-85 "heavy" airtankers for its long-term fleet for the first time. These airtankers are next-generation, land-based airtankers with a quick response, a significant payload, and a "portionable" tank (meaning that multiple drops can be made from a single tank load). These aircraft are well-suited to flying in B.C.'s mountainous terrain.
- The Province's long-term contracted airtanker fleet was improved in 2020 to provide 15% more fire retardant capacity. In addition, a six-plane skimmer group was added to provide 150% more skimmer capacity.
- The Province's long-term contracted fleet for the 2021 fire season consists of 39 fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft:
 - 1 Type 4 light-lift helicopter
 - 5 Type 2 medium-lift helicopters

- 3 Type 2 medium-lift rappel and hoist-equipped aircraft
- 8 bird dog aircraft (used for co-ordinating aerial wildfire response)
- 20 airtankers (including 1 Q400 AT Airtanker, 10 AT-802F Fire Boss amphibious airtankers, 4 Electra L-188 “heavy” airtankers, 3 Convair CV-580 “intermediate” airtankers, and 2 RJ-85 580 “heavy” airtankers)
- 2 parattack smoke jumping aircraft (DC-3T and Twin Otter)
- The Air Tractor AT-802F Fire Boss amphibious airtankers can drop water, foam or retardant on a fire. These “scoopers” can skim up to 3,025 litres of water in just 15 seconds from over 1,700 water bodies in B.C. They can also land at airports, including the Province’s 14 airtanker bases.

Can the BC Wildfire Service bring in additional firefighting aircraft if necessary?

- The Province can bring in additional contracted aircraft as needed.
- Depending on the level of wildfire activity in the province, the government may request assistance from other jurisdictions through the Mutual Aid Resources Sharing Agreement, which allows for the movement and sharing of firefighting resources (including aircraft) between B.C. and other provinces and territories.
- International resources may also be requested if needed.

NIGHT VISION TECHNOLOGY

- In 2019, night vision technology was tested on rotary wing reconnaissance and wildfire detection flights.
- A night vision heli-tanker trial was conducted in the summer of 2020.
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- The use of night vision technology will depend on the frequency of events that meet our conditions for the BC Wildfire Service’s night vision pilot project.
- These criteria include situations where multiple ignitions may be expected to occur, such as a lightning event in a populated area during a period of high fire hazard, or on a significant fire where an incident management team has been assigned.
- Night vision goggles are considered a restricted item under federal regulations. The BC Wildfire Service does not own its own goggles. Instead, it hires helicopter operators who are trained, equipped and approved for night vision operations and uses goggles provided by those operators.

MARTIN MARS AIRTANKER

(and other Coulson aircraft/technology)

What is the current status of the Martin Mars airtanker?

- The Martin Mars has been retired. It was last used to fight a wildfire in B.C. in 2015.
- The Martin Mars was an iconic aircraft and part of this province's proud firefighting history. The Mars aircraft were originally built during World War II and then retrofitted as water bombers in 1959.
- The BC Wildfire Service works continually to ensure that the most appropriate equipment is available to protect our natural resources and communities from wildfire risks. This ensures that modern and cost-effective aircraft are available for use in B.C.'s varied terrain.
- All BC Wildfire Service air support is awarded through a competitive process except in the event of an emergency, in which case the BC Wildfire Service procures appropriate resources based on established criteria.
- The BC Wildfire Service uses a request-for-qualifications process, which allows any vendor that meets the minimum standards to enter into an agreement with the BC Wildfire Service.
- Depending on the level of wildfire activity in the province, the government may request assistance from other jurisdictions through the Mutual Aid Resources Sharing Agreement, which allows for the movement and sharing of firefighting resources (including aircraft) between B.C. and other provinces and territories. International resources may also be requested if needed.
- Currently, the BC Wildfire Service has sufficient airtanker capacity to meet anticipated needs. If additional support is required, the BC Wildfire Service can augment its capacity through its long-standing mutual aid sharing agreements and contractual provisions.

USE OF CONTRACTORS

(firefighters and others)

- The BC Wildfire Service has sufficient "standing offer contractors" in place to meet its firefighting resource needs.
- Any current contractor opportunities can be found at <http://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca/open.dll/welcome?language=En>
- Individuals who wish to apply for work with a particular contractor should apply to that company directly.

What role do contractors play in the wildfire season?

- The BC Wildfire Service has many resource needs during the wildfire season, and it seeks out skilled workers throughout the province through contractors.
- The BC Wildfire Service calls on the skills and expertise of many contractors each year and selects qualified and appropriate resources for its fire operations.
- If its own personnel are stretched to capacity, the BC Wildfire Service can call upon other resources from local contract crews and "fire suppression specialists", or from its national and international partners.

- The BC Wildfire Service has arrangements with dozens of companies from many areas of the province to provide contract firefighters and support personnel.
- These contractors are used to supplement BC Wildfire Service firefighters and help with activities such as mop-up, patrol and other support activities (see list below).

What types of contractors are used and how many are available?

- During the fire season, the BC Wildfire Service works closely with the contractor community to determine how we can best match our needs with their availability and expertise, since contractors offer valuable resources that complement its own crews.
- The number of contractors involved in fire operations on any given day can fluctuate significantly, depending on the current wildfire situation.
- For the 2021 fire season, the BC Wildfire service has access to 150 Type 2 firefighters (through 18 contracts) and up to about 2,000 Type 3 firefighters (through 59 companies).
- In addition to using contractors to supplement the BC Wildfire Service's firefighters, all air support and heavy equipment that it calls upon during the fire season are supplied through contractors.
- Other contractors may include:
 - fire guard planning, fire ignition planning, fire line locators
 - heavy equipment supervision, equipment branch director (provides expert advice on all activities related to heavy equipment use, and ensures the safety of operators and firefighting personnel when heavy equipment is in use)
 - danger tree blasting services
 - hot spot scanning and aerial/satellite photos
 - GPS fire mapping services
 - forestry specialists (for creek crossing location and mitigation services, culvert installation, slope stability assessments, input on fire line location, timber removal and decking expertise, danger tree management with heavy equipment)
 - fire behaviour specialists
 - First Nations work and archeological and heritage assessments
 - faller qualified supervisors and training services
 - aviation consultants (specialists and experts)
 - fire rehabilitation: rehabilitation specialists, rehabilitation co-ordinators and rehabilitation planning and implementation
 - first aid
 - catering

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WITH FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE REPORTING

How can individual British Columbians help prevent wildfires?

- The BC Wildfire Service thanks the public for its ongoing help in reporting wildfires quickly. To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone.

- Everyone in the province also has an important role to play in preventing wildfires.
- One of the primary goals is to reduce the number of wildfires caused by people. Human-caused wildfires are entirely preventable and unnecessarily divert firefighting resources from naturally occurring fires.
- Anyone who contravenes an open fire prohibition may be issued a ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of up to \$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.

What else can people do to help?

- The BC Wildfire Service needs everyone to do their part by refraining from activities that may cause wildfires.
- If you're a smoker, always fully extinguish your cigarette and dispose of it responsibly. Never throw it out of a vehicle window.
- If you ride an ATV, keep it away from dry areas and make sure that a spark arrestor device is installed, as required by law.
- Our firefighters appreciate the expressions of support they get from people all around the province. It's important for them to know that we're all behind them and supporting the extremely important work that they do.

If you see someone throw a cigarette butt or other smoking materials out of a vehicle, what can you do?

- Call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone to report the incident.
- If possible, the following information should be provided:
 - location, date, and time of the incident
 - licence plate number
 - make and model of the vehicle
 - direction of travel

FIRE PREVENTION FACTSHEET

- A fire prevention factsheet (which includes information about provincial programs related to wildfire risk reduction and fuel management) is available online at: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/wildfire-prevention-is-everyones-responsibility>

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- The BC Wildfire Service has implemented safety protocols and strategies while conducting its operations to minimize COVID-19 exposure risks to its personnel and communities:
 - All BCWS personnel conduct daily COVID-19 self-assessments before going to worksites and are required to report any symptoms to their direct supervisor.

- Staff members are required to physically distance, sanitize, and wear masks in all indoor areas. Groups sizes are limited in accordance with provincial directives.
- Sanitization protocols are in place for staff who travel in vehicles, helicopters and planes.
- New hygiene equipment such as handwashing stations will be available in fire camps, and more personal protection equipment and disinfection products are available for fire crews. The BC Wildfire Service is also moving away from the use of multi-person tents in favour of single-occupancy tents.
- Staff members share information electronically whenever possible, instead of in person.
- BC Wildfire Service personnel adhere to COVID-19 public health orders and guidelines to ensure that operations can continue safely throughout the province.

SECONDARY TOPICS

BUDGET

- Recent budget increases have helped the BC Wildfire Service improve its fire response capabilities by adding more crews, enhancing aircraft capacity and spending more on fire prevention activities.
- The B.C. government will always spend whatever is necessary to protect people and property. When actual costs exceed the Direct Fire budget allocation, the BC Wildfire Service has statutory authorization to spend additional funds.
- It's difficult to forecast wildfire suppression costs for any given year, since each fire season varies significantly depending on weather conditions and the number and severity of wildfires.
- Through its mutual aid resource sharing agreements, the B.C. government is able to recover some costs when its firefighting crews or other resources are lent to other jurisdictions.

Has the B.C. government been increasing its firefighting budget in recent years?

- The B.C. government has allocated \$136 million for Direct Fire costs in Budget 2021 for the 2021-2022 wildfire season – the same as last year's firefighting budget but \$73 million more than was allocated in Budget 2018.
- These significant increases recognize historical firefighting costs and allow for greater response capacity, community engagement and communication resources to help communities be better prepared for wildfires.

POST-FIRE FLOODING AND LANDSLIDE RISKS

- The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development takes a co-ordinated approach to assessing and managing potential post-wildfire natural hazard risks, such as landslides, floods and debris flows.
- Professional geoscientists, engineers, hydrologists, soil specialists and/or others work together to provide risk assessments and develop mitigation options.
- The results of these assessments are communicated to Emergency Management BC, local governments, and affected ministries of the B.C. government.
- A brochure entitled *Landslide and Flooding Risks Due to Wildfires* is available on the Emergency Management BC website:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=AD63768577B74F0D865B249B9CFC1A49#after-a-wildfire>

PROVINCIAL STATES OF EMERGENCY

- Public safety is always the B.C. government's top priority.
- The declaration of a state of emergency gives authority to agencies such as the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (BC Wildfire

Service), Emergency Management BC, the Office of the Fire Commissioner, and the RCMP (under the *Emergency Program Act*) to take every action necessary to fight wildfires and protect residents and their communities.

- Declarations of provincial states of emergency may be issued under the *Emergency Program Act* by the minister responsible, or the lieutenant governor in council.

Why would the government declare a state of emergency?

- The government may declare a state of emergency to ensure the availability of necessary resources as it responds to wildfires.
- It is critical for the government to be able to access resources that may be needed to assist with firefighting efforts.
- A state of emergency allows the Province to protect critical infrastructure such as transmission lines, roads, highways, bridges and telecommunications. The loss of these resources could severely hamper the province's economy.
- A provincial state of emergency helps ensure that the government can continue to have access to essential supplies, and can provide, maintain and co-ordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services throughout British Columbia.
- A provincial state of emergency may be extended or rescinded as needed.

When has a provincial state of emergency been declared in recent years?

- The most recent provincial state of emergency in British Columbia was declared in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A provincial state of emergency was declared on Aug. 15, 2018 to ensure a co-ordinated response to that year's wildfire situation and to ensure public safety. It ended on Sept. 12, 2018.
- A provincial state of emergency was declared during the 2017 wildfire season. It lasted for 10 weeks.
- Prior to that, provincial states of emergency were declared during the 2003 wildfire season and in response to the snowstorm of 1996.

What does a provincial declaration do?

- A provincial declaration of a state of emergency allows the Province to implement any provincial emergency measures and allows access to all assets that that may be necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency.
- This is a temporary measure authorized by the *Emergency Program Act*.

What do emergency powers do?

- Emergency powers allow the Province to:
 - acquire or use any land or personal property considered necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster
 - authorize or require any person to render assistance of a type that the person is qualified to provide or that otherwise is or may be required to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster

- control or prohibit travel to or from any area of British Columbia
- provide for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and coordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services in any part of British Columbia
- cause the evacuation of persons and the removal of livestock, animals and personal property from any area of British Columbia that is or may be affected by an emergency or a disaster and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons, livestock, animals and personal property
- authorize the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program or if otherwise considered by the minister to be necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster
- cause the demolition or removal of any trees, structures or crops if the demolition or removal is considered by the minister to be necessary or appropriate in order to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster
- construct works considered by the minister to be necessary or appropriate to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster
- procure, fix prices for or ration food, clothing, fuel, equipment, medical supplies or other essential supplies and the use of any property, services, resources or equipment within any part of British Columbia for the duration of the state of emergency.

Important sources of information during a wildfire emergency:

- Fire information: www.bcwildfire.ca
- Evacuation orders/alerts: <https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca>
- Road closures: <http://www.drivebc.com>
- Preparedness: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-your-hazards/wildfires>

NATIONAL WILDFIRE STRATEGY

- In 2005, the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers produced a report entitled *Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy: A Vision for an Innovative and Integrated Approach to Managing the Risks*, which is available online: http://www.ccmf.org/pdf/Vision_E_web.pdf
- That report was followed in 2016 by *Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy: A 10-Year Review and Renewed Call for Action*, available at <http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/pubwarehouse/pdfs/37108.pdf>
- Recent busy wildfire seasons in British Columbia and the devastating situation in Fort McMurray in 2016 showed us that no province can go it alone. The number of highly active wildfire seasons in recent years has highlighted the need for a cohesive national strategy, with strong leadership from the federal government to ensure that we are all better prepared for extreme wildfire conditions.

- The intent of the 2016 *Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy* report is to ensure that each jurisdiction in the country (and Canada as a whole) is better positioned to withstand the challenges presented by increased wildfire activity.
- In addition to enhanced collaboration, the 2016 report called for more investment in innovation, improved prevention and mitigation measures, an enhanced commitment to the FireSmart program and increased wildfire preparedness capacity.
- Land managers, government agencies, local governments and other authorities and jurisdictions need to continue to build relationships, promote FireSmart programs, share information and pull together to create comprehensive fire management plans to help protect all of us from harm.
- One of the goals of the *Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy* is to help all Canadians understand, manage and mitigate wildfire risks.
- Wildfire prevention is everyone's responsibility — from rural homeowners to local, provincial and federal governments.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND WILDFIRE

- It's becoming increasingly obvious that climate change is altering British Columbia's landscape.
- The BC Wildfire Service is a world-class fire management organization, but like other jurisdictions around the world, it faces increased challenges brought about by climate change.
- Climate change has contributed to drier and hotter summers, and these conditions have resulted in extended wildfire seasons in recent years. It's highly likely that this trend will continue.
- Given these trends, the B.C. government has been strengthening its approach to wildfire prevention and wildfire management. This includes the development of a more comprehensive prescribed burning program. Since these types of controlled burns are planned, any potential impacts of smoke on people can be better managed.
- The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development continually reviews its approach to wildfire management to ensure that the BC Wildfire Service adapts and responds appropriately.
- The goal is to make sure that the right people, equipment and resources are in place wherever they're needed to help keep people and communities safe.
- Individual British Columbians also have a responsibility to do what they can on their own properties to help protect their homes and communities.
- The B.C. government encourages every landowner and local government to learn more about the FireSmart program and how it can help reduce wildfire risks and create more fire-resilient landscapes.
- The *FireSmart Begins at Home Manual* and more information about the FireSmart program are available online: www.firesmartbc.ca

FIRESMART PROGRAM

- Mitigating wildfire risk is a shared responsibility. Individual British Columbians can play a critical role in mitigating wildfire risks around their homes and properties by undertaking FireSmart initiatives.
- Given the effects of climate change and the number of homes being developed in forested areas, B.C. residents need to participate in proven FireSmart activities to help protect their homes and neighbourhoods from wildfires.
- The FireSmart program was developed to help people reduce the risk of personal property damage due to wildfires. FireSmart is the Canadian standard recognized by all provinces and territories. It is based on National Fire Protection Association standards that have evolved over the last 40 years.
- FireSmart is backed by a vast amount of field, laboratory and modelling research. Its methods have been demonstrated time and time again to reduce the risk of losses, even under the most extreme fire conditions.
- The *FireSmart Begins at Home Manual* and more information about the FireSmart program are available online: www.firesmartbc.ca

How can local governments help?

- Local governments also have a role to play, by implementing FireSmart-related bylaws for new developments in the wildland/urban interface. This has already been done in some B.C. communities.
- FireSmart principles can also be used in the design of new communities by incorporating more greenspace between houses and surrounding areas to create firebreaks.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

- The B.C. government has committed \$60 million to the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports category of the Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program to help local governments and First Nations mitigate wildfire threats around their communities.
- The program, launched in September 2018, replaced the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (SWPI).
- The program allows local governments and First Nations to apply for funding to cover up to 100% of their wildfire risk reduction projects.
- The Community Resiliency Investment program takes a pro-active approach to wildfire risk reduction and fuel management treatments by considering fire prevention and FireSmart activities on provincial Crown land, private land, local government land and reserve land.
- Partnerships between local governments, First Nations and other tenure holders are encouraged, particularly in areas where treatments, vegetation management or other activities cross administrative boundaries.
- More information about the Community Resiliency Investment program and the application process is available on the Union of B.C. Municipalities website at: www.ubcm.ca/cri

FOREST ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY OF B.C.

- The Forest Enhancement Society of B.C., a Crown agency, was established in 2016 to advance environmental and resource stewardship of the province's forests by:
 - preventing and mitigating the impact of wildfires
 - improving damaged or low-value forests
 - improving habitat for wildlife
 - supporting the use of fibre from damaged and low-value forests
 - treating forests to improve the management of greenhouse gases
- The B.C. government has invested \$238 million in the society, with about \$237.6 million allocated for 269 projects (as of March 2021) for wildfire risk reduction, reforestation, forest rehabilitation, wildlife habitat restoration and raising awareness of the FireSmart program.
- These efforts help mitigate the impacts of climate change and wildfires on our communities. They also complement B.C.'s world-class wildfire suppression capabilities and the ministry's existing forest stewardship programs, including the Climate Leadership Plan and the Forest Carbon Initiative.
- More information about the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. is available online at <http://www.fesbc.ca>

FIRE-RELATED FINES INCREASED IN 2016

- In 2016, the B.C. government significantly increased ticket fines for 19 different violations under the *Wildfire Act*. For example, the fine for failing to comply with a fire restriction under the *Wildfire Act* was more than tripled — from \$345 to \$1,150.
- It also increased fines for seven different violations under the *Wildfire Regulation*.
- Amendments to the *Wildfire Act* also contained provisions for people who interfere with firefighting efforts. For example, failing to comply with a stop work order carries a penalty of up to \$100,000 and/or up to one year in jail.

SUMMARY OF WILDFIRE ACT AND WILDFIRE REGULATION FINES THAT WERE INCREASED IN 2016:

Wildfire Act violation ticket fines (effective April 1, 2016)

- Section 2, Fail to report fire: \$383
- Section 3 (1), Drop, release or mishandle burning substance: \$575
- Section 3 (2), Fail to extinguish burning substance: \$575
- Section 5 (1), Light, fuel or use fire against regulations: \$1,150
- Section 5 (2) (a), Fail to extinguish fire: \$575
- Section 5 (2) (b), Fail to report fire: \$575
- Section 6 (1), Light, fuel or use fire against regulations, industrial: \$1,150
- Section 7 (1), Fail to assess fire hazard: \$767

- Section 7 (2), Fail to abate fire hazard: \$1,150
- Section 7 (4), Fail to comply with hazard abatement order: \$1,150
- Section 10 (3), Light, fuel or use fire against restriction: \$1,150
- Section 10 (4), Fail to comply with fire restriction: \$1,150
- Section 11 (2), Fail to comply with restricted area requirements: \$767
- Section 12 (2), Fail to comply with order restricting activity or use: \$767
- Section 13 (2), Fail to comply with order to leave area: \$767
- Section 16 (2), Fail to comply with fire control order: \$575
- Section 22 (2), Fail to stop vehicle or vessel: \$575
- Section 22 (3), Fail to provide documents: \$383
- Section 56 (2), Intentional interference, non-compliance or false statement: \$1,150

Wildfire Regulation violation ticket fines (effective April 1, 2016)

- Section 5, Fail to have sufficient fire tools: \$307
- Section 6 (3), Fail to comply with high risk activity restrictions, and keep at activity site firefighting hand tools and adequate fire suppression system: \$460
- Section 6 (4), Fail to meet fire watcher requirements: \$460
- Section 8, Operate engine contrary to regulations: \$460
- Section 9, Fail to meet fire prevention measures — railway operations: \$767
- Section 10, Fail to meet fire prevention measures — transmission operations: \$767
- Section 13 (1), Fail to meet fire suppression responsibilities: \$307

DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Is Disaster Financial Assistance available for homes and businesses impacted by wildfires?

- Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) is not available for wildfire losses. DFA is limited to uninsurable losses.
- Fire insurance for homes and businesses is reasonably and readily available across the province.
- More information about DFA and fire insurance is available in the bulletin Residential Fire Insurance (PDF), available online at http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/dfa/residential_fire_insurance.pdf

AFFECT OF WILDFIRES ON WILDLIFE

How are animals affected by wildfires?

- The BC Wildfire Service's first priority is human safety.
- The degree to which wildfires affect wildlife depends on the species, their habitat, type of fire and fire behaviour, but the ministry does not track the impacts of wildfires on wild animals.

- If a specific area has an established research or monitoring program in place, then wildlife program staff may be able to monitor the impact of wildfires in that area.
- If people see large animals in distress, they should call the Report all Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) line at: 1 877 952-7277
- If people see smaller animals in distress, they should contact the Wildlife Rehabilitators' Network of British Columbia: <http://www.wrnbc.org/>

AGRICULTURAL IMPACTS

How does the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries help ranchers and farmers during a wildfire incident?

- The ministry works with industry organizations, local governments, and First Nations, as well as farmers and ranchers, to support wildfire response activities and provide the help that farmers and ranchers need.
- The ministry's primary role is to support and provide technical assistance to local governments and First Nations via requests to EMBC for AFF support by:
 - assisting with the planning for relocation of livestock, as needed
 - providing technical advice for re-entry permits for ranchers in evacuated areas so they can care for their livestock
 - assisting with the co-ordinating and planning of emergency feed programs, as needed

How can wildfires impact cattle ranchers and what can the B.C. government do to assist them?

- When emergencies occur, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries staff work with Emergency Management BC, local governments, and First Nations to provide support for wildfire response activities when agriculture is involved.
- The ministry works with producers and encourages farmers to be prepared for emergencies, including specific emergency guides for beef, dairy and pork producers in B.C.
- The guides provide educational material on various natural and human-caused threats to farms. The guides help producers be prepared, mitigate impacts and tailor their responses in the event of an emergency.
- The guides, emergency preparedness tips, and other resources are available at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/business-market-development/emergency-management/emergency-response-planning>
- The ministry can also help support livestock relocation through the Provincial Regional Emergency Operation Centre (PREOC), especially during widespread emergencies impacting multiple local governments and First Nations simultaneously.
- The British Columbia Premises ID program assists with the rapid notification of livestock and poultry producers during emergencies. More details are available at: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=42322F3170584E32BA56CBCBDB4B3F9D>

Assistance programs available:

- Production insurance, AgriStability and AgrilInvest are the provincial agriculture risk management programs that may be available to compensate enrolled farmers for losses.
- Private insurance providers can insure livestock, buildings and building contents (e.g. stored feed) against wildfire and other threats.

Production Insurance

- For producers with production insurance, coverage is available for plant and yield losses caused by fire and other naturally occurring risks.
- The following crops are insurable. Each crop has different coverage options.
 - **berries** - blueberries, blueberry plants, cranberries, raspberries, strawberries and strawberry plants
 - **flower bulbs** - daffodil bulbs, tulip bulbs
 - **forage** - grass, legumes, greenfeed and silage corn
 - **grain** - canola, wheat, barley, oats, field peas, rye, forage seed (spot loss only)
 - **grapes** - wine grapes, table grapes
 - **tree fruits** - apples, apricots, peaches, pears, plums, cherries
 - **vegetables** - beans, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, fresh market corn, lettuce, onions, parsnips, peas, potatoes, rutabaga
- Production insurance does not provide coverage for livestock.

AgriStability

- Farmers may also be eligible for AgriStability, which will cover a portion of income decline when a wildfire increases expenses, such as feed costs or decreased revenue from commodity sales.
- AgriStability protects agricultural producers against declines in their net farming income due to market conditions, production loss or increased costs of production.
- Payments are made if a producer's current year margin is 30% or more below their reference margin.

AgrilInvest

- AgrilInvest helps farmers manage small income declines and provides support for investments to mitigate risks or improve market income.
- AgrilInvest accounts build up as farmers make annual deposits, based on a percentage of their allowable net sales. They receive matching contributions from federal, provincial and territorial governments.
- Producers with AgrilInvest accounts can withdraw the available funds at their discretion.

LOSS OF SEASONAL FIREFIGHTING STAFF

(e.g. university students)

- A large segment of the BC Wildfire Service's workforce is comprised of post-secondary students who are employed on a seasonal basis. As such, 30-35% of them would normally be expected to return to school in the fall.
- To offset this anticipated decrease in crew numbers every fall, the BC Wildfire Service continues to receive assistance from the forest industry, other provinces and other countries if necessary, to ensure that it has the capacity to manage the wildfire situation in B.C.
- The BC Wildfire Service will also redeploy personnel and resources as needed to ensure that it maintains an adequate response capacity.

STRUCTURE PROTECTION UNITS (SPUs)

- The BC Wildfire Service is mandated to fight wildfires, so its crews are not trained or equipped to fight structural fires (i.e. where a building is on fire).
- In cases where a wildfire impacts structures, the municipal fire service in the affected jurisdiction would conduct fire suppression operations on the burning structures — in many cases with mutual aid assistance.
- When a wildfire threatens structures, the BC Wildfire Service can (in some cases) access specialized resources to help protect those structures through a request to the Office of the Fire Commissioner. These additional resources from local fire departments may include structure protection units (SPUs), engines, tenders, structure suppression crews or other resources.
- Structure protection units can be effective in reducing wildfire threats to some types of buildings, such as houses, cabins, barns or other outbuildings.

What is a structure protection unit?

- A structure protection unit (SPU) is a cache of equipment stored in a trailer that is used by trained crews to set up sprinklers on and around a structure.
- These crews will also employ FireSmart principles that can be very useful in helping to protect homes and buildings in a wildfire's path.



How does an SPU help reduce threats to a structure? How does it work and what effect does it have?

- Crews working with an SPU set up sprinklers on structures and use portable pumps, hoses and various water sources to create a “humidity bubble” (streams of water) around the structure.
- The water streams moisten roofs and other surfaces on and around a structure. This application of water is also effective in extinguishing airborne sparks and embers from a wildfire.
- A single Type 1 SPU contains 390 sprinkler heads and can help protect 70-80 structures.
- A Type 2 SPU unit carries 130 sprinkler heads and (depending on a number of factors) could protect 30-40 structures.
- In addition to setting up a humidity bubble around the structure, crews can use the hoses and sprinklers to set up a “wet line” to slow or stop an advancing ground fire.



What water sources can be used to operate an SPU? Does an SPU also have its own water tanks?

- An SPU does not have its own water supply, but crews will seek out lakes, ponds, creeks, swimming pools, etc. to provide the water necessary to operate the sprinklers.

How much water can “Type 1” and “Type 2” SPUs distribute?

- The BC Wildfire Service doesn’t rate SPUs this way, since the amount of water that can be put through the system depends on the type of water source being used.

How many SPUs are typically available to the BC Wildfire Service during the fire season? Does the BC Wildfire Service own all of them?

- The BC Wildfire Service owns and operates six Type 1 structure protection units.
- The BC Wildfire Service owns and operates one Type 2 SPU. (In addition to wildfire response, this unit is used to train firefighters and contractors throughout the province in the off season.)
- The BC Wildfire Service owns and operates one Urban Structure Protection Unit.

- Complementing the SPUs owned by the BC Wildfire Service, an estimated 43 additional SPUs are available during the wildfire season in B.C. These units are operated by contractors or local fire departments under standing agreements with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRO).

What is an urban structure protection unit (USPU)?

- An Urban Structure Protection Unit is a 20-foot enclosed cargo trailer that contains 1,250 sprinkler heads, which are quickly and easily installed on the eavestroughs of a home or structure.
- This unit also carries 1,250 50-foot lengths of 3/4" hose that carry water to the sprinklers mounted on the eavestroughs. The water needed for this type of equipment would most likely be supplied by the domestic water system.
- An urban structure protection unit can be used in a wildland-urban interface (WUI) area where a line of homes may border on a forested area where a wildfire is expected to pose a threat.

Generally speaking, where are SPUs based at the start of the fire season? Are they subsequently moved around the province, depending on fire conditions and anticipated demands for this equipment?

- All of the Type 1 SPUs are initially located and stocked out of the Provincial Equipment Depot in Chilliwack.
- When the wildfire season starts, the BC Wildfire Service strategically positions these units throughout the province in areas most threatened by wildfires.

How are SPUs transported to where they're needed?

- Type 1 structure protection units are deployed to wildfire incidents using tractor units, with the assistance of contracted trucking companies.
- The smaller Type 2 SPUs are owned by fire departments and contractors located throughout the province and can be moved using a 3/4-ton pickup truck.

How many people does it take to set up and operate an SPU?

- Typically, a Type 1 SPU would have two or three five-person crews working with it.
- A Type 2 SPU would usually be operated by one five-person crew.

How does the BC Wildfire Service decide when and where to deploy SPUs?

- A key responsibility of the BC Wildfire Service's Wildland Structure Protection Program (WSPP) is to coordinate the protection of structures during a wildland fire incident. Values are assessed and sprinklers are set up under the direction of BCWS structure protection specialists.
- The availability of SPUs is coordinated by the BC Wildfire Service and its structure protection coordination officer (SPCO).

- Defending structures from a wildland fire will not be possible in every situation. An assessment of several factors (including risks to firefighters, fire behaviour, and the availability of resources) will dictate the strategies that will be used.
- When the BC Wildfire Service determines that there's a need to defend structures from wildfire threats, firefighters will take appropriate, safe and reasonable tactical actions for which they are properly trained and equipped.
- Structure protection specialists at the BC Wildfire Service plan and oversee structure protection strategies and tactics when there's a possibility that a wildfire could encroach into an urban environment. Structure protection units are generally used in high-risk areas.
- Crew members may place standalone sprinklers (fed by one or more portable water pumps) near or on top of buildings if there's a possibility that it could become unsafe for firefighters to remain in the area. If the advancing wildfire hits a pre-determined "trigger point", crew members will start up the pumps and relocate to a safer area.
- Structure protection specialists prioritize the deployment of structure protection units based on:
 - assessing how "defensible" a property is (i.e. whether the SPU would be effective if it's deployed there)
 - determining where the need for SPUs is greatest (based on anticipated fire growth and activity)
 - confirming whether SPU resources are available to be deployed in the area
- The safety of first responders and firefighters is a primary focus of the BC Wildfire Service. Other factors that are considered to determine whether a structure will be assessed for a possible SPU deployment include: the wildfire's rate of spread; the property's location; how easily firefighters can access the property; and the property's proximity to the wildfire.

Why might a structure protection unit be removed from a property after it was deployed there?

- A structure protection unit may be moved from one property and repositioned to another property that is considered to be at a higher risk of ignition.
- If an SPU is relocated, this can be a good sign since it may indicate that the wildfire no longer poses an immediate risk to that particular property.

Are there any plans in the works for the BC Wildfire Service to purchase or gain access to additional SPUs?

- The BC Wildfire Service is constantly assessing its equipment requirements to help protect communities, infrastructure and resources from the effects of wildfires.

INSURANCE BROKERS

Q: Why is the BC Wildfire Service's online fire information affecting whether I can get fire insurance?

A: The map on the B.C. Wildfire Dashboard was designed to keep people in B.C. informed about the current wildfire situation. It is **not** intended to be used as a risk assessment tool for insurance purposes.

Q: How can I get this issue addressed?

A: The Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) is the governing body that represents all of Canada's home, auto and business insurance companies. If insurance brokers are using the B.C. Wildfire Dashboard map to make decisions about providing insurance coverage, affected people should raise the matter with the bureau. The IBC's website is <http://www.ibc.ca/bc/>

Q: Can the BC Wildfire Service provide written confirmation of a wildfire's status?

A: Information about wildfire status, stages of control and wildfire response types are available on the BC Wildfire Service's website. (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/wildfire-response/response-terminology>). If you do an Internet search for "BC Wildfire Service Response Types", you should be able to find the page.

Q: If a wildfire appears to be extinguished, why does it still show up on the B.C. Wildfire Dashboard map?

A: If you can no longer see smoke and flames, that doesn't necessarily mean that a wildfire is completely extinguished. A fire can continue to burn underground or can still be considered active even when flames and smoke are not highly visible. There are a number of steps the BC Wildfire Service needs to take to ensure that a fire is completely extinguished. Depending on the fire's size, location and intensity, this assessment can take anywhere from a few days to a few months to complete. Firefighting crews will continue to patrol a fire to ensure that all hot spots are extinguished before it is called "out".

Q: I can't sell my home because this fire still shows up on the map. When will that symbol be removed?

A: The BC Wildfire Service understands that such situations can be frustrating for property owners. However, there is a process in place to ensure that a fire is completely extinguished. The BC Wildfire Service can not call a fire "out" before these steps are completed to satisfy the wishes of an insurance provider. The Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) is the governing body that represents all of Canada's home, auto and business insurance companies. Affected people should raise the matter with the bureau. The IBC's website is <http://www.ibc.ca/bc/>

Q: If new information about a wildfire hasn't been added to the map for a while, what is likely happening?

A: Our BC Wildfire Dashboard updates automatically every two hours. If there is no change to a fire's data (e.g. it is the same size, the state of control is unchanged), no changes will be reflected on the map.

The stages of control (and the terminology associated with them) adhere to a Canada-wide standard. More information about these stages and wildfire response types are available at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/wildfire-response/response-terminology>

Q: How many firefighting resources have been assigned to the fire?

[If BCWS is sharing information about firefighting resources with the general public, it must do the same for insurance brokers. Note: Although BCWS usually prefers to respond to insurance brokers over the phone, if this information is being shared with the general public by email, BCWS is also obligated to share it with insurance brokers by email.]

Q: When will the BC Wildfire Service call this fire "out"?

A: Many factors must be considered and thresholds must be met before calling a fire out, such as current and future weather forecasts (and how they may impact fire behaviour). There is no standard timeframe for when this might occur, since every wildfire is different. Therefore, unfortunately, the BC Wildfire Service cannot determine in advance when the fire will be called out. The Incident Commander assigned to the fire will call it "out" once patrols of the fire determine that no hot spots remain within its perimeter. This is standard procedure.

Q: In the past, BC Wildfire Service staff have told me when a fire will be called out. Why has that changed?

A: The BC Wildfire Service often receives phone calls related to insurance coverage in areas where there's an active wildfire. The BC Wildfire Service has created a new provincial policy to respond to these types of requests, which includes not estimating when a fire will be called out before it actually has been.

Q: There is a document explaining the stages of control for wildfires?

A: A document explaining the stages of control for wildfires was distributed in late April 2021 to the BC Wildfire Service's contacts in the insurance and real estate industries. I would be happy to share a copy with you.

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre SITUATION REPORT

SITUATION REPORT # 101
PECC ACTIVATION DAY NO. 478
JULY 01, 2021

Hazard(s): Wildfire, Floods

Operational Period: June 30, 2021 to July 01, 2021

Next Sitrep will be issued: July 02, 2021

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***New information is noted in red font**

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PROVINCIAL SITUATION

The Provincial Health Officer (PHO) announced a Public Health Emergency for the Province of British Columbia on March 17, 2020. A Provincial State of Emergency was declared on March 18, 2020. The Provincial State of Emergency expired at 23:59 on June 30, 2021 and COVID 19 reporting will no longer be included in PECC Situation Reports. For up to date statistics refer to the [BCCDC COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) remains activated and has transitioned to response to wildfires and floods throughout the province.

With the expiry of the State of Emergency, all Orders under the Emergency Program Act exercising extraordinary powers enabled by that state of emergency ceased to have any effect. The *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* enshrined elements of certain orders into legislation and remain in effect. The legislation can be found [here](#).

Due to the dispersed evacuation of several communities due to rapidly-spreading wildfire, EMBC has coordinated two call lines to be activated to assist displaced persons and family reunification:

- EMBC Emergency Support Services Information Line 1-800-585-9559
- Red Cross Family Reunification Line 1-800-863-6582

INFORMATION

The following information releases are related to the 2021 wildfire and flood season impacting British Columbia:

- June 24 - Funding supports community safety, wildfire research
- June 24 - Be careful with fires on the Canada Day holiday

NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW

- On June 21, 2021, the Federal Government announced that the border closure will continue until July 21, 2021.

HAZARD: ENVIRONMENTAL

WEATHER UPDATE

For the south coast and southern interior, above-average temperatures continued throughout Thursday. The temperatures climbed to high 30's over southeastern BC while south coastal regions saw much milder daytime highs in the mid 20's.

With an unstable air mass over the region, the risk of thunderstorms exists over much of the interior BC. There is also a risk of seeing more intense thunderstorms capable of producing severe weather conditions such as strong winds, hail and heavy downpour over near the Cariboo Fire Centre regions.

Showers will continue over northern BC Thursday evening. Rainfall amounts of up to 15 to 25 mm can be expected over regions north of and including Fort Nelson and Dease Lake. The isolated thunderstorms over central and southern interior regions will diminish later this evening leaving only scattered clouds with a chance of showers over the area by Friday morning.

Risk of thunderstorms from southeastern to northwestern BC are a high to moderate threat for areas south of Fort Nelson through the central interior of BC down to 100 Mile House.

Weather changes constantly and readers are encouraged to get updates from the Environment and Climate Change Canada link found at the end of this SitRep.

HAZARD: FRESHET

RIVER FORECAST CENTRE UPDATE

Flood Warnings are in effect for: Upper Fraser River and Chilcotin

Flood Watches are in effect for: Morice River, Kliniklini River, and Lillooet River

High Streamflow Advisories are in effect for: Liard, Nass River, Quesnel, North Thompson, Skeena and Bulkley Rivers, Stikine River, and Iskut River.

HAZARD: WILDFIRE

OVERVIEW

The BC Wildfire dashboard reports 87 active wildfires in the province as of July 1, with 53 new starts in the last 2 days.

Most active wildfires in British Columbia remain confined to the southern half of the province. Resourcing remains adequate for anticipated needs in B.C. Fuels continue to dry and will be very receptive to ignition.

On June 30, 2021, a fire began in the town of Lytton. At this time, the cause of the fire remains unconfirmed. The fire spread through the town causing significant damage. The entire population evacuated as did Lytton First Nation and the surrounding environs. The fire spread from the town into the interface and multiple forest fires, none of which have yet been rated as Fires of Note.

As of July 1, there are currently 6 Wildfires of Note in British Columbia.

Kamloops Fire Centre

The George Road (K70804) interface fire is estimated at 350 hectares and currently has 9 firefighters and 1 helicopter actioning it. There has been no new growth and crews continue to make good progress, despite the hot weather that the area has been experiencing.

The McKay Creek (K71030) interface fire is estimated at 15,000 hectares and currently crossed the Fraser River and is burning in isolated areas on the east side of the River. Crew's projects on fire has been limited due to aggressive fire behaviour and windy conditions. Evacuation Order is in effect.

The Sparks Lake (K21001) Interface fire is estimated at 20,000 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. Weather to date has been unprecedented with north winds that switched and drove fire eastward.

Prince George Fire Centre

The Beaton Fire (G81008) is estimated at 2,200 hectares and is currently classified as out of control.

The unnamed (G80997) interface fire is estimated at 4,800 hectares and is classified as out of control. There is an Evacuation Order (Order #1) for the Peace River Regional District as follows:

- 1.5km on either side of Highway 97N south of Mile 202 to Mile 190
- 5km west of Highway 97N and 25km east of Highway 97N from Mile 190 south to the Buckinghorse River Bridge either side of the Alaska Highway 97N

There is also an Evacuation Alert (Alert #2) for the Peace River Regional District as follows:

- South of the Buckinghorse River including 11km on the eastern side and 5km on the western side of Highway 97N

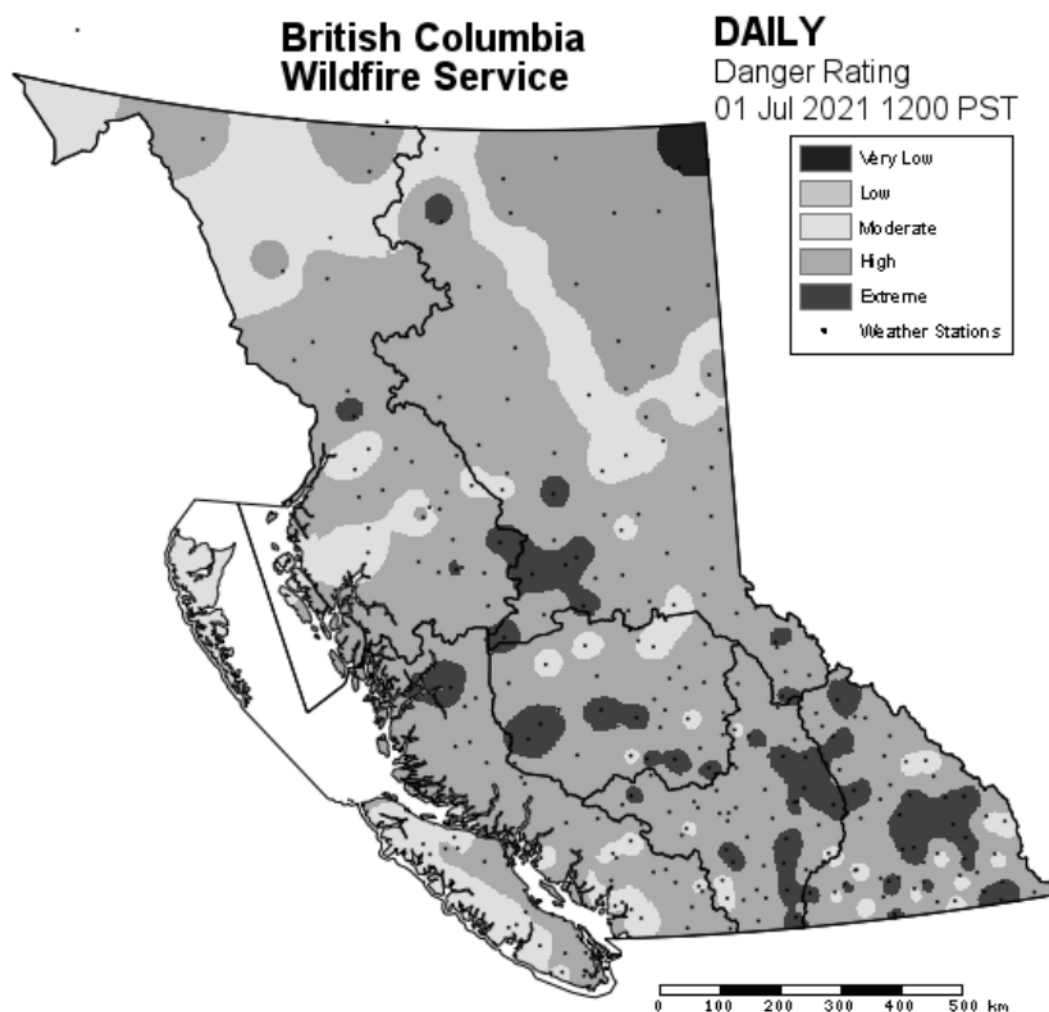
- North of the Sikanni Chief River including 11km on the eastern side and 5km on the western side of Highway 97N
- Including Sikanni Chief Road and PDR 156 Road

G91020 (G91020) fire is estimated at 2,856 hectares and is classified as out of control.

Cariboo Fire Centre

The Deka Lake Fire (C41102) is estimated at 70 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. An Evacuation Order has been issued by Cariboo Regional District for Deka Lake.

FIRE DANGER RATING



Note that the wildfires are very dynamic and readers are encouraged to get updates from the BC Wildfire Services link found at the end of this Sit Rep.

ALL HAZARDS

There are now 656 (+557) properties under Evacuation Order and 1593 (+1,309) properties on Evacuation Alert due to Wildfire, Freshet, flooding related events and landslide.

PECC Level 2	CTL	NWE	NEA	SEA	SWE	VIR	Total
PREOC Activations	Jul 1		Jul 1	Jul 1	Jul 1		All at Level 2
States of Local Emergency (SOLE)	5 (+4)	0	6 (+2)	4 (+1)	4 (+3)	0	19
Band Council Resolutions (BCR)	14 (+2)	15	15	0	10	9	63
Evacuation Orders	5 (+4)	0	7 (+2)	2 (+1)	3 (+2)	0	17
Evacuation Alerts	8 (+7)	0	6 (+1)	4	2 (+2)	0	20
Reception Centers	2	0		1	1		3

Declarations of State of Local Emergency (SOLE) for municipalities and Regional Districts under the *Emergency Program Act* related to COVID-19 remain suspended by the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Band Council Resolutions (BCR) declaring a SOLE are not affected by this Order.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER (OFC)

As of July 1, 2021, 1700hours in response to the Lytton Fire. Two OFC Representatives are at the Lytton fire incident (one OFC staff member and Burnaby FD). Fire Services Branch is activated in the PECC, and in Central and Northeast PREOCs (3 OFC staff members). One OFC HQ support staff member is assisting BCWS' Structural Protection Coordination Officer.

SUMMARY of DEPLOYED RESOURCES		
Structure Protection Specialists		8
Structure Protection Units	Type 1	2
Structure Protection Units	Type 2	5
Structure Protection Units	Type 3	
SPU Crew (SPC)		6
Engine		8
Tenders		6
Wildland Trucks		2

ORIGIN OF DEPLOYED RESOURCES		
SPS	1	Windsor SPS 126
Division Supervisor		
Task Force Leaders	2	Watson/Hurst
Structure Branch Director	1	Gord Parker SPS 108
Tenders Type 1 and 2	6	Falkland/Delta/Hope/Ranchero/ Kelowna/Armstrong-Spall
Engines Type 1	8	Agassiz/Mission/Burnaby/Merritt/ Lake Country/Richmond/ Chilliwack River Valley/ Ashcroft
SPC		
SPU Type 2		
SPU Type 1	1	CSRD/Peachland
Wildland Engine	2	

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

CENTRAL REGION (CTL)

CTL PREOC remains activated to level 2 in support of regional EOC's response to wildfire and freshet

Freshet

- No new or significant incidents to report.

Wildfire:

- George Road Fire (K70804), within the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and approximately seven kilometres south of Lytton, is adjacent to Highway 1 and was first reported on July 16, 2021. This Fire of Note is currently out of control and estimated at 850 hectares.
- Lytton Fire (K71086) discovered in Village of Lytton on June 30, 2021. Significant structure loss has been reported in the Village of Lytton, details yet to be confirmed. Fire is classified as out of control.
 - State of Local Emergency: 1 Electoral Area "I" Expires June 6, 2021
 - Orders: 2
 - TNRD has issued an Evacuation Order on June 30, 2021 for electoral Area 'I' in the Lytton and Botanie Creek area
 - Village of Lytton has completely evacuated
 - Alerts: 1
 - TNRD has issued an Evacuation Alert on June 30, 2021 for electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country) in the Spencer Rd area
- Cooks Ferry Indian Band (K71086)
 - Alerts: 1 – Skeetchestn Indian Band issued Evacuation Alert for on June 30, 2021 for IRs, 1, 3, 4b, 4c, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11a, 16, 17, 18, and 19
- Skeetchestn Indian Band
 - Sparks Lake Wildfire (K21001)
 - State of Local Emergency: 1 – a Band Council Resolution on June 30, 2021 to authorize a SOLE
 - Alerts: 1 – Skeetchestn Indian Band issued Evacuation Alert for on June 30, 2021 for IR#0 and IR#1
- McKay Creek Fire (K21030) located 3 km north of Lillooet, along West Pavillion Road, discovered June 29, 2021. Estimated at 15,000 hectares and classified as out of control

- Sparks Lake Fire (K21001) located 15 km north of Kamloops Lake, discovered June 28, 2021. Estimated at 20,000 hectares and classified as out of control with winds driving the fire eastward
- Long Loch Wildfire (K51040) and Drickson Lake Wildfire (K51041) located 18km north of Big White. Estimated to be 300 hectares combined, no structures or properties currently threatened.
- Lytton First Nation and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District issued Evacuation Alerts over the weekend due to the wildfire threat. These have since been lifted as the threat receded.

Transportation Impacted: MOTI reported that Highway 1 is closed at Old Boston Bar Rd and at Spences Bridge, and that Highway 12 is closed completely.

SOUTH EAST (SEA)

SEA PREOC remains activated to level 2 in support of the evacuation of the Town of Lytton due to the wildfire in support of the Central PREOC

Freshet:

- High temperatures have accelerated snowmelt rates from high elevation terrain in the Rocky and Columbia Mountains. Many gauged rivers in the region currently flowing between 2-year and 5-year return period levels.
- RDKB issued a state of local emergency (SOLE) for flooding, which has been extended and is set to expire on July 4, 2021 at 16.30 PDT. Fife road is now open to one lane traffic and the evacuation order was lifted. RDKB is procuring contractors to start remedial work to Fife Road and Baker Creek channel and continues to liaise with the effected property owners.
- RDEK issued a state of local emergency (SOLE) for flooding, which has been extended and is set to expire on July 5, 2021. 116 properties in the Fairmont creek area remain under Evacuation Alert. Debris removal is underway. Turbidity from debris removal has caused the temporary closure of pools at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort.
- Dutch Creek breached that bank on private property near Hoodoos Mountain Resort on June 4th. Sand and equipment were provided to patch and internal berm between properties to mitigate flooding. An Evacuation Alert issued for 148 people at Hoodoos Mountain Resort remains in place.
- In the early morning of 5 June, Spruce Grove RV Park flooded. A tactical evacuation of 133 people was carried out, followed by an Evacuation Order for Spruce Grove RCV Resort, which was eventually rescinded June 6 and replaced by an Evacuation Alert, which remains in effect as Dutch Creek flows have increased slightly.

NORTH WEST REGION (NWE)

NWE PREOC

- No new or significant incidents to report.

NORTH EAST REGION (NEA)

NEA PREOC remains activated in support of Wildfire and Freshet

Freshet:

- No new or significant incidents to report

Wildfire:

- Blueberry River First Nation activated EOC due to close proximity of Beaton River Fire G81007. A tornado touched down June 30, 2021 in the evening, impacted a power line. The downed power line still has live electricity and the community is concerned of potential fire risk, BC Hydro has been contacted with unknown ETA.
- West Moberly First Nations activated their EOC for power outage due to storm and to support the community with generators.
- 100 Mile House, Deka Lake Fire C41102. Reception Centre opened July 1 to support Deka Lake evacuees with a high volume of registration. The Reception Centre is located at 100 Mile House Curing Club
- Cariboo Regional District.
 - Deka Lake Fire C41102, area under evacuation order, which was expanded to include Judson Rd at 17:30 July 1, 2021
 - 3 Alerts remain due to landslides from earlier this spring.
- City of Fort St. John activated their ESS for wildfires in the Peace River RD. July 1, 2021, Fort St. John is setting up a Reception Centre at the Pomeroy Sports Centre; not open but ready to open as needed.
- City of Prince George activated ESS for wildfires in the Cariboo. Initial plan is to provide ESS for up to 100 people, if greater than 100 people register the reception centre will be relocated to CN Centre.
- Regional District of Fraser Fort George is providing ESS for one family of 5.
- Peace River Regional District cancelled their SOLE and rescinded related Evacuation Order and Alert July 1, 2021. Portions of Electoral Area B were placed under a new Evacuation Alert.

SOUTH WEST REGION (SWE)

SWE PREOC remains activated to level 2 in support of the evacuation of the Town of Lytton due to the wildfire in support of the Central PREOC.

Wildfire:

Critical Infrastructure:

- Monitoring wildfire events for potential critical infrastructure threats
- Liaising with telecommunications and other CI providers concerning wildfire impacts and restoration plans
- Supporting efforts to provide emergency communications in Lytton area
- Telus is deploying COW (Cell on Wheels) via Boston Bar as of 1 July, 2021, along with small satellite package

ESS and Supports

- Planning underway for Welcoming and Reception Centre with Squiala First Nation and Group Lodging with Seabird Nation to provide culturally safe space for First Nation evacuees
- Connected with STOLO Nation to enquire about accommodation capacity for Indigenous Community
- Have received expressions of support from First Nation communities and local governments
- Reception Centre established at Chilliwack Secondary School with First Nations Health Authority representatives on-site
- Accommodations available: 215 rooms spread between Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Squamish, Langley and Surrey
- PREOC is coordinating ESS support in the City of Chilliwack (Reception Centres and Group Lodging)

VANCOUVER ISLAND AND CENTRAL COAST REGION (VICCR)

- No new or significant incidents to report.



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Wildfire:

There continues to be significant wildfire activity in the province, as well as continued heat warnings and thunderstorm risk.

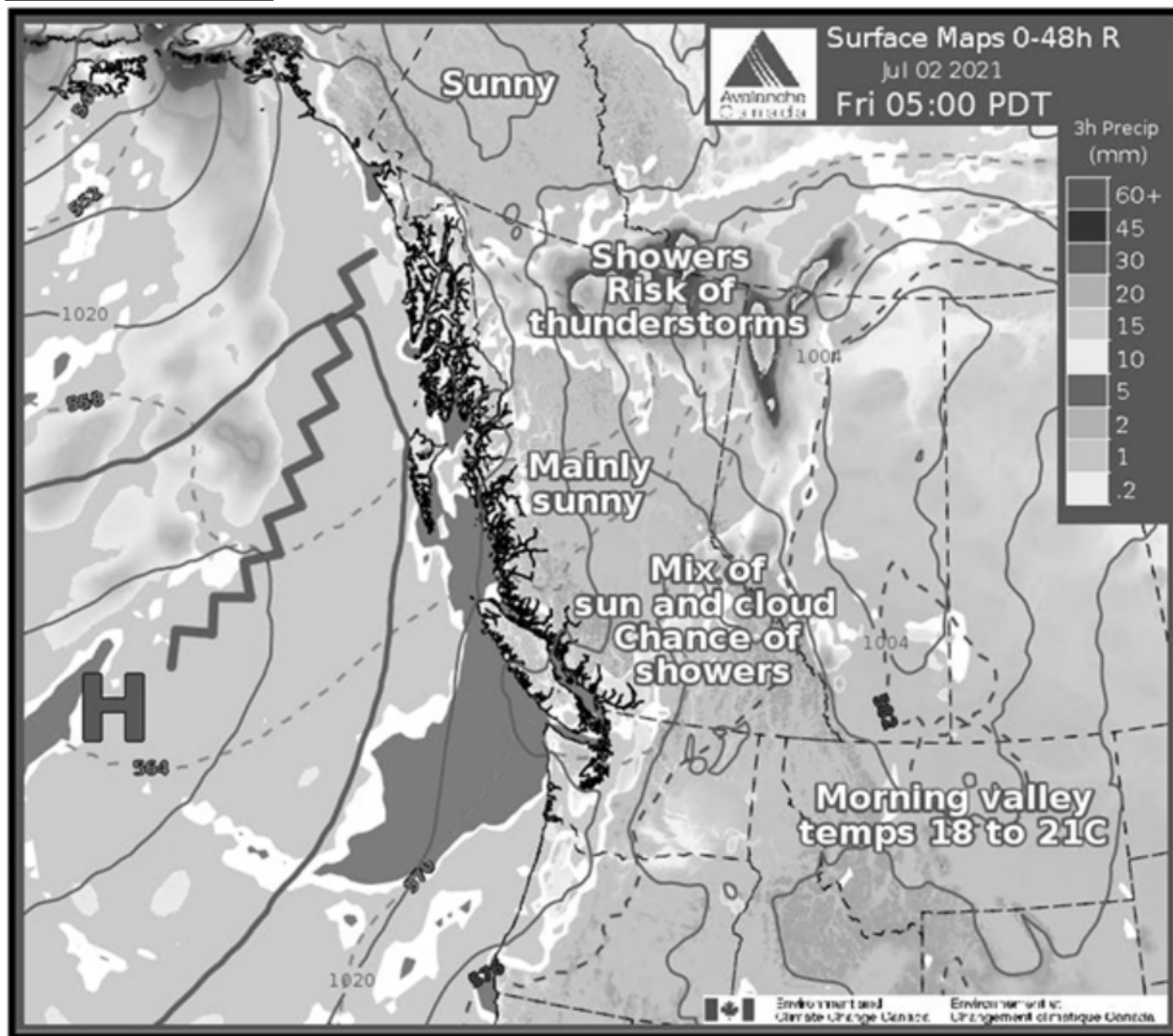
A tactical evacuation was issued for approximately 800 people in the City of Kamloops overnight, but was rescinded as fire crews got the fire under control. However, around 134 residences in the same area were later evacuated.

Other communities have seen an increase in wildfire activity as well, more information below in Regional Summaries.

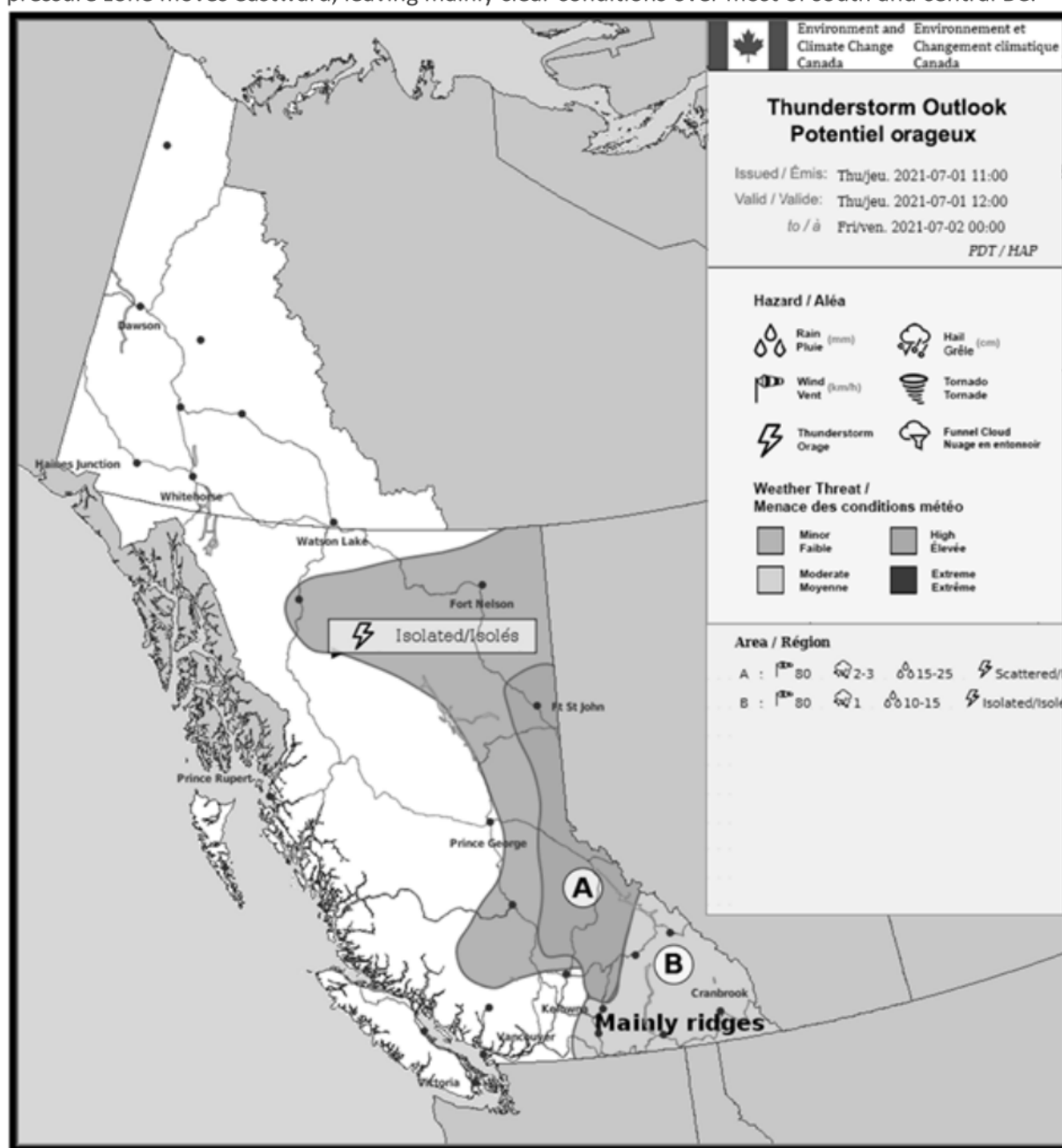
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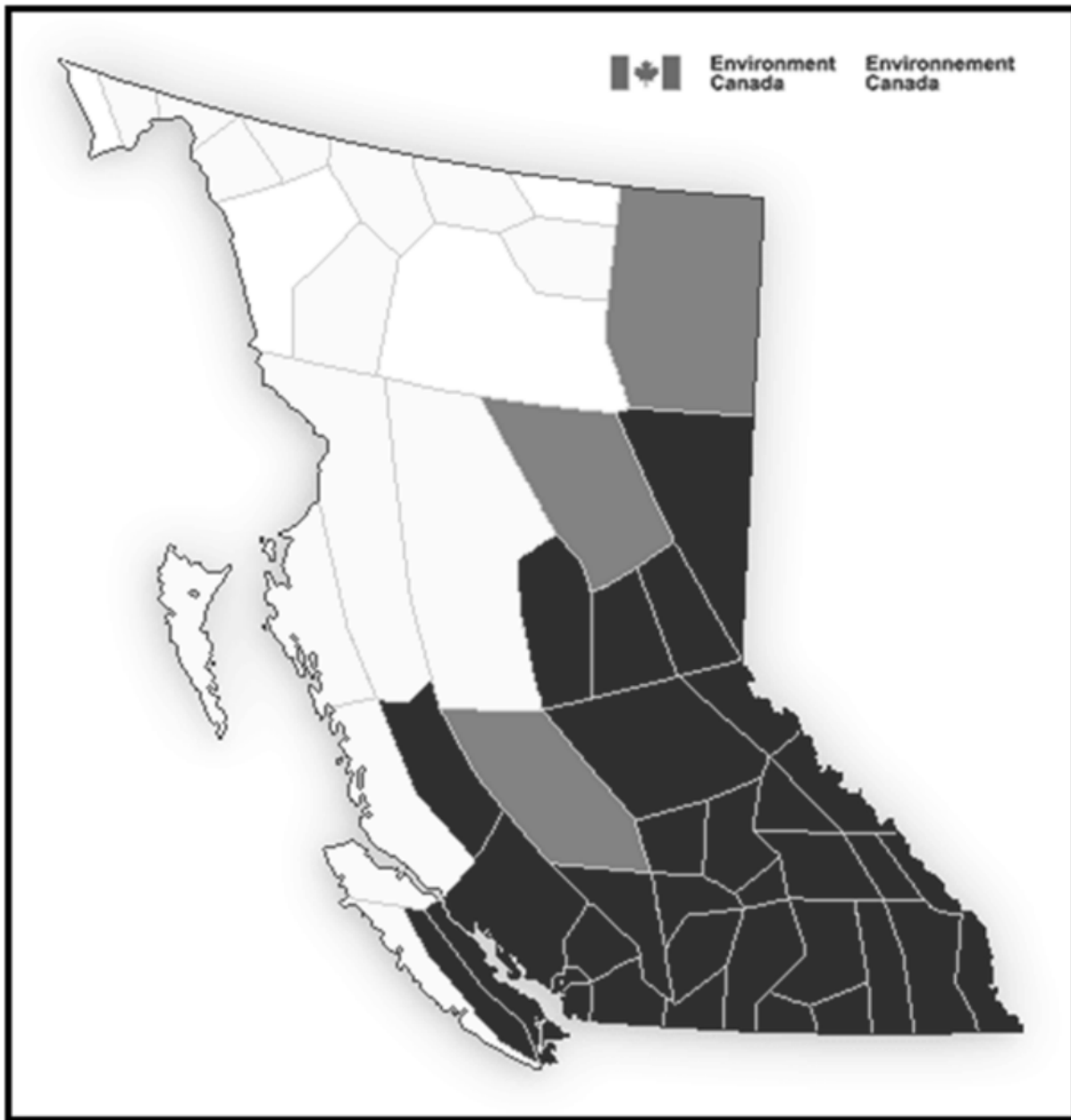
PROVINCIAL WEATHER



There will be a continued risk of thunderstorms over northern regions, including Dease Lake and Fort Nelson. Isolated thunderstorms are also expected near Kamloops and the southeast. Daytime temperatures in the southeast expected to reach the mid 30's. The showers and thunderstorms are expected to dissipate in the evening as the low-pressure zone moves eastward, leaving mainly clear conditions over most of south and central BC.



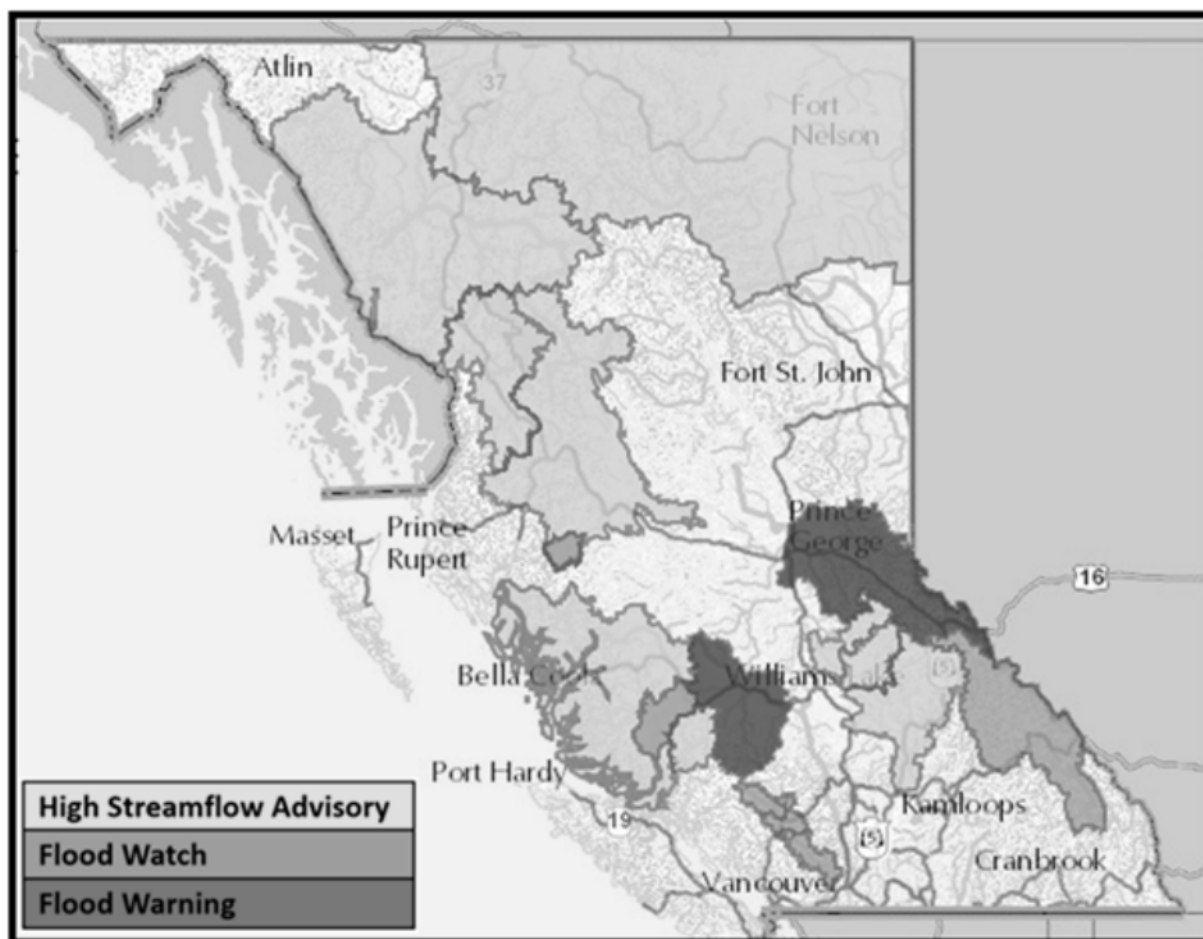
WEATHER ALERTS and ADVISORIES



Heat Warning in effect for: Most of southwest, southeast, east, and central BC.

Special Air Quality Statement in effect for: 100 Mile, B.C Peace River, Chilcotin, Fort Nelson, Fraser Canyon, Nicola, North Thompson, South Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, and Williston.

FLOOD WARNINGS and ADVISORIES



Flood Warning issued for:

Upper Fraser River including the Robson Valley and areas from Sinclair Mills upstream to Torpy, Dome Creek, McBride and surrounding tributaries. Chilcotin, including Taseko River, Chilko River, Chilcotin River, Big Creek, Homathko River and surrounding tributaries draining from the Chilcotin/South Coast Mountains.

Flood Watch issued for:

Morice River near Houston. Lillooet River including Pemberton, Lillooet Lake, Lillooet River and tributaries, and Harrison Lake. Upper Columbia River including the Columbia River mainstem and tributaries around Donald, Golden, Radium, Invermere and surrounding areas. Kliniklini River and tributaries.

High Streamflow Advisory issued for:

Skeena River and tributaries (including the Zymoetz and Kitsumkalum Rivers). Bulkley River and tributaries (including the Telkwa River). Stikine River and tributaries. Iskut River. Bella Coola River and tributaries. Homathko River and Tributaries. North Thompson River and higher elevation tributaries, including Clearwater River, Blue River, and others. Quesnel River and its tributaries. Nass River. Liard River and tributaries. Petitot River and tributaries. Toad River and tributaries. Smith River and tributaries.

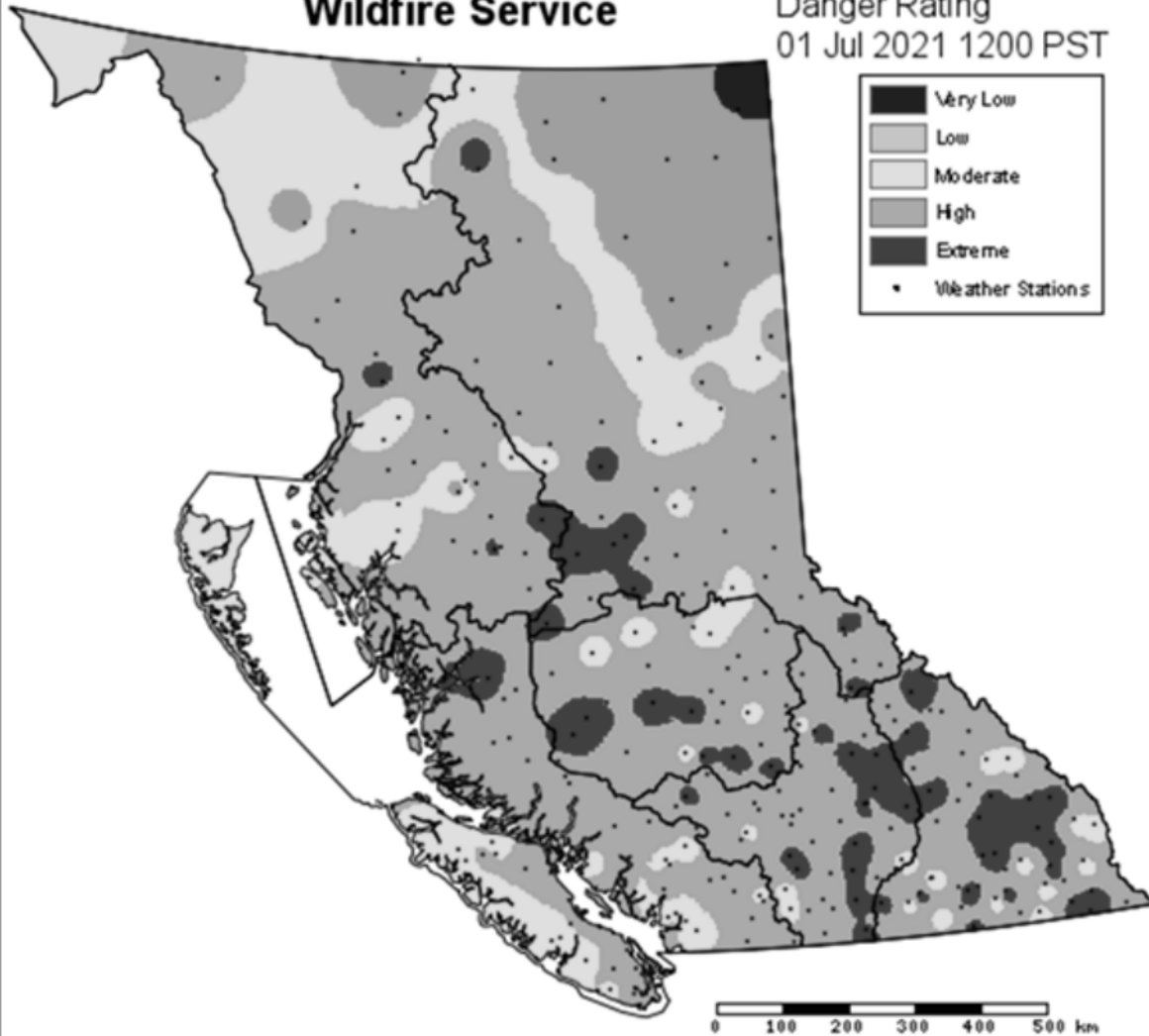
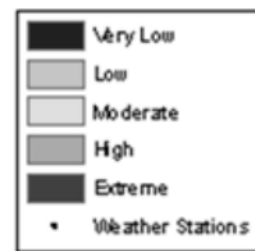
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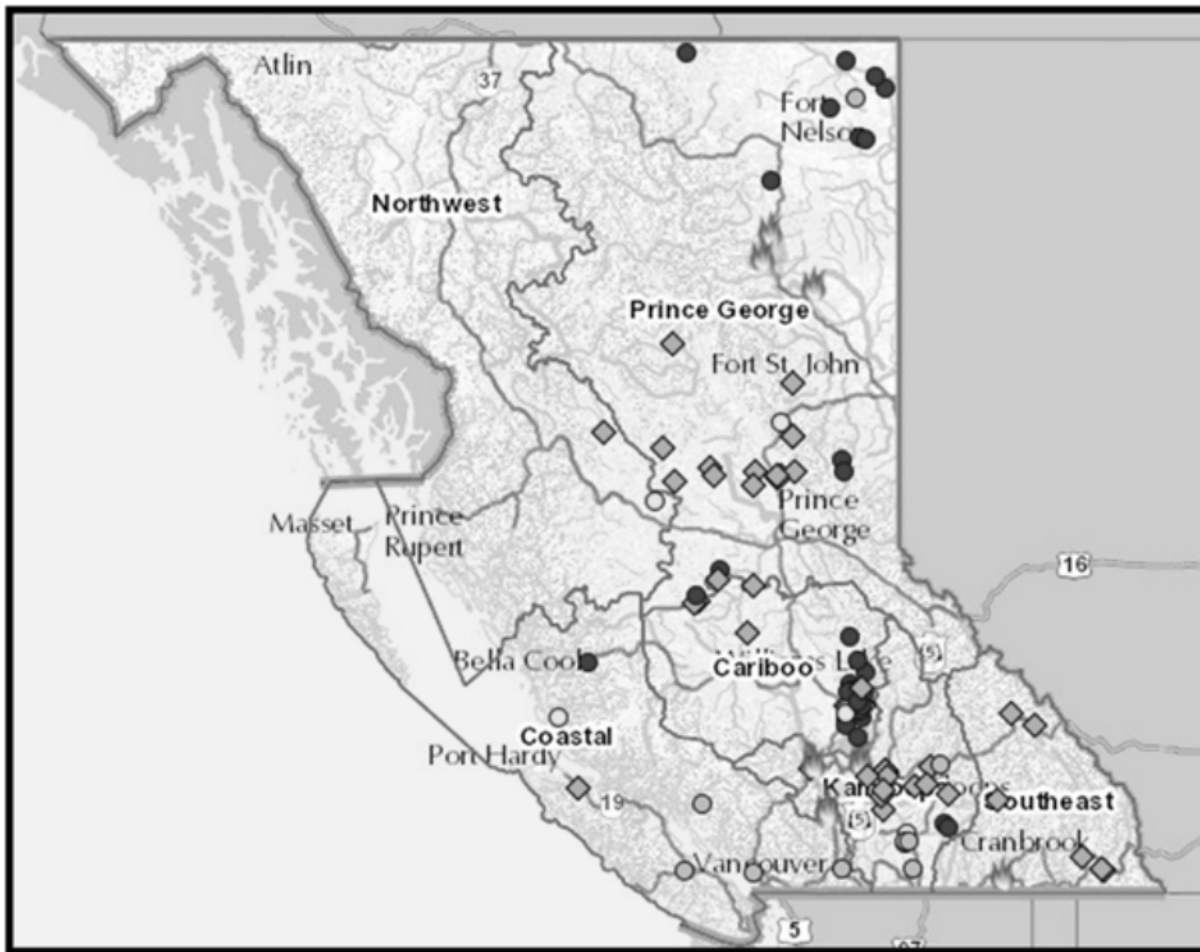
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McKay Creek Wildfire: This Wildfire of Note, burning 23 kilometres north of Lillooet, along West Pavilion Road, is estimated at 22,000 hectares and classified as “out of control”. The Squamish- Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) has issued an Evacuation Order for the West Pavilion road from 14 km mark to the 41 km mark in Electoral Area “B.” The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued an evacuation order for 5 properties in the Bonaparte Plateau area, in Electoral Area “E”.

Sparks Lake Interface Wildfire: This Wildfire of Note, burning 15 kilometers north of Kamloops Lake in the vicinity of Red Lake, is estimated at 20,000 hectares and classified as “out of control”. BC Wildfire Service is conducting 24-hour operations in response to this wildfire. Crews are working to establish control lines with assistance from heavy equipment. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has issued an Evacuation Order for 18 properties in Electoral Area “J” (Copper Desert Country), an Evacuation Alert for 150 properties in the Deadman, Red Lake, Tranquille Valley and Vidette Lake areas, as well as 298 addressed properties in the Loon Lake and Hihium Lake areas within Electoral Areas “E” and “J.”

George Road Interface Wildfire: This Wildfire of Note, continues to burn approximately 7 kilometers south of Lytton, adjacent to Highway 1. It is estimated to be around 350 hectares in size and is classified as “out of control”. Fire activity is expected to increase in the inoperable areas due to the current weather conditions. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has rescinded the Evacuation Alert for 10 residences in Electoral Area “I”. Please contact the Thompson-Nicola Regional District for more information regarding the Evacuation Alert rescind for the George Road wildfire. The Lytton First Nation has also rescinded the Evacuation Alert for IR 20, Kitzowit.

Lytton Creek Interface Wildfire: This Wildfire of note is burning at the Village of Lytton. It is estimated at 6,400 hectares and is classified as “out of control”. Fire activity is expected to increase due to the hot, dry, and windy weather conditions. Crews are working on the northwest flank to secure the community. Ground crews and air support continue to work on the incident. Evacuation orders have been issued for the Village of Lytton and surrounding area; the Village of Lytton has been significantly impacted by the fire.

Pink Mountain Wildfire: This wildfire of note is currently burning north of the Buckinghorse River, adjacent to Highway 97 N. Wildfires G80995 and G80996 merged into G80997, which is now estimated to be over 6,000 hectares. Peace River Regional District EA B has issued an Evacuation Alert for parts of Electoral Area “B”.

Deka Lake Wildfire: This wildfire of note is burning southwest of Deka Lake. It is estimated at 70 hectares. The Cariboo Regional District has issued an evacuation order for Deka Lake and the nearby Judson Road area.

Merry Creek Wildfire: This wildfire of note is burning 8km southwest of Castlegar. It is estimated at 15 hectares and is classified as “out of control”. Highway 3 westbound is closed between Crestview Crescent and Highway 3b. An evacuation order was issued by the Regional District of Central Kootenay for 31 properties in Electoral Area “J”.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY (All Hazard)

PECC Level 2	NEA	NWE	SEA	CTL	SWE	VICCR	Total
PREOC Activations	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
States of Local Emergency Band Council Resolutions	5		3	5	4(+1)		17(+1)
Evacuation Orders	7(+3)		1	7(+2)	2(-1)		17(+4)
Evacuation Alerts	7		2	5(-1)	2		16(-1)
Reception Centres				3	1		4

NORTHEAST REGION

The **Northeast PREOC** will be activated Monday through Friday.

Peace River Regional District - EA B: An Evacuation Alert to the Pink Mountain wildfire has been rescinded and replaced with an Evacuation Order. A SOLE and a second Evacuation Alert was issued.

Cariboo Regional District – Deka Lake: An Evacuation Alert to the Deka Lake area has been upgraded to an evacuation order and expanded to include the Judson Road area.

NORTHWEST REGION

The **Northwest PREOC** was stood down for the Canada Day long weekend, but regional managers will be monitoring events to maintain situational awareness.

SOUTHEAST REGION

The **Southeast PREOC** is open in support of wildfire.

Regional District of Central Kootenay – Issued an evacuation order in Electoral Area “J” in response to the Merry Creek Wildfire, 8km southwest of Castlegar. A total of 31 properties are in the order.

CENTRAL REGION

The **Central PREOC** will be activated Monday through Friday in support of heat and wildfire.

Thompson-Nicola Regional District – Village of Lytton: A SOLE and an Evacuation Order was issued for the entire Village of Lytton due to Wildfire K71086. In addition to the Reception Centre in Kamloops, two other Reception Centres have been activated in Cook’s Ferry and Chilliwack.

Thompson-Nicola Regional District – EA E: SOLE declared in response to wildfire. An Evacuation Order was issued for 136 properties and an extended Evacuation Alert for 298 properties Electoral Area E/J.

Thompson-Nicola Regional District – EA I: SOLE declared in response to wildfire. An Evacuation Alert for 24 properties and an Evacuation Order for 87 properties in EA I was issued. This order was later expanded to another 39 properties.

Skeetchestn Indian Band: BCR and Evacuation Alert declared in response to wildfire.

Thompson-Nicola Regional District – City of Kamloops: The City of Kamloops conducted a tactical evacuation of 134 properties in the Juniper Ridge area in response to an interface fire.

SOUTHWEST REGION

The **Southwest PREOC** is open in support of wildfire.

Lillooet EOC activated to level 2 status July 1 in support of local authority’s wildfire response.

Squamish-Lillooet District - Pavilion Area EA B: An Evacuation Alert in the Pavilion Lake area was upgraded to an order for 10 properties. An additional 44 properties remain on alert.

VANCOUVER ISLAND and CENTRAL COAST REGION

The **Vancouver Island – Central Coast PREOC** will not be activated today, but regional managers will be monitoring events to maintain situational awareness.

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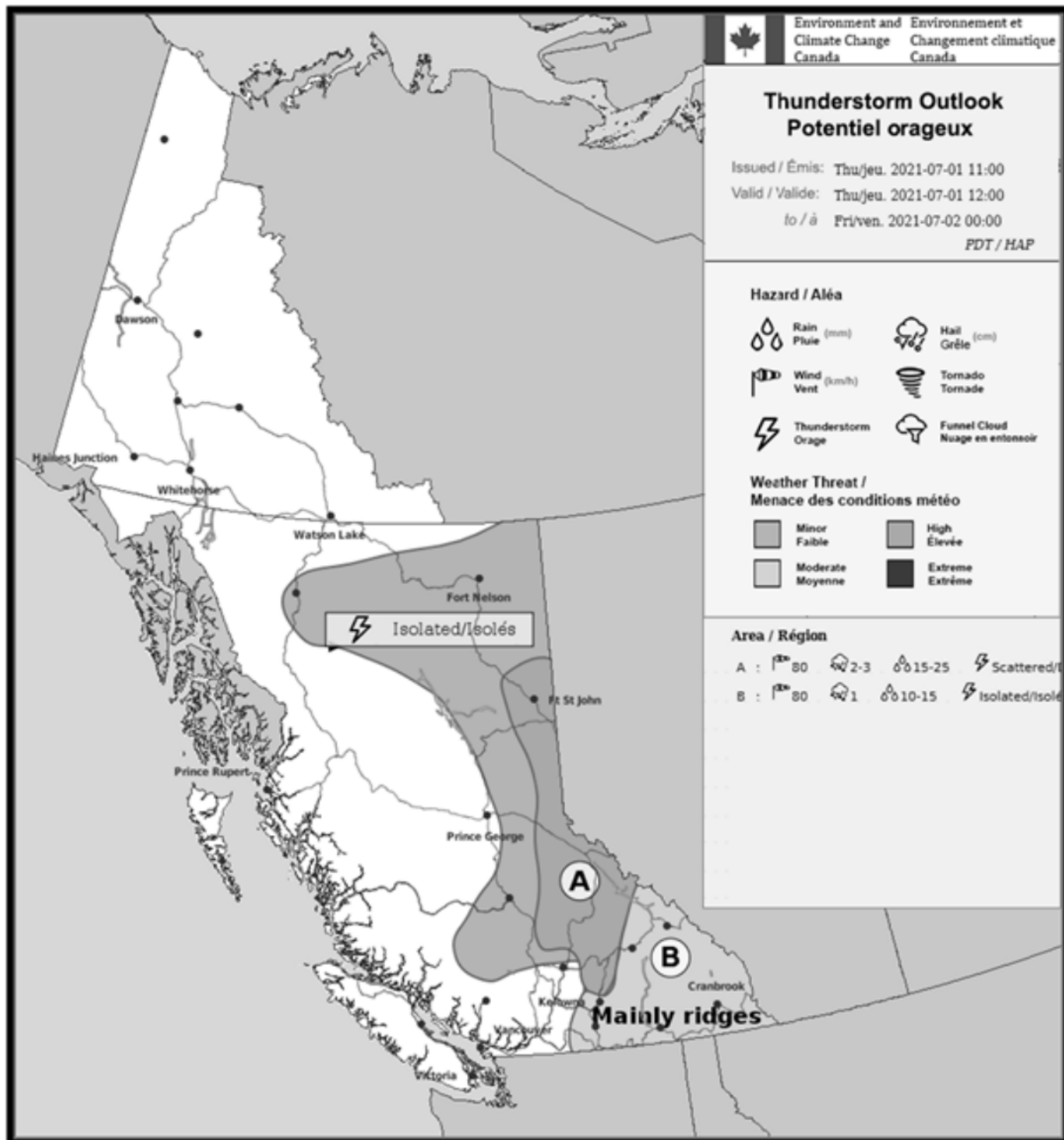
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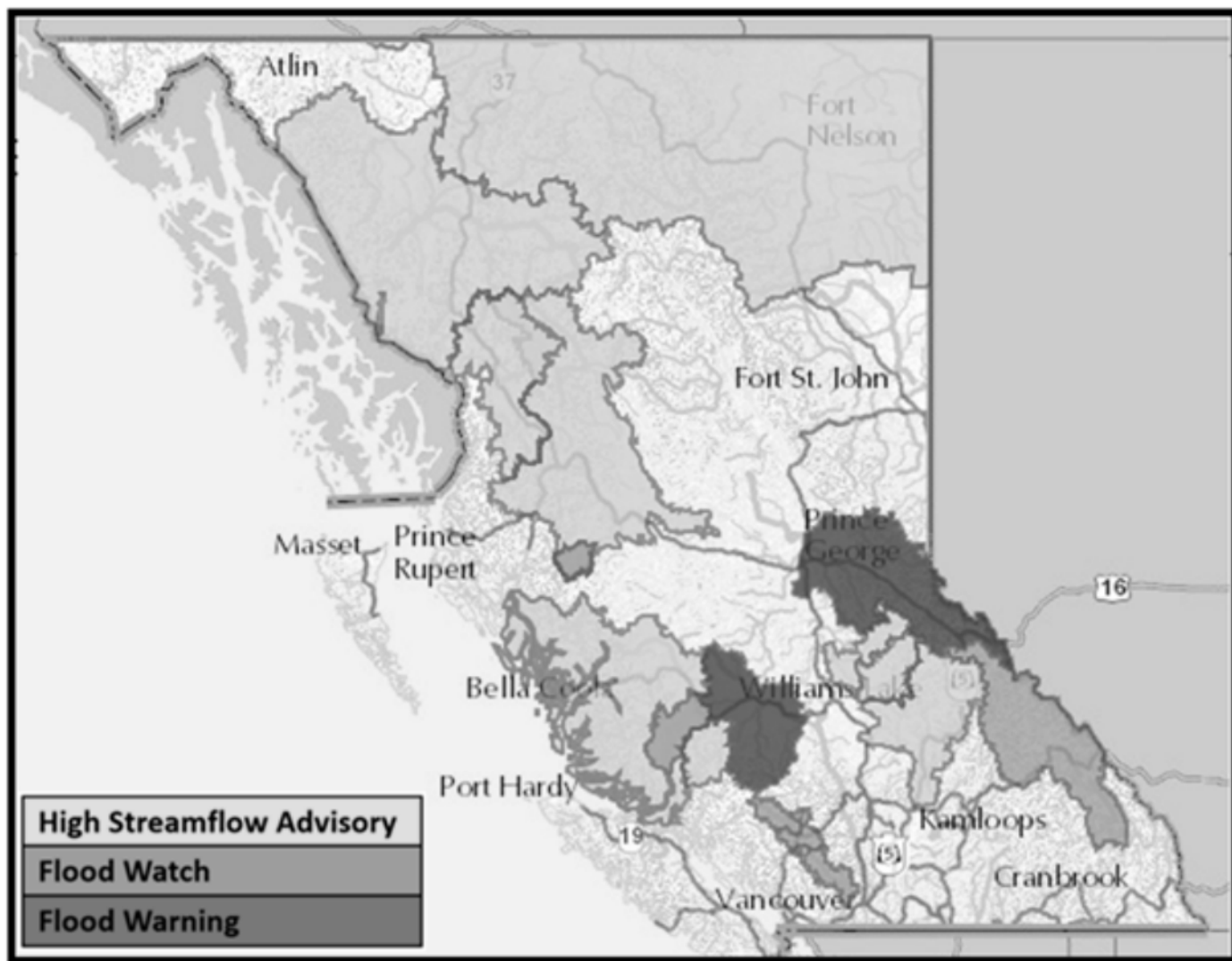


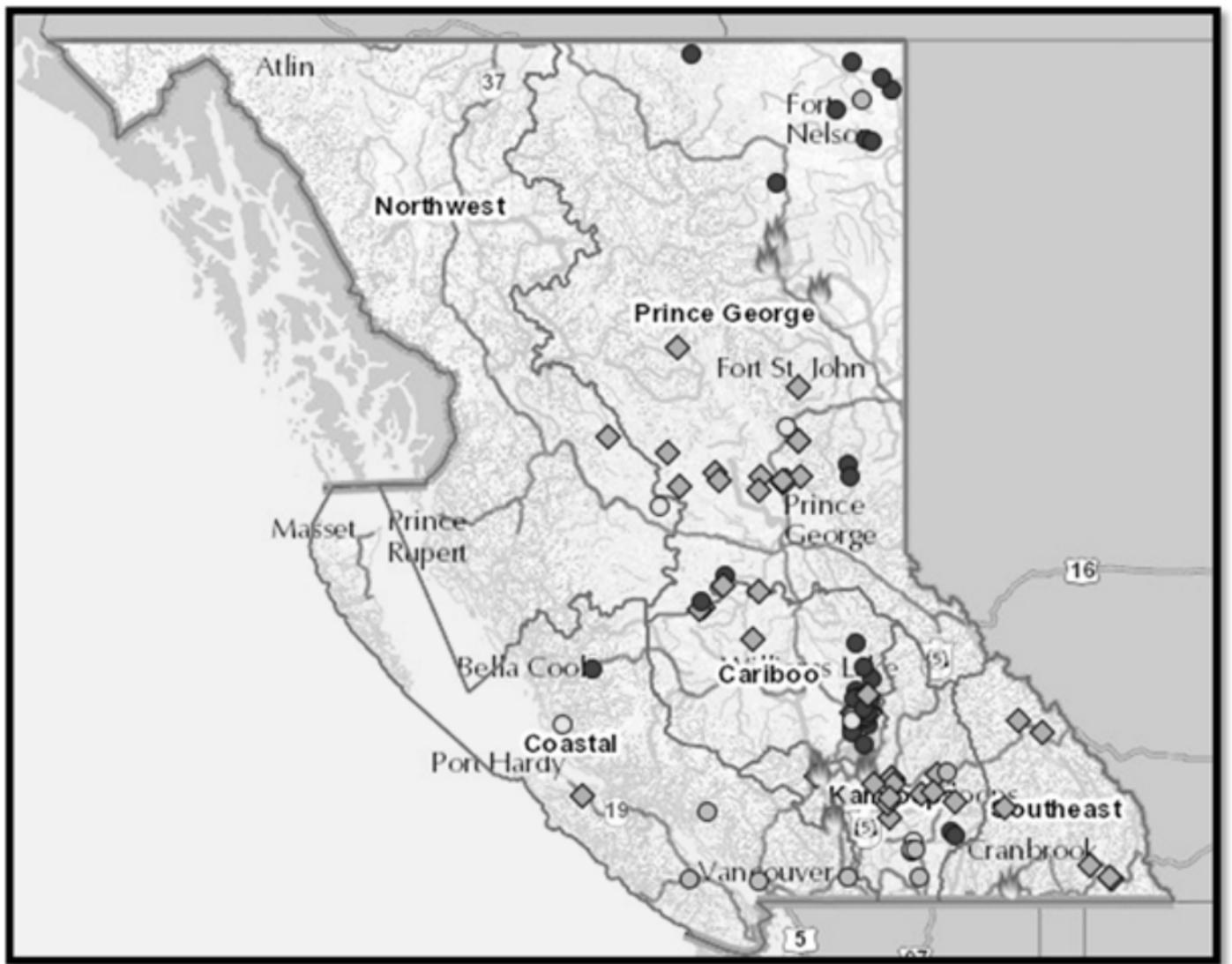
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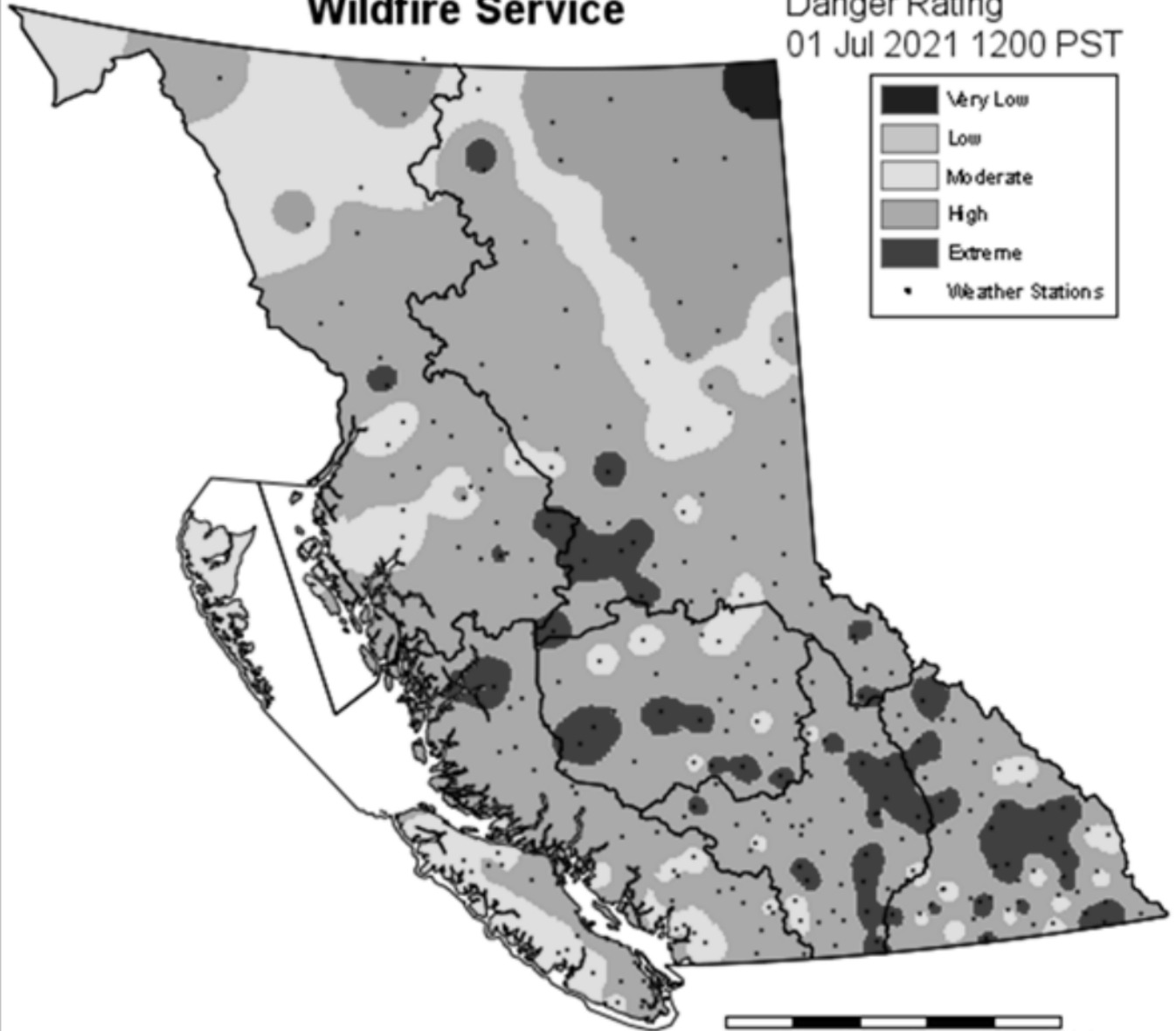
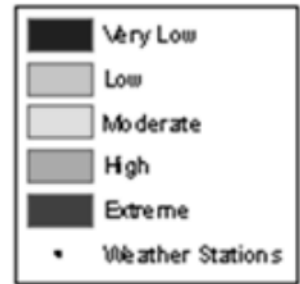


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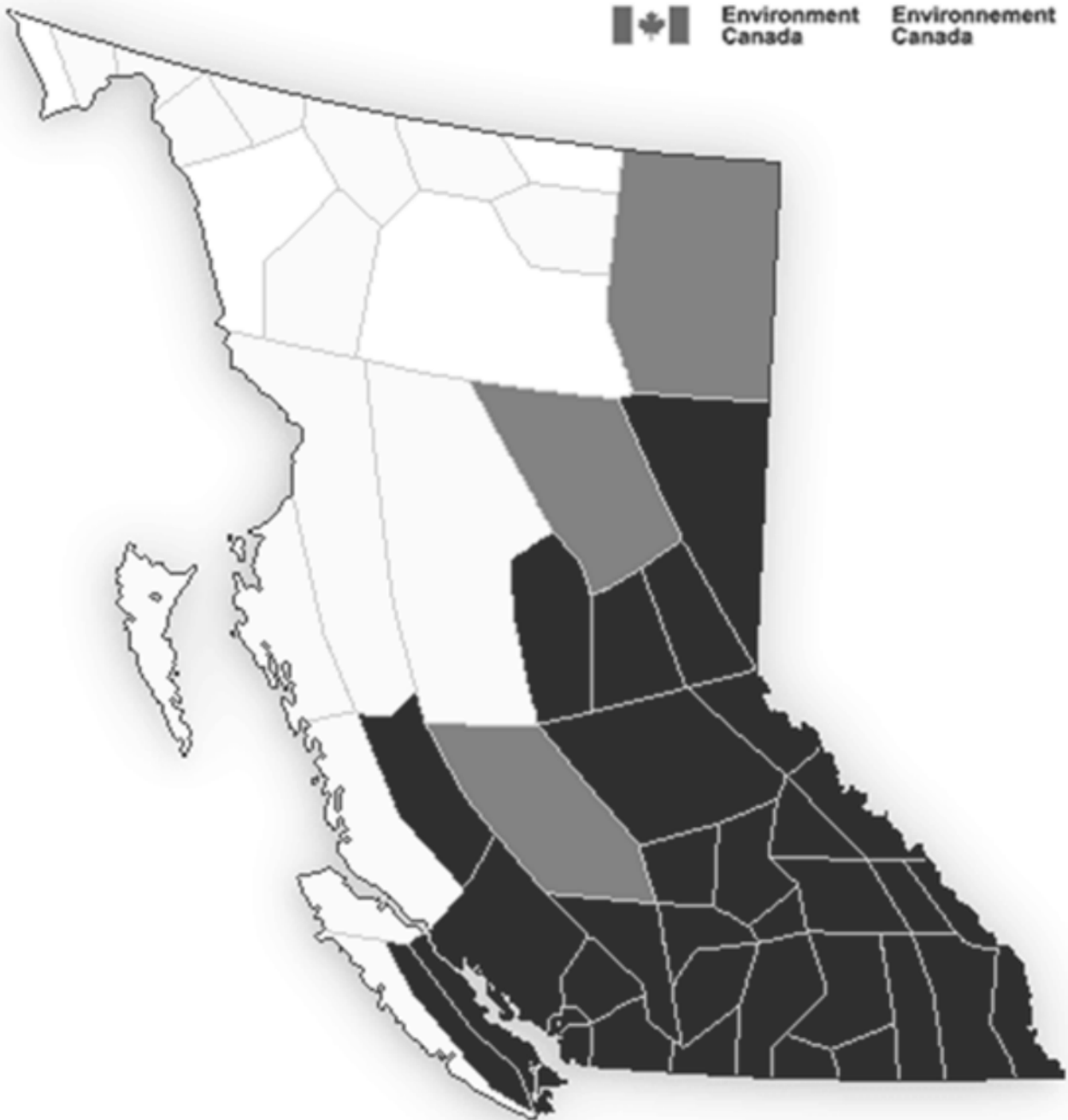
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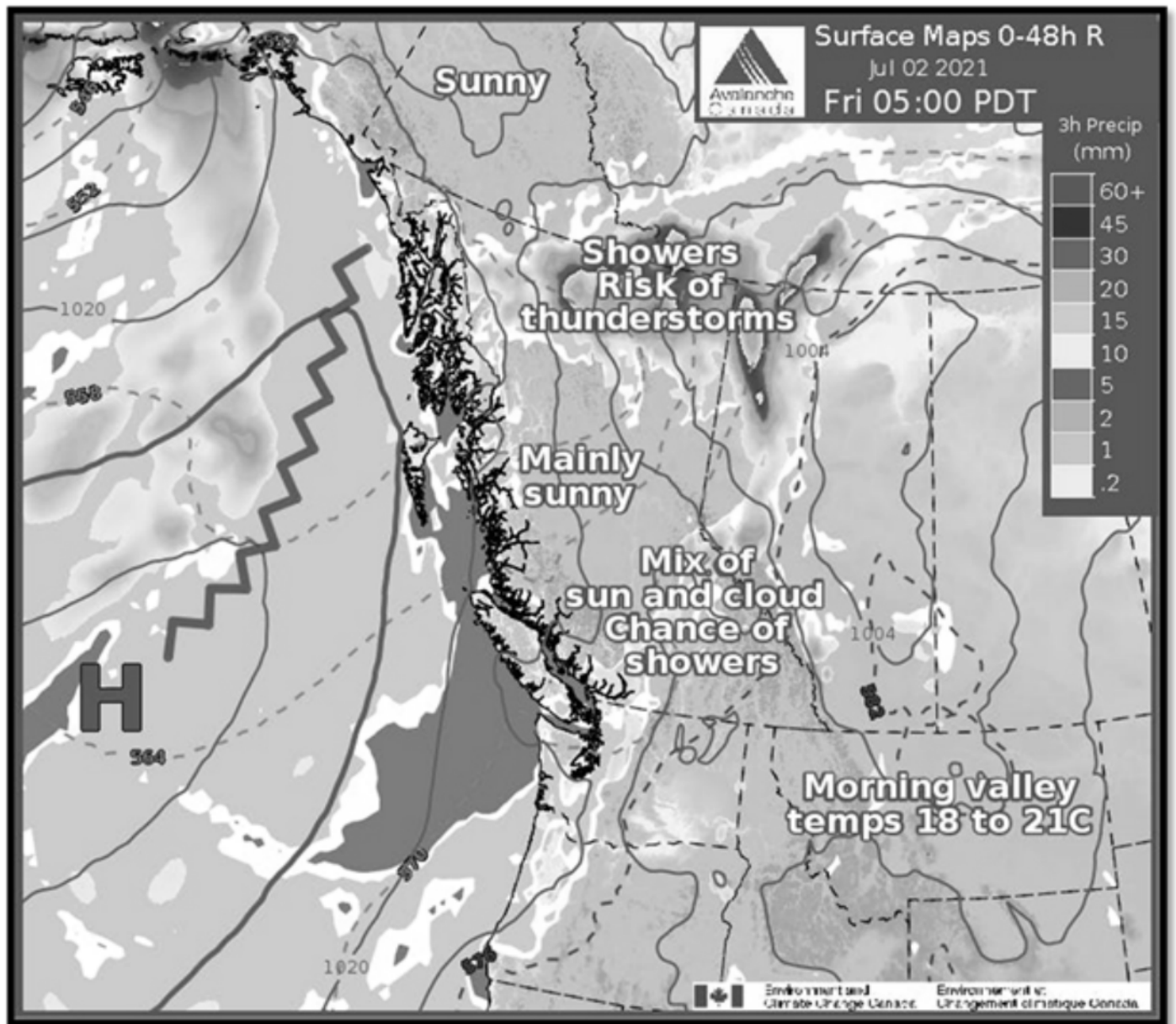




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Good morning,

My name is Alisha Nichols, and I will be acting as the M-DEC secretariat.

Attached is the agenda for today's M-DEC meeting. Please note that it is a Skype conference call.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding the calendar invite or the agenda.

Best regards,

Alisha Nichols

Executive Coordinator for Madeline L. Maley

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RESUMÉ OF PROCLAMATIONS, ORDERS IN COUNCIL AND MINISTERIAL ORDERS

OIC No. 367 – 373
MO No. 251 – 275

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Proclamations

- *All Canadian Simultaneous Drumming Virtual Celebration Day – July 1, 2021*
- *Automotive Heritage Month – July 2021*
- *BC Blueberry Day – July 15, 2021*
- *Chinese Cultural Heritage Week – July 19 to 25, 2021*
- *Collector Car Appreciation Month – July 2021*
- *Heraldry Week – July 19 to 25, 2021*
- *Lakes Appreciation Month – July 2021*
- *Sant Teja Singh Day – July 1, 2021*
- *Taiwan-Canada Culture Exchange Day – July 3, 2021*

Orders in Council

Approved and Ordered June 24, 2021

367	Public Service, ss. 15 and 25 (3)	The Salary Range Regulation, B.C. Reg. 152/2017, is amended as set out in the Appendix. [re: position of Manager, Strategic Outreach and Stakeholder Relations, Office of the Premier]
368	Public Service, s. 15	Effective June 28, 2021, Sian Madoc-Jones and Megan Elizabeth Marshall are appointed to the position of Manager, Strategic Outreach and Stakeholder Relations, Office of the Premier, as described.

Approved and Ordered June 25, 2021

369	FIN	Public Sector Employers, s. 3 (2)	The following rescissions and appointments to the Public Sector Employers Council are made: (a) various appointments, made by OIC 452/2017, are rescinded; (b) the following persons are appointed as members: (i) Hon. Mitzi Dean; (ii) Hon. Anne Kang; (iii) Hon. Nicolas Simons; (iv) Hon. Jennifer Whiteside; (v) Fernando Coelho; (vi) Brett Fairburn;
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- (vii) Angus Graeme;
- (viii) Bobbi Sadler.

Approved and Ordered June 28, 2021

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| 370 | Public Service, s. 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Tiffany Ma is appointed as an Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance, and (b) Tiffany Ma is appointed Deputy Secretary to Treasury Board. |
| 371 | Public Service, s. 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Effective June 28, 2021, the appointment of Nina Karimi, made by OIC 2/2021, is rescinded, and Nina Karimi is appointed as a Ministerial Advisor in the Office of the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction for a term ending September 16, 2021, as described. (b) Effective September 16, 2021, Nina Karimi is appointed as an Executive Assistant in the Office of the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, as described. |

Approved and Ordered June 29, 2021

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| 372 | AG | COVID-19 Related Measures, s. 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Effective June 30, 2021, Schedule 2 of the <i>COVID-19 Related Measures Act</i>, S.B.C. 2020, c. 8, is amended [re: addition of item 23.8 - Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order No. 2], and (b) effective December 31, 2021, item 23.8 in Schedule 2 is repealed. |
| 373 | AG and PSSG | Offence, s. 132 | <p>Effective June 30, 2021, the Violation Ticket Administration and Fines Regulation, B.C. Reg. 89/97, is amended as set in the Schedule. [re: addition of Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order No. 2, and repeal of Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order, Face Coverings (COVID-19) Order and Travel Restrictions (COVID-19) Order No. 3]]</p> |

Ministerial Orders

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| 251 | PSSG | Police, s. 4.1 (9) | <p>Maureen Elizabeth Levy is appointed as a member of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board for a term ending June 30, 2022.</p> |
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252	AG	Escheat, s. 8	All the right, title and interest of the Crown in the described vehicle registered in the name of D Forbes Contracting Ltd. is transferred and conveyed to Daryl Forbes. [re: 2000 Ford E350]
253	AG	Escheat, s. 8	All the right, title and interest of the Crown in the described vehicle registered in the name of D Forbes Contracting Ltd. is transferred and conveyed to Daryl Forbes. [re: 1995 Ford F150]
254	AG	Escheat, s. 8	All the right, title and interest of the Crown in the described vehicle registered in the name of Britco Installation Ltd. is transferred and conveyed to Paul Wilson. [re: 2006 Beothuck Ft07]
255	AG	Escheat, s. 8	All the right, title and interest of the Crown in the described vehicle registered in the name of A. Dupuis Logging Ltd. is transferred and conveyed to Albert Ramie Dupuis. [re: 2011 Ford F350]
256	AG	Escheat, s. 8	All the right, title and interest of the Crown in the described vehicle registered in the name of 1059765 B.C. Ltd. is transferred and conveyed to Radenko Furtula. [re: 2010 Ford E250]
257	AG	Escheat, s. 8	All the right, title and interest of the Crown in the described vehicle registered in the name of Art Macdonald Agencies Limited is transferred and conveyed to Erik Norgaard as Executor of the Estate of Arthur Lorne Macdonald. [re: 1951 Chevrolet 2WHDR]
258	FLNR	Forest, ss. 128 and 129	The type of wood residue described in the applications received from BC EcoChips Ltd., Salmo operations, dated June 15, 2021, is considered surplus and is exempt from the requirements of section 127 of the <i>Forest Act</i> , subject to conditions.
259	FLNR	Forest, ss. 128 and 129	The type of wood residue described in the applications received from Earthrite Industries Ltd., dated June 14, 2021, is considered surplus and is exempt from the requirements of section 127 of the <i>Forest Act</i> , subject to conditions.
260	MUNI	Local Government, s. 679	The Letters Patent for the Shawnigan Improvement District, issued on October 27, 1950 (OIC 2398/1950), are amended. [re: boundaries]

261	MUNI	Local Government, s. 679	The Letters Patent for the Shuswap River Fire Protection District, issued on September 16, 1965 (OIC 2618/1965), are amended. [re: boundaries]
262	MUNI	Local Government, s. 679	The Letters Patent for the Vermillion Irrigation District, issued on November 1, 1947 (OIC 2210/1947), are amended. [re: name changed to Vermilion Irrigation District and boundaries]
263	MUNI	Local Government, s. 679	The Letters Patent for the Yarrow Waterworks District, issued on March 23, 1944 (OIC 413/1944), are amended. [re: boundaries]
264	MUNI	Local Government, s. 679	The Letters Patent for the Braithwaite Estates Improvement District, issued on February 5, 1976 (OIC 453/1976), are amended. [re: boundaries]
265	MUNI	Local Government, s. 679	The Letters Patent for the Cranberry Fire Protection District, issued on September 9, 1960 (OIC 2060/1960), are amended. [re: boundaries]
266	MUNI	Local Government, s. 679	The Letters Patent for the Lower Nicola Waterworks District, issued on February 23, 1965 (OIC 534/1965), are amended. [re: boundaries]
267	MUNI	Local Government, s. 679	The Letters Patent for the Mill Bay Fire Protection District, issued on October 3, 1963 (OIC 2543/1963), are amended. [re: boundaries]
268	MUNI	Local Government, s. 679	The Letters Patent for the Osoyoos Irrigation District, issued on March 25, 1966 (OIC 893/1966), are amended. [re: boundaries]
269	FLNR	Forest, ss. 128 and 129	The type of wood residue described in the applications received from Mercer Celgar Limited Partnership, Castlegar operations, dated June 22, 2021, is considered surplus and is exempt from the requirements of section 127 of the <i>Forest Act</i> , subject to conditions.
270	FLNR	Forest, ss. 128 and 129	The type of wood residue described in the applications received from Vaagen Fibre Canada ULC, dated June 17, 2021, is considered surplus and is exempt from the requirements of section 127 of the <i>Forest Act</i> , subject to conditions.

271	FLNR	Forest, ss. 128 and 129	The type of wood residue described in the applications received from Galloway Lumber Company Ltd., dated June 15, 2021, is considered surplus and is exempt from the requirements of section 127 of the <i>Forest Act</i> , subject to conditions.
272	HLTH	Pharmaceutical Services; Drug Price Regulation, s. 14 (1)	Effective July 1, 2021, MO 61/2017 is amended in Schedule 4 – Provisional Drugs by adding and removing drugs as indicated.
273	PSSG	Emergency Program, s. 10	Effective June 30, 2021, (a) the Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order made by MO 13/2021 is repealed, and (b) the Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order No. 2 is made.
274	PSSG	Emergency Program, s. 10	Effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2021, the Face Coverings (COVID-19) Order, MO 12/2021, is repealed.
275	PSSG	Emergency Program, s. 11	Effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2021, the declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia made on March 18, 2020, and subsequently extended, is cancelled.

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In addition, and after speaking to Will and Tim, I'm going to draft a quote from minister to go along with the background information. Stand by.

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On Jul 2, 2021, at 2:17 PM, Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX <Jordan.Turner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Heads up on this request – also went to TNRD.

Note this was also asked on the current media teleconference. Pader (EMBC) handled it well. We provided him these notes.

Thoughts?

Reporter

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Deadline ASAP

Request

Reporter spoke with Chief Matt Pasco, the chair of Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council and chief of the Oregon Jack Creek Band, today. He said he reached out to the TNRD and EMBC in the early hours of the fire and did not receive any support. He is a rancher, too, and said he received a call from the province about what to do with his cattle during the fire, but did not receive a call as chief regarding evacuation and support plans for his people.

Mr. Pasco said he also requested a muster point in Kamloops but heard nothing. NNTC then worked with the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc to create one at that band's pow wow grounds in Kamloops. NNTC then provided about 30 hotel rooms for people Wednesday and Thursday.

He said coordination and support has since improved. But he is concerned about vacuum of information and services at the start of the emergency. Is someone from TNRD and EMBC able to comment on Mr. Pasco's statements?

Recommendation:

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Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre

SITUATION REPORT

SITUATION REPORT # 102

PECC ACTIVATION DAY NO. 479

JULY 02, 2021

Hazard(s): Wildfire, Floods

Operational Period: July 01, 2021 to July 02, 2021

Next Sitrep will be issued: July 03, 2021

Primary PECC E-mail: s.15; s.17

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***New information is noted in red font**

*** Information current as of July 2, 2021 at 14:00.**

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PROVINCIAL SITUATION

The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) remains activated in response to wildfires and floods throughout the province.

With the expiry of the State of Emergency, all Orders under the Emergency Program Act exercising extraordinary powers enabled by that state of emergency ceased to have effect. The *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* enshrined elements of certain orders into legislation and remains in effect. The legislation can be found [here](#).

Due to the dispersed evacuation of several communities due to rapidly spreading wildfire, EMBC has coordinated two call lines to be activated to assist displaced persons and family reunification:

- EMBC Emergency Support Services Information Line 1-800-585-9559
- Red Cross Family Reunification Line 1-800-863-6582

INFORMATION

The following information releases are related to the 2021 wildfire and flood season impacting British Columbia:

- July 1 – [What to do if under an evacuation order or alert](#)
- June 30 – [Livestock owners urged to prepare for wildfire season through Premises ID](#)
- June 24 – [Funding supports community safety, wildfire research](#)
- June 24 – [Be careful with fires on the Canada Day holiday](#)

NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW

Nothing significant to report nationally.

HAZARD: ENVIRONMENTAL

WEATHER UPDATE

Kamloops and Southeast Fire Centre regions will see bands of convective showers developing Friday afternoon with a few isolated thunderstorms. Temperatures for southeastern BC will remain above seasonal norms with daytime highs reaching the mid 30's.

Risk of strong thunderstorms in the Okanagan Valley, Columbias and Kootenays. The threat will be strong wind gusts, up to nickel size hail and heavy downpours. A second area of scattered thunderstorms exist in the Fort Nelson and northern B.C. Peace River district with strong wind gusts, hail and heavy downpours. A slight risk of non-severe thunderstorm for Cassiar Mountain and Teslin.

The band of organized showers over northern BC will weaken Friday night as the low-pressure centre continues to move eastward into Saskatchewan. The showers and thunderstorms over southeastern regions will dissipate this evening leaving mainly clear conditions across much of southern and central BC.

Weather changes constantly and readers are encouraged to get updates from the Environment and Climate Change Canada link found at the end of this Situation Report.

HAZARD: FLOOD

RIVER FORECAST CENTRE UPDATE

Flood Warnings are in effect for: Upper Fraser River and Chilcotin.

Flood Watches are in effect for: Upper Columbia and Morice River.

High Streamflow Advisories are in effect for: Fraser River, Lillooet River, Quesnel, Liard.

HAZARD: FIRE

OVERVIEW

The BC Wildfire Service Dashboard reports 137 active wildfires in the province as of July 2, with 69 new starts in the last 2 days.

On June 30, 2021, a fire began in the town of Lytton. At this time, the cause of the fire remains under investigation. The fire spread through the town causing significant damage. The entire population evacuated as did Lytton First Nation and the surrounding communities. The fire

spread into the interface and multiple forest fires, none of which have yet been rated as Fires of Note.

As of July 2, there are currently 9 Wildfires of Note in British Columbia.

Kamloops Fire Centre

The George Road (K70804) interface fire is estimated at 350 hectares and currently has 9 firefighters and 1 helicopter actioning it. There has been no new growth and crews continue to make good progress, despite the hot weather that the area has been experiencing.

The Lytton Creek (K71086) interface fire is estimated at 6,400 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. On June 30, 2021, the village of Lytton was impacted by this fire. Conditions remain hot dry and windy. Further growth is expected. Personnel are working on the North West flank to secure the community. Ground crews and air support continue to work on the incident. One Structure Protection Unit is present on the East flank new Highway 1. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued an Evacuation Order and Alert for this area.

The McKay Creek (K71030) interface fire is estimated at 22,000 hectares. Crews were working to extinguish the fire on the south side of the fire perimeter yesterday (July 1, 2021), progressing westward with hose lays. A large portion the West Pavilion road was also secured yesterday for emergency access. A spot fire on the east side of the Fraser River advanced eastward in the evening of July 1st, 2021 as a result of elevated winds. Today's incident objectives are to continue to establish control lines and develop contingency containment plans. Contain the growth on the east side of the Fraser River by establishing fire guards with heavy equipment. Continue to assess and deploy structure protection units where applicable. This wildfire is highly visible from Lillooet, Clinton, and the surrounding communities. The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) has issued an Evacuation Order for the West Pavilion road from the 14km mark to the 41 km mark in Electoral Area B. An Evacuation Alert has been issued for the Pavilion Lake area in Electoral Area B. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has also issued an Evacuation Alert for 5 properties in the Bonaparte Plateau area in Electoral Area E.

The Sparks Lake (K21001) interface fire is estimated at 31,000 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. Visibility was limited for most of the day yesterday, so air missions were hampered. Visibility has improved today. Smoke is visible from Kamloops and nearby communities. 163 homes on evacuation order and 298 homes on evacuation alert.

Prince George Fire Centre

The Beaton Fire (G81007) is estimated at 3,400 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. This is not an interface fire.

The unnamed (G80997) interface fire is estimated at 6,000 hectares and is classified as out of control. The fire is north of the Buckinghorse River, adjacent to Highway 97 North in the Pink Mountain area. The Peace River Regional District has rescinded the existing Evacuation Order and replaced it with an Alert. The Alert south of the Buckinghorse River to Sikanni Chief River has also been rescinded.

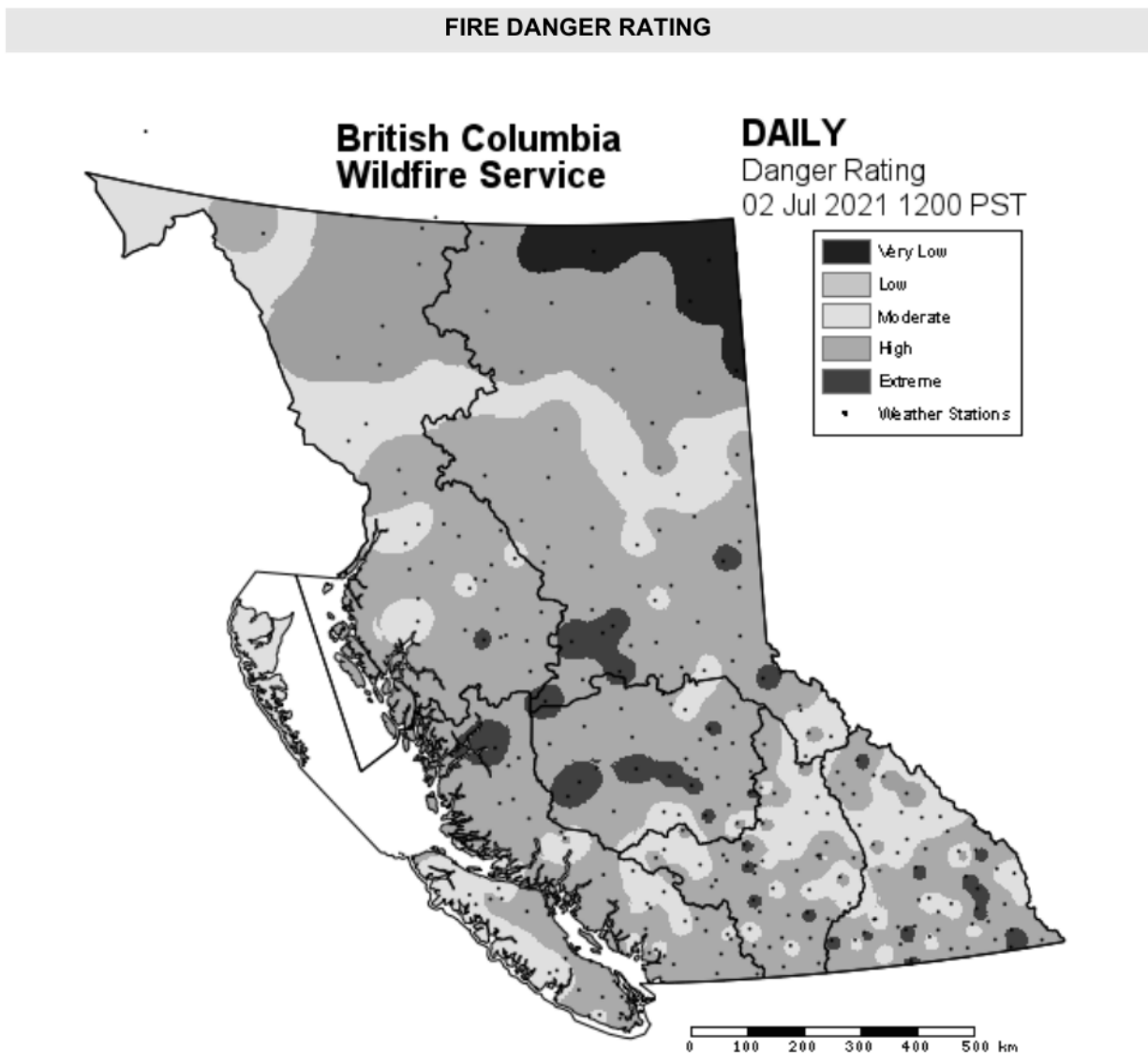
The unnamed (G91020) fire is estimated at 2,856 hectares and is classified as out of control. This is not an interface fire.

Cariboo Fire Centre

The Deka Lake Fire (C41102) interface fire is estimated at 200 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. Increased fire activity is expected today and will likely produce smoke that will be highly visible in the area. The Cariboo Regional District has issued an Evacuation Order for 693 properties in the Deka Lake area. An additional Evacuation Alert has been issued for 153 properties in the Sulphurous Lake area.

Southeast Fire Centre

The Merry Creek (N51165) interface fire is estimated at 15 hectares and classified as out of control. An evacuation order has been implemented for 31 properties in electoral area J. The City of Castlegar has an additional 6 areas on Evacuation Alert. Highway 3 is closed in both directions All lanes blocked are blocked and a detour is in effect.



Note that the wildfires are very dynamic, and readers are encouraged to get updates from the BC Wildfire Services link found at the end of this Situation Report.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY

There are now 1073 (+417) properties under Evacuation Order and 1880 (+287) properties on Evacuation Alert due to Wildfire, Freshet, flooding related events and landslide.

PECC Level 2	CTL	NWE	NEA	SEA	SWE	VIR	Total
PREOC Activations	Jul 2	/	Jul 2	Jul 2	Jul 2	/	All at Level 2
States of Local Emergency (SOLE)	6 (+1)	0	4 (-2)	5(+1)	6 (-2)	0	20
Band Council Resolutions (BCR)	15 (+2)	15	15	0	10	8 (-1)	63
Evacuation Orders	6 (+1)	0	3 (-4)	2	4 (+1)	0	15
Evacuation Alerts	9 (+1)	0	3 (-3)	2(-2)	2	0	16
Reception Centers	4	0	4	1	5	0	14

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER (OFC)

As of July 1, 2021, 1700hours in response to the Lytton Fire. Two OFC Representatives are at the Lytton fire incident (one OFC staff member and Burnaby FD). Fire Services Branch is activated in the PECC, and in Central and Northeast PREOCs (3 OFC staff members). One OFC HQ support staff member is assisting BCWS' Structural Protection Coordination Officer.

SUMMARY of DEPLOYED RESOURCES	
Structure Protection Specialists	8
Structure Protection Units Type 1	2
Structure Protection Units Type 2	5
Structure Protection Units Type 3	
SPU Crew (SPC)	6
Engine	8
Tenders	6
Wildland Trucks	2

ORIGIN OF DEPLOYED RESOURCES

Tenders Type 1 and 2	6	Falkland/Delta/Hope/Ranchero/ Kelowna/Armstrong-Spall
Engines Type 1	8	Agassiz/Mission/Burnaby/Merritt/ Lake Country/Richmond/ Chilliwack River Valley/ Ashcroft

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

CENTRAL REGION (CTL)

CTL PREOC remains activated to level 2 in support of regional EOC's response to wildfire and freshet

Freshet

- No new or significant incidents to report.

Wildfire:

- Cooks Ferry Indian Band has issued an Evacuation Alert due to Lytton Fire (K71086).
- Lytton First Nation tactically evacuated due to the Lytton Fire (K71086). Residents in multiple communities and supported by multiple Reception Centres.
- Skeetchestn Indian Band impacted by Sparks Lake Wildfire (K21001). State of Local Emergency via Band Council Resolution on June 30, 2021. Alert in place for IR#0 and IR#1. Separate Alert in place for IRs, 1, 3, 4b, 4c, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11a, 16, 17, 18, and 19.
- Village of Lytton impacted by Lytton Fire (K71086). Significant structure loss has been reported in the Village of Lytton, details yet to be confirmed as the Village is still too dangerous for entry. Fire is classified as out of control. A State of Local Emergency and Evacuation Order is in place for the entire Village. Residents in multiple communities and supported by multiple Reception Centres.
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District impacted by Lytton Fire (K71086). SOLEs in place for Blue Sky Country (Electoral Area I), Village of Lytton, Bonaparte Plateau (Electoral Area E) and Lower North Thompson (Electoral Area O) and Copper Desert Country (Electoral Area J). Evacuation Order on June 30, 2021 for electoral Area "I" in the Lytton and Botanie Creek area. Evacuation Alert on June 30, 2021 for electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country) in the Spencer Rd area
- Transportation Impacted: MOTI reported that Highway 1 is closed at Old Boston Bar Rd and at Spences Bridge, and that Highway 12 is closed completely. Both closures are due to the Lytton Fire (K71086).

Other wildfires in the Region not immediately impacting communities:

- McKay Creek Fire (K21030) located 3 km north of Lillooet, along West Pavilion Road, discovered June 29, 2021. Estimated at 15,000 hectares and classified as out of control
- Long Loch Wildfire (K51040) and Derrickson Lake Wildfire (K51041) located 18km north of Big White. Estimated to be 300 hectares combined, no structures or properties currently threatened.

SOUTH EAST (SEA)

SEA PREOC remains activated to level 2 in support of the evacuation of the Town of Lytton due to the wildfire in support of the Central PREOC

Wildfire:

- Castlegar activated their EOC July 1 at 1300 hrs for the Merry Creek Wildfire (N51165) on the boundary of Castlegar and the RDCK. A SOLE was issued plus two Alerts; one Order was later downgraded to an Alert for a total of 3 Alerts.
- The RDCK activated their EOC July 1 in response to the Merry Creek Wildfire (N51165). An Evacuation Order was issued for 31 homes.

Freshet:

- High temperatures have accelerated snowmelt rates from high elevation terrain in the Rocky and Columbia Mountains. Many gauged rivers in the region currently flowing between 2-year and 5-year return period levels.
- RDKB issued a state of local emergency (SOLE) for flooding, which has been extended and is set to expire on July 4, 2021 at 16.30 PDT. Fife road is now open to one lane traffic and the evacuation order was lifted. RDKB is procuring contractors to start remedial work to Fife Road and Baker Creek channel and continues to liaise with the effected property owners.
- RDEK issued a state of local emergency (SOLE) for flooding, which has been extended and is set to expire on July 5, 2021. 116 properties in the Fairmont creek area remain under Evacuation Alert. Debris removal is underway. Turbidity from debris removal has caused the temporary closure of pools at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort.
- Dutch Creek breached that bank on private property near Hoodoos Mountain Resort on June 4th. Sand and equipment were provided to patch and internal berm between properties to mitigate flooding. An Evacuation Alert issued for 148 people at Hoodoos Mountain Resort remains in place.
- In the early morning of 5 June, Spruce Grove RV Park flooded. A tactical evacuation of 133 people was carried out, followed by an Evacuation Order for Spruce Grove RCV Resort, which was eventually rescinded June 6 and replaced by an Evacuation Alert, which remains in effect as Dutch Creek flows have increased slightly.

NORTH WEST REGION (NWE)

NWE PREOC

- No new or significant incidents to report.

NORTH EAST REGION (NEA)

NEA PREOC remains activated to Level 2 in support of Wildfire and Freshet.

Freshet:

- No new or significant incidents to report

Wildfire:

- 100 Mile House, Deka Lake Fire (C41102). Reception Centre opened July 1 to support Deka Lake evacuees with a high volume of registration. The Reception Centre is located at 100 Mile House Curing Club.
- Cariboo Regional District, Deka Lake Fire (C41102), area under evacuation order, which was expanded to include Judson Rd and further expanded to include Sulphurous Lake area (south side). Evacuation Alert issued for north side of Sulphurous Lake. Planning in place for possible Alerts along south CRD/TNRD neighbouring borders, as well as possible expansions of current Alerts depending on BCWS recommendations.
- City of Fort St. John activated their ESS for wildfires in the Peace River RD. July 1, 2021, Fort St. John is setting up a Reception Centre at the Pomeroy Sports Centre; not open but ready to open as needed.

- Regional District of Fraser Fort George is providing ESS for one family of 5. Peace River Regional District cancelled their SOLE and rescinded related Evacuation Order and Alert July 1, 2021. Portions of Electoral Area B were placed under a new Evacuation Alert.
- City of Prince George activated ESS for wildfires in the Cariboo. Initial plan is to provide ESS for up to 100 people, if greater than 100 people register the reception centre will be relocated to CN Centre.
- City of Williams Lake activated their ESS at the Williams Lake Fire Department for wildfires in Cariboo.

Tornado:

- Blueberry River First Nation activated EOC due to proximity of Beaton River Fire G81007. A tornado touched down June 30, 2021 in the evening, impacted a power line. The downed power line still has live electricity and the community is concerned of potential fire risk, BC Hydro has been contacted with unknown ETA. A tornado is reported to have occurred in the Red Creek Road area impacting 48 known properties: with likely more impacted. Downed trees from the tornado are impacting powerlines and roads throughout the area, resulting in widespread power outages. Residents rely on power for potable water. An ESS Reception Centre established at Fort St. John Pomeroy Arena.
- West Moberly First Nations activated their EOC for power outage due to storm and to support the community with generators.

Landslide:

- Cariboo Regional District 3 Alerts remain due to landslides from earlier this spring.

SOUTH WEST REGION (SWE)

SWE PREOC remains activated to level 2 in support of the evacuation of the Town of Lytton due to the wildfire in support of the Central PREOC. (and floods?)

Wildfire:

Critical Infrastructure:

- Monitoring wildfire events for potential critical infrastructure threats
- Liaising with telecommunications and other CI providers concerning wildfire impacts and restoration plans
- Supporting efforts to provide emergency communications in Lytton area
- Telus is deploying COW (Cell on Wheels) via Boston Bar as of 1 July, 2021, along with small satellite package

ESS and Supports

- Planning underway for Welcoming and Reception Centre with Squiala First Nation and Group Lodging with Seabird Nation to provide culturally safe space for First Nation evacuees
- Connected with STOLO Nation to enquire about accommodation capacity for Indigenous Community
- Have received expressions of support from First Nation communities and local governments
- Reception Centre established at Chilliwack Secondary School with First Nations Health Authority representatives on-site
- Accommodations available: 215 rooms spread between Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Squamish, Langley and Surrey

- PREOC is coordinating ESS support in the City of Chilliwack (Reception Centres and Group Lodging)

VANCOUVER ISLAND AND CENTRAL COAST REGION (VICCR)

- No new or significant incidents to report. The VICCR PREOC remains at Level 1 for severe heat and wildfire events.



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RESOURCES

[Weather](#)

[Mountain Weather Forecast](#)

[Roads and Highways Information](#)

[River Forecast Centre](#)

[Current Streamflow Conditions and Flood Forecast Modeling](#)

[Flood Warnings and Advisories Map](#)

[BC Wildfire Service](#)

[Snow Conditions and Water Supply Bulletins](#)

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Good day.
Agenda for the 5pm meeting attached.
Jarrett

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Subject: Minister & Deputy Emergency Committee - July 2 agenda

Good afternoon,
Attached is the agenda for today's 5:00pm meeting.
Again, please let me know if you have any questions
Thanks!

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Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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AGENDA

Topic		Lead	Time
1.	Welcome and Meeting Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Territorial Acknowledgment • Introductions • Roll Call 	Tara Richards	
2.	Opening Comments	Lori Wanamaker	
3.	Technical Briefings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Wildfire Service – fire situation update • Emergency Management BC - update • Ministry of Transportation - transportation update • GCPE – Communications update Additional support updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Education – Post-Secondary Institution support • PSSG – RCMP policing update 	Ian Meier Madeline Maley Kevin Richter Jordan Turner Shannon Baskerville Wayne Rideout	
4.	Update: Provincial State of Emergency Declaration	Minister Farnworth	
5.	Decision: ADM Emergency Committee	Tara Richards	
6.	Recovery	Tara Richards	
7.	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 3, 2021 	Tara Richards	

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre SITUATION REPORT

SITUATION REPORT # 103

PECC ACTIVATION DAY NO. 480

JULY 03, 2021

Hazard(s): Wildfire, Floods

Operational Period: July 02, 2021 to July 03, 2021

Next Sitrep will be issued: July 04, 2021

Primary PECC E-mail: s.15; s.17

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***New information is noted in red font**

*** Information current as of July 3, 2021 at 14:00.**

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PROVINCIAL SITUATION

The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) remains activated in response to wildfires and floods throughout the province.

With the expiry of the State of Emergency, all Orders under the Emergency Program Act exercising extraordinary powers enabled by that state of emergency ceased to have effect. The *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* enshrined elements of certain orders into legislation and remains in effect. The legislation can be found [here](#).

Due to the dispersed evacuation of several communities due to rapidly spreading wildfire, EMBC has coordinated two call lines to be activated to assist displaced persons and family reunification:

- EMBC Emergency Support Services Information Line 1-800-585-9559
- Red Cross Family Reunification Line 1-800-863-6582

INFORMATION

The following information releases are related to the 2021 wildfire and flood season impacting British Columbia:

- July 2 – [Financial assistance available for local governments, First Nations impacted by wildfire](#)
- July 1 – [What to do if under an evacuation order or alert](#)
- June 30 – [Livestock owners urged to prepare for wildfire season through Premises ID](#)

- June 24 - Funding supports community safety, wildfire research
- June 24 - Be careful with fires on the Canada Day holiday

NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW

Nothing significant to report nationally.

HAZARD: ENVIRONMENTAL

WEATHER UPDATE

Day began with showers and isolated thunderstorms in the northeast region. Elsewhere, mainly sunny with local smoke in the southern interior around the Kamloops and Cariboo Fire Zones.

Showers and thunderstorms to develop across the Prince George, Kamloops, and Southeast Fire Zones in the afternoon with evening development across the Cariboo Fire Zone near the Chilcotin and 100 Mile areas. Wind is the main threat across the Cariboo and Prince George Fire Zones with gusts up to 70 km/h. Kamloops and South East Fire Zones could see gusts to 80 km/h as well as the risk of pea to nickel sized hail.

Thunderstorm Outlook: Non-severe thunderstorms across northern BC and most of the central and southern interior. Stronger thunderstorms are possible across the Kamloops and Southeast Fire Zones from Kamloops to Sparwood. This could see gusts up to 80km/h with pea to nickel sized hail.

Weather changes constantly and readers are encouraged to get updates from the Environment and Climate Change Canada link found at the end of this Situation Report.

HAZARD: FLOOD

RIVER FORECAST CENTRE UPDATE

Flood Warnings are in effect for: Upper Fraser River and Chilcotin.

Flood Watches are in effect for: Upper Columbia and Morice River.

High Streamflow Advisories are in effect for: Fraser River, Lillooet River, Quesnel, Liard.

HAZARD: FIRE

OVERVIEW

The BC Wildfire Service Dashboard reports 174 active wildfires in the province as of July 3, with 78 new starts in the last 2 days.

On June 30, 2021, a fire began in the town of Lytton. Currently, the cause of the fire remains under investigation. The fire spread through the town causing significant damage. The entire

population evacuated as did Lytton First Nation and the surrounding communities. The fire spread into the interface and multiple forest fires, none of which have yet been rated as Fires of Note.

As of July 3, there are currently 11 Wildfires of Note in British Columbia.

Kamloops Fire Centre

The Durand Lake (K21232) interface fire is estimated at 450 hectares and currently has 4 firefighters and 1 helicopter actioning it. The fire is currently classified as out of control. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued an evacuation order for multiple properties in Copper Desert Country in Electoral Area J.

The George Road (K70804) wildfire and The Lytton Creek (K71086) wildfire is now part of the **Lytton Creek Complex**. Resources for the Complex include 22 firefighters, 8 helicopters, and 4 heavy equipment. There are 2 Structure Protection Specialists, 2 Office of the Fire Commissioner Agency Reps, and 3 Structure Protection Task Forces assigned to both fires within the complex. As of July 1, the SBWS Incident Management Team is managing this fire.

The George Road (K70804) (Lytton Creek Complex) interface fire is estimated at 350 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. Low winds and lower temperatures have reduced fire behaviour compared to previous two days. The Lytton First Nation has rescinded the Evacuation Alert for IR 20, Kitzowit and the Thompson Nicola Regional District has rescinded the Evacuation Alert for 10 residences in Blue Sky Country in Electoral Area I

The Lytton Creek (K71086) (Lytton Creek Complex) interface fire is estimated at 8732 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. As of 16:00, July 2, the fire has not crossed the Fraser River. On June 30, 2021, the Village of Lytton was impacted by this fire. Conditions remain hot dry and windy. BC Wildfire Service is supporting the Lytton Fire Brigade within the village. Personnel are working on the North West flank to secure the community. Ground crews and air support are working on the northwest and northeast sides of the fire. One Structure Protection Unit is present on the East flank near Highway 1. Due to lower winds and lower temperatures on July 2, fire behavior is lower than the previous two days. Helicopters are effective in providing support through bucketing operations. The Village of Lytton has an Evacuation Order in effect for all properties in the Village of Lytton. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District have issued Evacuation Orders for the Lytton Creek wildfire.

The McKay Creek (K71030) interface fire is estimated at 22,000 hectares. Crews were working to extinguish the fire on the south side of the fire perimeter yesterday (July 1, 2021), progressing westward with hose lays. A large portion the West Pavilion road was also secured yesterday for emergency access. A spot fire on the east side of the Fraser River advanced eastward in the evening of July 1st, 2021 as a result of elevated winds. Today's incident objectives are to continue to establish control lines and develop contingency containment plans. Contain the growth on the east side of the Fraser River by establishing fire guards with heavy equipment. Continue to assess and deploy structure protection units where applicable. This wildfire is highly visible from Lillooet, Clinton, and the surrounding communities. The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) has issued an Evacuation Order for the West Pavilion road from the 14km mark to the 41 km mark in Electoral Area B. An Evacuation Alert has been issued for the Pavilion Lake area in Electoral Area B. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has also issued an Evacuation Alert for 5 properties in the Bonaparte Plateau area in Electoral Area E.

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Prince George Fire Centre

The Beaton Fire (G81007) is estimated at 3,400 hectares and is currently no longer considered a Wildfire of Note.

The Chilako Fire (G11126) is estimated at 635 hectares and exhibiting a rank 4 fire at the head. Crews are engaging in indirect suppression efforts due to the extreme fire behaviour. 55 firefighters with 2 helicopters and 8 heavy equipment are in action. This is not considered an interface fire.

The Kennedy Siding Fire (G61266) is estimated at 30 hectares. Crew of 35 firefighters and 2 heavy equipment are working to establish a machine guard around the fire followed up by hose lay, with arial support from 3 helicopters. This is not considered an interface fire.

The Murray Forest Service Road (G71138) fire is estimated at 650 hectares. Crew of 3 firefighters and 3 heavy equipment are working to establish a machine guard around the fire with arial support from 1 helicopter bucketing. This is not considered an interface fire

The unnamed (G80997) interface fire is estimated at 6,000 hectares and is currently no longer considered a Wildfire of Note.

The unnamed (G91020) fire is estimated at 2,856 and is currently no longer considered a Wildfire of Note.

Cariboo Fire Centre

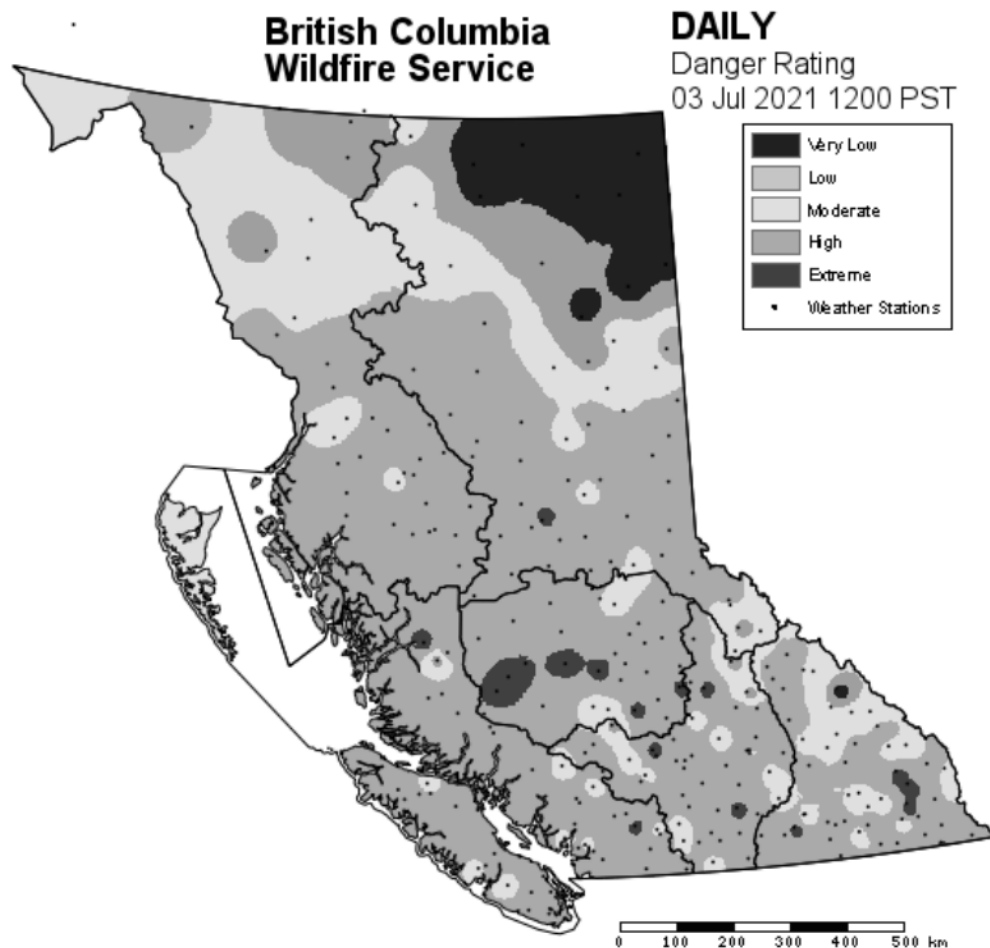
The Canim Lake Fire (C41100) interface fire is estimated at 1 hectare. An Evacuation Alert for the Canim Lake Area was collaboratively issued by the Canim Lake First Nation and the Cariboo Regional District. Robust aerial support (heavy lift helicopter) is in action as the most effective way to supress this wildfire.

The Deka Lake Fire (C41102) interface fire is estimated at 200 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. 40 Firefighters, 5 heavy equipment and 3 helicopters worked throughout the night to continue building a machine fire guard on the southeast corner of the fire perimeter while ground personnel utilized cooler temperatures overnight to conduct hand ignitions to remove combustible materials between the perimeter of the wildfire and the hose lay, creating a fuel free area. Fire activity increased last day, but no significant fire growth occurred. The Cariboo Regional District has issued an Evacuation Order for 693 properties in the Deka Lake area. An additional Evacuation Alert has been issued for 153 properties in the Sulphurous Lake area.

Southeast Fire Centre

The Merry Creek (N51165) interface fire is estimated at 20 hectares and classified as 70% contained. There was no fire growth overnight and the updated size is due to more accurate mapping. An Evacuation Order has been rescinded for 31 properties in City of Castlegar. The City of Castlegar has an additional 6 areas on Evacuation Alert. Highway 3 is closed in both directions with all lanes blocked are blocked and a detour in effect. Castlegar and Ootischnia Fire Departments remained on site overnight to patrol hot spots. 16 contractors and a 20-person unit crew onsite in addition to Fire Department resources working on containment lines. Includes 1 helicopter for arial support.

FIRE DANGER RATING



Note that the wildfires are very dynamic, and readers are encouraged to get updates from the BC Wildfire Services link found at the end of this Situation Report.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY

There are now 656 (-317) properties under Evacuation Order and 1593 (-207) properties on Evacuation Alert due to Wildfire, Freshet, flooding related events and landslide.

PECC Level 2	CTL	NWE	NEA	SEA	SWE	VIR	Total
PREOC Activations	Jul 3	/	Jul 3	Jul 3	Jul 3	/	All at Level 2
States of Local Emergency (SOLE)	7 (+1)	0	5 (+1)	3 (-2)	4 (-2)	0	19 (-1)
Band Council Resolutions (BCR)	15	15	15	0	10	8	63
Evacuation Orders	9 (+3)	0	6 (+3)	1 (-1)	1 (-3)	0	17 (+2)
Evacuation Alerts	7 (-2)	0	9 (+6)	2	3 (+1)	0	21 (+5)
Reception Centers (RC)	4	0	3 (-1)	1	3 (-2)	0	11 (-3)
Evacuees Registered	549	0	216	0	197	0	962
Group Lodging Facilities	3	0	0	1	2	0	6
Persons in Group Lodging	78	0	0	50	5	0	133

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER (OFC)

As of July 3, 2021, in response to the Lytton Fire. Two OFC Representatives are at the Lytton fire incident (one OFC staff member and Burnaby FD). Fire Services Branch is activated in the PECC, and in Central and Northeast PREOCs (3 OFC staff members). One OFC HQ support staff member is assisting BCWS' Structural Protection Coordination Officer.

SUMMARY of DEPLOYED RESOURCES	
Structure Protection Specialists	7(-1)
Branch/Deputy Branch Managers	4
Structure Protection Units Type 1	4 (+2)
Structure Protection Units Type 2	10(+5)
Structure Protection Units Type 3	
SPU Crew (SPC)	14(+5)
Engine	19(+10)
Tenders	12(+6)
Wildland Trucks	3(+1)

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

CENTRAL REGION (CTL)

CTL PREOC remains activated to level 2 in support of regional EOC's response to wildfire and freshet

Freshet

- No new or significant incidents to report.

Wildfire:

- Cooks Ferry Indian Band has issued an Evacuation Alert due to Lytton Fire (K71086).
- Lytton First Nation tactically evacuated due to the Lytton Fire (K71086). Residents in multiple communities and supported by multiple Reception Centres.
- Skeetchestn Indian Band impacted by Sparks Lake Wildfire (K21001). State of Local Emergency via Band Council Resolution on June 30, 2021. Alert in place for IR#0 and IR#1. Separate Alert in place for IRs, 1, 3, 4b, 4c, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11a, 16, 17, 18, and 19.
- Village of Lytton impacted by Lytton Fire (K71086). Significant structure loss has been reported in the Village of Lytton, details yet to be confirmed as the Village is still too dangerous for entry. A State of Local Emergency and Evacuation Order is in place for the entire Village. Residents evacuated to multiple communities and supported by multiple Reception Centres.
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District impacted by Lytton Fire (K71086). SOLEs in place for Blue Sky Country (Electoral Area I), Village of Lytton, Bonaparte Plateau (Electoral Area E), Lower North Thompson (Electoral Area O) and Copper Desert Country (Electoral Area J). Evacuation Order on June 30, 2021 for electoral Area "I" in the Lytton and Botanie Creek area. Evacuation Alert on June 30, 2021 for electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country) in the Spencer Rd area. Evacuees fled to multiple locations.
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NWE PREOC

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Wildfire:

The Ts'kw'aylaxw First Nation declared a SOLE for Ts'kw'aylaxw First Nation Pavilion IR#1 in response to the McKay Creek Fire (K71030).

City Chilliwack established a Reception Centre at Chilliwack Secondary School to receive evacuees from the Central PREOC region, particularly Lytton. First Nation Health Authority representatives are on site.

Squamish Lillooet Regional District issued an evacuation order for Texas Creek Electoral Area B then expanded the Evacuation Order for Electoral Area B in response the McKay Creek Fire (K71030).

South West Region Advance Planning Unit continues to monitor wildfires for ESS support requirements and critical infrastructure impacts. The Critical Infrastructure Branch is monitoring wildfire events for potential critical infrastructure threats. CI Branch is also liaising with telecommunications and other CI providers concerning wildfire impacts and restorations plans, and particularly supporting efforts to provide emergency communications in Lytton area. A Telus-deployed COW (Cell on Wheels) is now operational in Lytton, and a test message has been sent and received. Teams are working to deploy a PICO cell device to extend range.

ESS has been planning for Welcoming and Reception Centre with Squiala First Nation and for Group Lodging with Seabird Nation to provide culturally safe spaces for First Nations evacuees. ESS also connected with STOLO Nation to enquire about accommodation capacity for Indigenous Community. SWE PREOC ESS has received expressions of support from First Nation communities and local governments. There are currently 202 rooms spread between Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Squamish, Langley, and Surrey.

VANCOUVER ISLAND AND CENTRAL COAST REGION (VICCR)

- No new or significant incidents to report. The VICCR PREOC remains at Level 1 for severe heat and wildfire events.



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Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre SITUATION REPORT

SITUATION REPORT # 104

PECC ACTIVATION DAY NO. 481

JULY 04, 2021

Hazard(s): Wildfire, Floods

Operational Period: July 03, 2021 to July 04, 2021

Next Sitrep will be issued: July 05, 2021

Primary PECC E-mail: s.15; s.17

Primary PECC Phone: 778-698-8617

***New information is noted in red font**

*** Information current as of July 4, 2021 at 14:00.**

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PROVINCIAL SITUATION

The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) remains activated in response to wildfires and floods throughout the province.

With the expiry of the State of Emergency, all Orders under the Emergency Program Act exercising extraordinary powers enabled by that state of emergency ceased to have effect. The *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* enshrined elements of certain orders into legislation and remains in effect. The legislation can be found [here](#).

On July 3, 2021, the BC Coroners Service confirmed two deaths in the Lytton wildfire.

Due to the dispersed evacuation of several communities due to rapidly spreading wildfire, EMBC has coordinated two call lines to be activated to assist displaced persons and family reunification:

- EMBC Emergency Support Services Information Line 1-800-585-9559
- Red Cross Family Reunification Line 1-800-863-6582

INFORMATION

The following information releases are related to the 2021 wildfire and flood season impacting British Columbia:

- July 4 – [Evacuees encouraged to register \(with ESS\) so communities and loved ones know you are safe](#)

- July 2 – [Financial assistance available for local governments, First Nations impacted by wildfire](#)
- July 1 – [What to do if under an evacuation order or alert](#)
- June 30 – [Livestock owners urged to prepare for wildfire season through Premises ID](#)
- June 24 - [Funding supports community safety, wildfire research](#)
- June 24 - [Be careful with fires on the Canada Day holiday](#)

NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW

Nothing significant to report nationally.

HAZARD: ENVIRONMENTAL

WEATHER UPDATE

The day began with showers along the Rockies and some thunderstorms in the Southeast Fire Centre from Golden to Invermere and east to the Alberta border. Smokey and hazy skies were experienced across the southern interior.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected across all fire centres this afternoon and this evening (with only Bella Coola and Pemberton for the Coastal Fire Centre). Stronger thunderstorms are expected to develop in the Southeast Fire Centre except for the Revelstoke Fire Zone, along with significant hail, wind gusts to 80km/h and 10 – 20 mm of rain. A secondary area of potentially heavier downpours exists for areas from Prince George to Clearwater and east towards the Alberta border.

Thunderstorm Outlook: As mentioned above, scattered showers and thunderstorms are forecast across most of BC Today, with near-severe thunderstorms for the southeast corner of Kootenays, possible heavy downpours, pea to nickel sized hail and gusts up to 80km/h.

Coastal sites that may see a risk of thunderstorms include Terrace, Kitimat, Bella Coola, and Pemberton.

Weather changes constantly and readers are encouraged to get updates from the Environment and Climate Change Canada link found at the end of this Situation Report.

HAZARD: FLOOD

RIVER FORECAST CENTRE UPDATE

Flood Warnings are in effect for: Chilcotin.

Flood Watches are in effect for: Morice River, Upper Fraser River.

High Streamflow Advisories are in effect for: Fraser River, Liard, Lillooet River, Quesnel, Upper Columbia River.

HAZARD: FIRE

OVERVIEW

The BC Wildfire Service Dashboard reports 176 active wildfires in the province as of July 4, with 31 new starts in the last 2 days.

On June 30, 2021, a fire began in the town of Lytton. Currently, the cause of the fire remains under investigation. The fire spread through the town causing significant damage. The entire population evacuated as did Lytton First Nation and the surrounding communities. The fire spread into the interface and multiple forest fires, none of which have yet been rated as Fires of Note.

As of July 4, there are currently 13 Wildfires of Note in British Columbia.

Kamloops Fire Centre

The Durand Lake (K21232) interface fire is estimated at 150 hectares and currently has 4 firefighters and 1 helicopter actioning it. The fire is currently classified as out of control. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued an evacuation order for multiple properties in Copper Desert Country in Electoral Area J. BC Wildfire Service is working alongside industry partners and heavy equipment continues to be used in the response to the fire.

The George Road (K70804) wildfire and The Lytton Creek (K71086) wildfire is now part of the **Lytton Creek Complex**. Resources for the Complex include 22 firefighters, 8 helicopters, and 4 pieces of heavy equipment. There are 2 Structure Protection Specialists, 2 Office of the Fire Commissioner Agency Reps, and 3 Structure Protection Task Forces assigned to both fires within the complex. As of July 1, the SBWS Incident Management Team is managing this fire.

The George Road (K70804) (Lytton Creek Complex) interface fire is estimated at 350 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. Low winds and lower temperatures have reduced fire behaviour compared to previous two days. The Lytton First Nation has rescinded the Evacuation Alert for IR 20, Kitzowit and the Thompson Nicola Regional District has rescinded the Evacuation Alert for 10 residences in Blue Sky Country in Electoral Area I.

The Lytton Creek (K71086) (Lytton Creek Complex) interface fire is estimated at 8,732 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. On June 30, 2021, the Village of Lytton was impacted by this fire. Conditions remain hot dry and windy. On the evening of July 2, resources were immediately diverted to address a 4-hectare excursion occurred up the west side of the Fraser River, west of the Stein River. Through July 3, crews continued to focus on the excursion as a priority supported by multiple air resources. The excursion is exhibiting minimal fire behaviour today. As of 10:00hrs July 3, there is low threat of further growth. BC Wildfire Service is supporting the Lytton Fire Brigade within the village. The BC Wildfire Service is also being supported by municipal structure protection specialists. Personnel are working on the North West flank to secure the community. Ground crews and air support are working on the northwest and northeast sides of the fire. The 4-hectare excursion across the Fraser will remain a priority for today. The northern most point of the fire along Highway 1 is the other top priority for the day. Crews continue to work in the area and are supported by air resources and heavy equipment, to guard against further fire spread. Structure protection specialists and apparatus are supporting BC Wildfire Service crews along Highway 1 and Highway 12. A Structure Protection Unit is present on the East flank new Highway 1. Fire behaviour continues to be low

to medium in most areas, with more active fire upslope on the northern part of the fire near Highway 12. The current fire activity is within the established fire perimeter.

Helicopters are proving effective in providing support through bucketing operations. The Village of Lytton has an Evacuation Order in effect for all properties in the Village of Lytton. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District have issued Evacuation Orders for the Lytton Creek wildfire.

The McKay Creek (K71030) interface fire is estimated at 23,699 hectares. The change in the area is due to more accurate mapping and does not reflect the total fire growth from yesterday. Late yesterday afternoon, the fire experienced increased fire behaviour due to wind from the north. There was growth on the south end of the fire above the West Pavilion Road crossing the Slok Creek. Crews worked overnight monitoring the area. Today, operations will be reassessing this area, and crews with heavy equipment work to contain the fire growth. Due to shifting winds, there was increased fire activity resulting in growth on the east side of the Fraser River along the Pavilion Clinton Road towards Pavilion. The fire remained below the road. There are terrain issues in this area and crews with heavy equipment will be working to contain the area including building a fire guard. As a precautionary measure, structure protection personnel worked overnight in the vicinity of the Pavilion and West Pavilion roads. There were no structure losses. July 3 showed fire behaviour in the north end of the fire but with very limited growth. Aviation continues to assist crews where needed and water tenders are available to provide additional water supply. This wildfire is highly visible from Lillooet, Clinton, and the surrounding communities. The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) has issued an Evacuation Order for the West Pavilion road from the 14km mark to the 41 km mark in Electoral Area B. An Evacuation Alert has been issued for the Pavilion Lake area in Electoral Area B. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has also issued an Evacuation Alert for 5 properties in the Bonaparte Plateau area in Electoral Area E. Effective noon July 3, an Area Restriction was in place for the McKay Creek fire and surrounding area. This restriction is in place for public and crew safety. Please respect the Area Restriction.

The Sparks Lake (K21001) interface fire is estimated at 36,300 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. Fire size is indicative of the growth on the southwest flank on the evening of July 3. 163 homes on evacuation order and 298 homes on evacuation alert. Skeetchestn Indian Band have implemented an Evacuation Order for the community (July 2, 10pm). The most active area of the fire has been in the Criss Creek Drainage. There was significant growth on the fire through the evening of July 3, moving onto the northeast edge of the Skeetchestn Indian Band's Reserve Lands. As Cayuse Lake, crews are holding the edge of the perimeter with air support (19 helicopters) and building a fire guard (135 firefighters and 24 heavy equipment) On the Northwest flank where the fire is burning into Elephant Hill Fire, the fire is dropping off. Due to safety concerns, security will be stepping up to prevent anyone from accessing the area of the fire, where BC Wildfire Service is actioned. This continues to be a 24-hour operation and there will be crews on the site day and night. BC Wildfire Service is adjusting their resources to match the activity of the fire.

Prince George Fire Centre

The Chilako Fire (G11126) is estimated at 700 hectares and exhibiting a rank 4 fire at the head. Crews are engaging in indirect suppression efforts due to the extreme fire behaviour. 55 firefighters with 4 helicopters and 15 heavy equipment are in action. This is not considered an interface fire.

The Kennedy Siding Fire (G61266) is estimated at 30 hectares. Fire is classified as being held. With the fire now contained within the machine guard and hose lay, crew of 35 firefighters and

1 helicopter are establishing a 50m wet line around the perimeter of the fire. This is not considered an interface fire.

The Murray Forest Service Road (G71138) fire is estimated at 700 hectares. A crew of 3 firefighters, and 3 pieces of heavy equipment continue to establish a machine guard (nearly complete) around the fire with aerial support from 2 helicopters bucketing. This is not considered an interface fire.

Cariboo Fire Centre

The Big Stick Lake Fire (C51290) interface fire is estimated at 70 hectares and is currently classified as Active. An Evacuation Alert has been issued by the Cariboo Regional Area in the Big Stick Area. Further information will be issued as it becomes available. Heavy equipment and personnel (21 firefighters) worked throughout the night to continue building a guard on the wildfire. Yesterday, 80% of the fuel free guard was along the east and north flank of the fire.

The Canim Lake Fire (C41100) interface fire is estimated at 1 hectare. An Evacuation Alert for the Canim Lake Area was collaboratively issued by the Canim Lake First Nation and the Cariboo Regional District. BC Wildfire Service officials will complete another aerial assessment of the wildfire today.

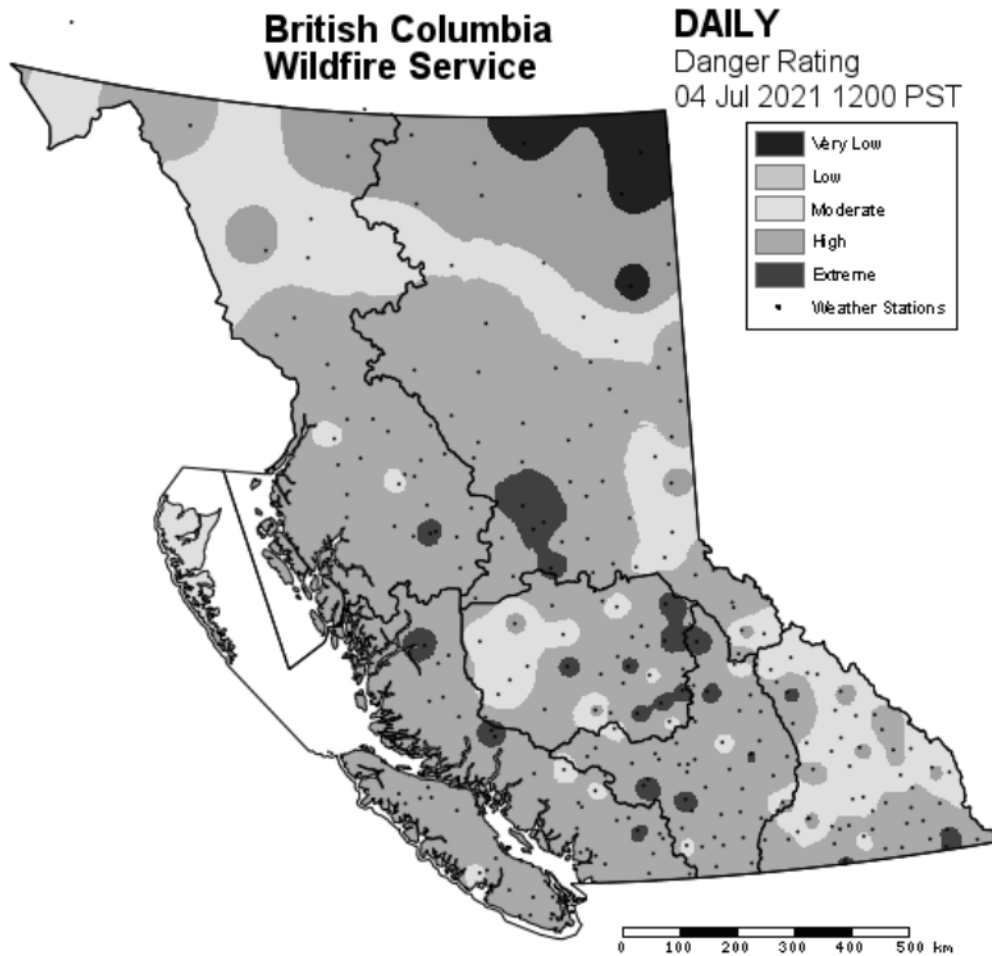
The Churn Creek Protected Area Fire (C21250) is estimated at 700 hectares and is currently classified as Active. An Evacuation Alert has been issued by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District in the Bonaparte Plateau in Electoral Area E for two properties. A crew of 16 firefighters with aerial support (2 helicopters) will action a controlled burn today on the wildfire to prevent spread on the southern and western flanks of the wildfire. Ground personnel will blackline prior to beginning hand ignitions.

The Deka Lake Fire (C41102) interface fire is estimated at 300 hectares and is currently classified as Active. BC Wildfire Service personnel will closely evaluate conditions and plans may change as conditions change. Ground personnel (40 firefighters and 5 heavy equipment) are laying hose along the fuel free guard. This is done to ensure that they have water available to extinguish any smoke or flame that they may see near the fuel free guard. Increased smoke will be highly visible to surrounding communities. Further information will be provided as it becomes available. The Cariboo Regional District has issued an Evacuation Order for 693 properties in the Deka Lake area. An additional Evacuation Alert has been issued for 153 properties in the Sulphurous Lake area.

Southeast Fire Centre

The Merry Creek (N51165) interface fire is estimated at 20 hectares and classified as Active. The Merry Creek wildfire is currently listed as being Held and 100% contained. This will be the last update for this Wildfire of Note. It will be removed from the list at 4pm July 4. Previous evacuations have been rescinded. The Regional District of Central Kootenay has rescinded their Evacuation Order and Evacuation Alert as of 12:30 hrs July 3. The City of Castlegar has rescinded their Evacuation Alert as of 12:30 hrs on July 3. Highway 3 is open in both directions as single lane alternating traffic. Ootischenia and Castlegar Fire Departments along with BC Wildfire Service crews continue to work to extinguish hot spots today.

FIRE DANGER RATING



Note that the wildfires are very dynamic, and readers are encouraged to get updates from the BC Wildfire Services link found at the end of this Situation Report.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY

There are now 701 (+45) properties under Evacuation Order and 1299 (-294) properties on Evacuation Alert due to Wildfire, Freshet, flooding related events and landslide.

PECC Level 2	CTL	NWE	NEA	SEA	SWE	VIR	Total
PREOC Activations	Jul 4	/	Jul 4	Jul 4	Jul 4	/	All at Level 2
States of Local Emergency (SOLE)	5 (-2)	0	3 (-2)	1 (-2)	3 (-1)	0	12 (-7)
Band Council Resolutions (BCR)	16 (+1)	15	15	0	10	8	64
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Evacuation Alerts	5 (-2)	0	3 (-6)	1 (-1)	2 (-1)	0	11 (-10)
Reception Centers (RC)	4	0	3	0 (-1)	4 (+1)	0	11
Evacuees Registered	549	0	278 (+62)	0	215 (+18)	0	1,042 (+80)
Group Lodging Facilities	3	0	0	0 (-1)	1 (-1)	0	4 (-2)
Persons in Group Lodging	78	0	0	50	5	0	133

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER (OFC)

Summary:

- McKay Creek crews are continuing operations.
- Sparks Lake requests ongoing. Structure Protection crews requested to start setting up equipment from the Wasp Urban Structure Protection Unit.
- Lytton resource requests continue.
- Deka Lake all ops normal.
- Crews arriving to Durand lake this afternoon.
- Structure Protection Crews Panorama and Sicamous redeployed crews only to Lytton and Sparks Lake. Type 2 SPU's staged at Kamloops.

Summary of Deployed Resources		
Structure Protection Specialists		8 (-1)
Branch/Deputy Branch Managers		4
Mobile Command Unit		1 (+1)
Structure Protection Units	Type 1	4
Structure Protection Units	Type 2	10
Structure Protection Units	Type 3	
SPU Crew (SPC)		14
Engine		19
Tenders		12
Wildland Trucks		4 (+1)

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

CENTRAL REGION (CTL)

CTL PREOC remains activated to level 2 in support of regional EOC's response to wildfire and freshet.

Freshet

- No new or significant incidents to report.

Wildfire:

- Cooks Ferry Indian Band has issued an Evacuation Alert due to Lytton Fire (K71086).
- Ts'kw'aylazw First Nation declared a SOLE on July 1. The Band rescinded an Evacuation Order and issued an Evacuation Alert for Pavilion IR#1 on July 3.
- Durrand Lake Fire (K21232) discovered July 1, affecting the Logan Lake Area, estimated 450 hectares and classified as Out of Control.
- Juniper Ridge Fire (K21224) discovered July 1 caused by lightening strikes between Juniper Ridge area and Valleyview area in Kamloops. Classified as under control.
- Lytton First Nation tactically evacuated due to the Lytton Fire (K71086). Residents in multiple communities and supported by multiple Reception Centres.
- Skeetchestn Indian Band impacted by Sparks Lake Wildfire (K21001). State of Local Emergency via Band Council Resolution on June 30, 2021. Alert in place for IR#0 and IR#1. Separate Alert in place for IRs, 1, 3, 4b, 4c, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11a, 16, 17, 18, and 19.
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Wildfire:

- Castlegar activated EOC July 1 for the Merry Creek Wildfire (N51165) on the boundary of Castlegar and the Regional District of Central Kootenay. A SOLE was issued As of July 3, Castlegar rescinded all Evacuation Orders and Alerts. Castlegar has closed its Reception Centre and Group Lodging.
- The Regional District of Central Kootenay activated their EOC July 1 in response to the Merry Creek Wildfire (N51165). As of July 3, The Regional District of Central Kootenay

EOC has cancelled the State of Local Emergency and rescinded the Evacuation Order and Alerts. Power is still out to 52 customers in the area, and will not be established for 24-48 hrs.

- The Regional District of Kootenay EOC has stood down for the weekend.
- South East Region impacted with smoky skies.

Freshet:

- High temperatures have accelerated snowmelt rates from high elevation terrain in the Rocky and Columbia Mountains. Many gauged rivers in the region currently flowing between 2-year and 5-year return period levels.
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NORTH WEST REGION (NWE)

NWE PREOC

- No new or significant incidents to report.

NORTH EAST REGION (NEA)

NEA PREOC remains activated to Level 2 in support of Wildfire and Freshet.

Freshet:

- Some rain (25mm) is forecasted in the northern region, which may prolong peak flows. Overall river conditions look favourable, barring any unforeseen extreme rain events.
- Village of McBride: water has started to recede, and works have been completed to contain the lagoon.

Wildfire:

- Esk'etmc First Nation EOC (Alkali Lake) activated due to the Churn Lake Fire (C21250) approximately 40km from the community.
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- Regional District of Fraser Fort George is providing ESS for one family of 5.
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- District of Tumbler Ridge EOC activated for Murray FSR Fire (G71338), which grew overnight.
- City of Williams Lake activated their ESS at the Williams Lake Fire Department for multiple wildfires in Cariboo.

Tornado:

- Blueberry River First Nation activated their EOC due to proximity of Beaton River Fire (G81007). A tornado touched down June 30, 2021 in the evening, impacted a power line and 48 properties. The downed power line still had live electricity and the community was concerned of potential fire risk; BC Hydro has been contacted with unknown ETA. Residents rely on power for potable water. An ESS Reception Centre established at Fort St. John Pomeroy Arena.
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Landslide:

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VANCOUVER ISLAND AND CENTRAL COAST REGION (VICCR)

- No new or significant incidents to report. The VICCR PREOC remains at Level 1 for severe heat and wildfire events.
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RE: TNRD Special Board Meeting - State of Emergency

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Sent: July 5, 2021 1:10:15 PM PDT

Our DM is attending meeting.

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Subject: FW: TNRD Special Board Meeting - State of Emergency
Just noticed that this thread begins with an email about the TNRD meeting today at 3pm to consider a resolution calling on the Province to issue a SOE.
The very bottom suggests that the Cariboo RD and Squamish Lillooet RDs are also doing so...

From: Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX <Jordan.Turner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 5, 2021 9:13 AM
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Cc: Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>; Zdravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zdravec@gov.bc.ca>; Iliffe, Liam GCPE:EX <Liam.Iliffe@gov.bc.ca>; Finn, Heather GCPE:EX <Heather.Finn@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: TNRD Special Board Meeting - State of Emergency
Mike Morris has been very critical. He says it gives additional "tools"
<https://www.citynews1130.com/2021/07/03/criticism-bc-state-of-emergency-wildfires/>

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On Jul 5, 2021, at 9:02 AM, Harris, Megan FLNR:EX <Megan.Harris@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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On Jul 5, 2021, at 8:21 AM, Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX <Jordan.Turner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi all,
For awareness, we're getting a lot of questions around why a Prov Emergency hasn't been called, both from media and local gov's.

Our messaging is below, followed by details on a TNRD local government meeting to lobby the Province to declare one. TNRD covers Lytton. Sounds like the Cariboo RD, and the Squamish Lillooet RD will be doing something similar.

Thanks,

Jordan Turner

Communications Director | EMBC

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre

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Sent: July 4, 2021 8:09 PM

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Cc: Maley, Madeline L EMBC:EX <Madeline.Maley@gov.bc.ca>; Brach, Pader W EMBC:EX <Pader.Brach@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: TNRD Special Board Meeting

Thanks Cameron

Pader and Madeline - here are our current lines on this:

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From: Director Arjun Singh <director.asingh@tnrd.ca>

Date: July 4, 2021 at 7:40:27 PM PDT

To: "Lewis, Cameron F EMBC:EX" <Cameron.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Fwd: TNRD Special Board Meeting

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FYI...additional info to my last email.

very best

Arjun

Arjun Singh

Thompson Nicola Regional Director

Begin forwarded message:

From: Deanna Campbell <dcampbell@tnrd.ca>

Date: July 4, 2021 at 4:45:00 PM PDT

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Subject: TNRD Special Board Meeting

Please updated correct link below:

Good afternoon Directors,

A special meeting of the Board as per section 220(1) of the Local Government Act has been called for Monday July 5th at 3:00PM via zoom, the purpose of which is to seek a Board resolution asking the Government of British Columbia to declare a Provincial State of Emergency with respect to the wildfires in BC. This meeting will be held via zoom only as we are not able to accommodate any in-person attendance due to lack of physical meeting space. Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with section 220 (4) of the Local Government Act.

Please find below the zoom information for the TNRD Special Board Meeting Monday July 5th 3:00PM.

Register in advance for this meeting webinar at the link below:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kiY1eLsaQ8WBCbEw_7cG4w

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

You can join by phone as well but please note you will only be able to listen and hear but not speak:

1-855 703 8985 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 874 7054 6076

If you have any questions please contact me (Deanna) at 250-320-0550 or dcampbell@tnrd.ca<<mailto:dcampbell@tnrd.ca>>

Thank you

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Hello Cameron!

Thanks very much for chatting me on the phone. As mentioned, I understand the TNRD, the Cariboo RD, and the Squamish Lillooet RD are all going to be requesting a provincial state of emergency. That's how it stands this evening.

ADM Rick will be meeting with the TNRD board at 1pm before the scheduled special board meeting at 3pm. This should clarify things in terms of states of emergency.

very best wishes

Arjun

Arjun Singh
Kamloops City Councillor
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RE: thoughts on SOE KMs?

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Subject: thoughts on SOE KMs?

Key Messages

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Existing EMBC KMs

EMBC GCPE lines

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Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre SITUATION REPORT

SITUATION REPORT # 105

PECC ACTIVATION DAY NO. 482 (COVID-19); 5 (WILDFIRES)

JULY 04, 2021

Hazard(s): Wildfire, Floods

Operational Period: July 04, 2021 to July 05, 2021

Next Sitrep will be issued: July 06, 2021

Primary PECC E-mail: s.15; s.17

Primary PECC Phone: 778-698-8617

***New information is noted in red font**

*** Information current as of July 5, 2021 at 14:00.**

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PROVINCIAL SITUATION

The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) remains activated in response to wildfires and floods throughout the province.

With the expiry of the State of Emergency, all Orders under the Emergency Program Act exercising extraordinary powers enabled by that state of emergency ceased to have effect. The *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* enshrined elements of certain orders into legislation and remains in effect. The legislation can be found [here](#).

On July 3, 2021, the BC Coroners Service confirmed two deaths in the Lytton wildfire.

Due to the dispersed evacuation of several communities due to rapidly spreading wildfire, EMBC has coordinated two call lines to be activated to assist displaced persons and family reunification:

- EMBC Emergency Support Services Information Line 1-800-585-9559
- Red Cross Family Reunification Line 1-800-863-6582

There are now 701 properties under Evacuation Order and 1,299 properties on Evacuation Alert due to Wildfire, Freshet, flooding related events and landslide.

INFORMATION

The following information releases are related to the 2021 wildfire and flood season impacting British Columbia:

- July 4 – [Evacuees encouraged to register \(with ESS\) so communities and loved ones know you are safe](#)
- July 2 – [Financial assistance available for local governments, First Nations impacted by wildfire](#)
- July 1 – [What to do if under an evacuation order or alert](#)
- June 30 – [Livestock owners urged to prepare for wildfire season through Premises ID](#)
- June 24 - [Funding supports community safety, wildfire research](#)
- June 24 - [Be careful with fires on the Canada Day holiday](#)

HAZARD: ENVIRONMENTAL

WEATHER UPDATE

Widespread showers and thunderstorms are expected to develop across the BC interior south of Smithers. Isolated showers and a risk of thunderstorms for Dease Lake and Cassiar Mountain. Bella Coola and Pemberton might also see showers and a risk of thunderstorms. The Kamloops and Southeast Fire Centres thunderstorm threats will include dime sized hail and wind gusts up to 60km/h.

Risk of thunderstorms from Terrace to Merritt then east to the Alberta border, covering the Northwest, Central-Cariboo, Kamloops and Southeast Fire Centres plus the Robson Valley Fires Zone. Dease Lake and Watson Lake also have a slight risk of a thunderstorm. The thunderstorms will develop early this afternoon and persist until late this evening. Locally, heavy downpours and wind gusts up to 70km/h will be the main threats.

Weather changes constantly and readers are encouraged to get updates from Environment and Climate Change Canada.

HAZARD: FLOOD

RIVER FORECAST CENTRE UPDATE

Flood Warnings are in effect for: Chilcotin

Flood Watches are in effect for: Morice River, Upper Fraser River.

High Streamflow Advisories are in effect for: Fraser River, Liard, Lillooet River, Quesnel, Upper Columbia River.

HAZARD: FIRE

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY

	CTL	NWE	NEA	SEA	SWE	VIR	Total
States of Local Emergency (SOLE)	6 (+1)	0	6 (+3)	3 (+2)	4 (+1)	0	19(+5)
Band Council Resolutions (BCR)	17 (+1)	15	15	0	10	8	65(+1)
Evacuation Orders	17 (+8)	0	8 (+6)	1(+1)	3	0	26 (+12)
Evacuation Alerts	10 (+5)	0	11(+7)	2 (+1)	2	0	23(+12)

EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

Summary:

- Provided ESS update to Integrated Disaster Council of BC members on call
- Facilitated Cross Regional ESS Reception Centre Coordination Call to understand provincial capacity and registration numbers
- Continue to Support Canadian Red Cross Family Reunification Services
- Developing ESS FAQ on commonly asked questions across all PREOCs coming in during this event
- Providing on-going support to the ESS Branches in the PREOCS as well as the ESS Info Centre staff

	CTL	NEW	NEA	SEA	SWE	VICCR	Total
Reception Centers (RC)	4	0	3	0	4	0	11
Evacuees Registered Total	902 (+353)	0	318 (+40)	0	454 (+239)	0	1674(+632)
Group Lodging Facilities	5(+2)	0	0	0	1	0	6 (+2)
Persons in Group Lodging	78	0	0	50	5	0	133

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

CENTRAL REGION (CTL)

CTL PREOC remains activated to level 2 in support of regional EOC's response to wildfire and freshet.

Freshet

- No new or significant incidents to report.

Wildfire:

- Ts'kw'aylazzw First Nation declared a SOLE on July 1. The Band reinstated an evacuation Order for IR#1 on July 3 and Evacuation Alert for Pavilion IR#1 on July 3.
- Cooks Ferry Indian Band has issued an Evacuation Alert due to Lytton Fire (K71086).
- Durrand Lake Fire (K21232) discovered July 1, affecting the Logan Lake Area, estimated 450 hectares, and classified as Out of Control.
- Juniper Ridge Fire (K21224) discovered July 1 caused by lightening strikes between Juniper Ridge area and Valleyview area in Kamloops. Classified as under control.
- Lytton First Nation tactically evacuated due to the Lytton Fire (K71086). Residents in multiple communities and supported by multiple Reception Centres.
- Skeetchestn Indian Band impacted by Sparks Lake Wildfire (K21001). State of Local Emergency via Band Council Resolution on June 30, 2021. Alert in place for IR#0 and IR#1. Separate Alert in place for IRs, 1, 3, 4b, 4c, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11a, 16, 17, 18, and 19.
- Village of Lytton impacted by Lytton Fire (K71086). Significant structure loss has been reported in the Village of Lytton, details yet to be confirmed as the Village is still too dangerous for entry. A State of Local Emergency and Evacuation Order is in place for the entire Village. Residents evacuated to multiple communities and supported by multiple Reception Centres.
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District impacted by Lytton Fire (K71086). SOLEs in place for Blue Sky Country (Electoral Area I), Village of Lytton, Bonaparte Plateau (Electoral Area E), Lower North Thompson (Electoral Area O) and Copper Desert Country (Electoral Area J). Evacuation Order on June 30, 2021 for electoral Area "I" in the Lytton and Botanie Creek area. Evacuation Alert on June 30, 2021 for electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country) in the Spencer Rd area. Evacuees fled to multiple locations.
- Transportation Impacted: MOTI reported that Highway 1 is closed East Bound at George Road and West Bound at Spences Bridge, due to the Lytton Fire (K71086). MOTI reported the Deadman Vidette Road is closed at Highway 1 Junction due to the Sparks Lake Fire (K21001).

SOUTH EAST (SEA)

SEA PREOC remains activated to level 2 in support of the evacuation of the Town of Lytton due to the wildfire in support of the Central PREOC.

Wildfire:

- Castlegar activated EOC July 1 for the Merry Creek Wildfire (N51165) on the boundary of Castlegar and the Regional District of Central Kootenay. A SOLE was issued As of July 3, Castlegar rescinded all Evacuation Orders and Alerts. Castlegar has closed its Reception Centre and Group Lodging.
- The Regional District of Central Kootenay activated their EOC July 1 in response to the Merry Creek Wildfire (N51165). As of July 3, The Regional District of Central Kootenay EOC has cancelled the State of Local Emergency and rescinded the Evacuation Order and Alerts. Power is still out to 52 customers in the area, and will not be established for 24-48 hrs.
- The Regional District of Kootenay EOC has stood down for the weekend.
- South East Region impacted with smoky skies.

Freshet:

- High temperatures have accelerated snowmelt rates from high elevation terrain in the Rocky and Columbia Mountains. Many gauged rivers in the region currently flowing between 2-year and 5-year return period levels.
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary issued a SOLE for flooding, which has been extended and is set to expire on July 4, 2021. Fife road is now open to one lane traffic and

the evacuation order was lifted. RDKB is hiring contractors to start remedial work to Fife Road and Baker Creek's channel and continues to liaise with the effected property owners.

- Regional District of East Kootenay issued a SOLE for flooding, which has been extended and is set to expire on July 5, 2021. 116 properties in the Fairmont creek area remain under Evacuation Alert. Debris removal is underway. Turbidity from debris removal has caused the temporary closure of pools at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort.
- Dutch Creek breached that bank on private property near Hoodoos Mountain Resort on June 4th. Sand and equipment were provided to patch and internal berm between properties to mitigate flooding. An Evacuation Alert issued for 148 people at Hoodoos Mountain Resort remains in place.
- In the early morning of 5 June, Spruce Grove RV Park flooded. A tactical evacuation of 133 people was carried out, followed by an Evacuation Order for Spruce Grove RCV Resort, which was eventually rescinded June 6 and replaced by an Evacuation Alert, which remains in effect and potentially effects 130 sites.

NORTH WEST REGION (NWE)

NWE PREOC

- No new or significant incidents to report.

NORTH EAST REGION (NEA)

NEA PREOC remains activated to Level 2 in support of Wildfire and Freshet.

Freshet:

- Scattered showers forecast with risk of thunderstorms. Overall river conditions look favourable, barring any unforeseen extreme rain events.
- Village of McBride: water has started to recede, and works have been completed to contain the lagoon.

Wildfire:

- Esk'etemc First Nation EOC (Alkali Lake) activated due to the Churn Lake Fire (C21250) approximately 40km from the community.
- Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation (SXFN) formerly known as Canoe Creek and Dog Creek have activated EOC to Level 2 on July 3. Community is in contact with BC Wildfire Service and have all their hoses and tanks ready to go.
- Tsq'escen (Canim Lake Band) activated the EOC for wildfires in the Cariboo – Canim Lake Complex. Tsq'escen worked with Cariboo Regional District to issue Evacuation Alerts to Canim Lake IR#1 on July 2 for 115 homes. South Cariboo SAR requested for assistance with issuing Evacuation Alert notifications on July 3. Elders are preparing to evacuate from the community, first option for ESS is Chilliwack with second option to Clearwater.
- BC Parks has initiated a soft closure of the Kinuseo Falls Road at km 44 to advise travellers. Monkman Park is closed.
- 100 Mile House is assisting with the Deka Lake Fire (C41102). A Reception Centre opened July 1 to support Deka Lake evacuees with Emergency Support Services registration. The Reception Centre is located at 100 Mile House Curing Club. A Salvation Army food truck has been deployed to 100 Mile House to assist in feeding evacuees. 6 hotel rooms for ESS Accommodation still available as of 13:00hrs July 3.
- Cariboo Regional District is responding to the Deka Lake Fire (C41102), Deka Lake area under Evacuation Order, as well as Judson Road and the area south of Sulphurous Lake. An Evacuation Alert issued for north side of Sulphurous Lake. An Evacuation Alert was issued July 4 for the Si Lake Area due to fire (C41308). The area includes all of Si Lake from Watch Lake Road to Little Green Lake Road, involving approximately 12 homes. Planning is in place.

for possible Alerts along the South CRD/TNRD neighbouring borders, as well as possible expansions of current Alerts depending on BCWS recommendations.

- City of Fort St. John activated their ESS for wildfires in the Peace River Regional District and set up a Reception Centre at the Pomeroy Sports Centre; not open but ready to open as needed.
- Regional District of Fraser Fort George is providing ESS for one family of 5.
- Peace River Regional District cancelled their SOLE in place for the Unnamed Fire (G80977) and rescinded the related Evacuation Order and Alert on July 1, 2021. Portions of Electoral Area B were placed under a new Evacuation Alert for the same fire. Reception Centre open 13:00hrs to 16:00hrs to assess needs on July 4.
- City of Prince George activated ESS for wildfires in the Cariboo. Initial plan is to provide ESS for up to 100 people, if more than 100 people register the reception centre will be relocated to CN Centre.
- City of Quesnel reception centre at Quesnel Recreation Centre is currently closed and evacuees are being met at hotels by ESS in support of neighbouring communities.
- District of Tumbler Ridge EOC activated for Murray FSR Fire (G71338), which grew overnight.
- City of Williams Lake activated their ESS at the Williams Lake Fire Department for multiple wildfires in Cariboo.

Tornado:

- Blueberry River First Nations activated their EOC due to proximity of Beaton River Fire (G81007). A tornado touched down June 30, 2021 in the evening, impacted a power line and 48 properties. The Blueberry River First Nation and Halfway River First Nation had power restored on July 4. If any individual customers in the community still have no power, they are to call BC Hydro 1-800-224-9376 (1-800-BCHYDRO). An ESS Reception Centre established at Fort St. John Pomeroy Arena.
- West Moberly First Nations activated their EOC for power outage and to support the community with generators.

Windstorm:

- BC Hydro working on power restoration in the Fort St John area due to downed power lines caused the June 30 windstorm event. BC Hydro has successfully restored power to Doig River First Nations, while continuing to work on restoring power to Halfway River First Nations by end of day July 4.

Landslide:

- Cariboo Regional District has 3 Alerts remaining due to landslides from earlier this spring.

SOUTH WEST REGION (SWE)

SWE PREOC remains activated to level 2 in support of the evacuations due to wildfires.

Wildfire:

Shxw̓ha:y Village has set up a Welcoming Centre with 35-30 families stopping in daily to meet and regroup. Hot dinners served every night for a week starting Jul 2. The Village is assisting with gasoline, cooler requests, and providing donated gift cards to families. Delivering ice and water for Siska First Nation is also in the works. Village is looking to develop poster to be posted at all provincial reception centres, identifying donation distribution services. Village is focussing on processing, storing, and delivering out donations received from community out to evacuees.

Sto:lo Nation EOC has activated to support evacuees from the Lytton Interface Fire.

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A Reception Centre in Whistler remains in place for the next 24 hrs (July 4 – July 5) in the event of further evacuation into the Sea to sky Corridor due to existing capacity limits north of Lillooet, and a Registration and information service is available in Lillooet with Red Cross. Squamish Lillooet Regional District Liaison will deploy to the Lillooet EOC for the period July 6 to July 9 inclusive to facilitate coordinated advance planning and operations EOC Logistics is working on resourcing Traffic Control Points as required to support Order area restrictions, and longer term EOC staff scheduling. A fire in Electoral Area C (V31386) reported July 4 in the Pemberton Portage Road vicinity of Lackwater Elementary School, heading away from school up the hillside. Pemberton Fire Department and BC Wildfire Services with aerial support actioned the fire and is considered contained

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ESS has been planning for Welcoming and Reception Centre with Squiala First Nation and for Group Lodging with Seabird Nation to provide culturally safe spaces for First Nations evacuees. The Seabird Island Band was open 24 hours over the weekend. ESS also connected with STOLO Nation to enquire about accommodation capacity for Indigenous Community. SWE PREOC ESS has received expressions of support from First Nation communities and local governments. There are currently 202 rooms spread between Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Squamish, Langley, and Surrey.

VANCOUVER ISLAND AND CENTRAL COAST REGION (VICCR)

- No new or significant incidents to report. The VICCR PREOC remains at Level 1 for severe heat and wildfire events.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER (OFC)

Summary:

- McKay Creek, BX Swan Lake Crew Lead overseeing with support from SPS Wilde.
- SPS Going to evaluate and develop a Structure Defense Plan for cabins out of Williams Lake.
- Logan Lake has been assessed by an SPS and information given to the RD Fire Chief, Crews and CAO.
- Canim Lake evaluation taking place today SPS Watkinson to view.
- More resources to Sparks Lake, including the WASP Urban SPU.
- SPS and crews setting up on structures Dairy Lake/Durand Lake.

SUMMARY of DEPLOYED RESOURCES		
Mobile Command Unit		1
Structure Protection Units	Type 1	4
Structure Protection Units	Type 2	8(-2)
Structure Protection Units	Type 3	
SPU Crew (SPC)		15(+1)
Engine		16(-3)
Tenders		12
Wildland Trucks		4
SUMMARY of DEPLOYED PERSONNEL		
Structure Protection Specialists		10 (+2)
Branch/Deputy Branch		4
Task Force Leaders		5
Fire Personnel including TF Leaders		105
Structure Protection Personnel		75
Total Personnel		194

INTERFACE FIRES OF NOTE

The BC Wildfire Service Dashboard reports 197 active wildfires in the province as of July 5, with 36 new starts in the last 2 days.

On June 30, 2021, a fire began in the town of Lytton. Currently, the cause of the fire remains under investigation. The fire spread through the town causing significant damage. The entire population evacuated as did Lytton First Nation and the surrounding communities. The fire spread into the interface and multiple forest fires, none of which have yet been rated as Fires of Note.

As of July 5, there are currently 12 Wildfires of Note in British Columbia.

Fuels continue to dry and are very susceptible to ignition, and new starts are challenging initial attack success due to ease of spread. While temperatures have decreased overall since last week, they remain unseasonably high through the southern half of the province. In the north, temperatures are returning to seasonal norms. The majority of recent wildfire starts have occurred in the North West Region, Central Region, and North East Region. A total of 93

resources are scheduled to arrive in BC today and they will be deployed throughout the province following the briefing tomorrow morning.

CTL Region

The Durand Lake (K21232) interface fire is estimated at 120 hectares and currently has 4 firefighters and 1 helicopter actioning it. The fire is currently classified as out of control. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued an evacuation order for multiple properties in Copper Desert Country in Electoral Area J. BC Wildfire Service is working alongside industry partners and heavy equipment continues to be used in the response to the fire to establish guards around the perimeter with 3 helicopters in support.

The George Road (K70804) wildfire and The Lytton Creek (K71086) wildfire is now part of the **Lytton Creek Complex**. Resources for the Complex include 22 firefighters, 8 helicopters, and 4 pieces of heavy equipment. There are 2 Structure Protection Specialists, 2 Office of the Fire Commissioner Agency Reps, and 3 Structure Protection Task Forces assigned to both fires within the complex. As of July 1, the SBWS Incident Management Team is managing this fire.

The George Road (K70804) (Lytton Creek Complex) interface fire is estimated at 350 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. The Lytton First Nation has rescinded the Evacuation Alert for IR 20, Kitzowit and the Thompson Nicola Regional District has rescinded the Evacuation Alert for 10 residences in Blue Sky Country in Electoral Area I.

The Lytton Creek (K71086) (Lytton Creek Complex) interface fire is estimated at 7,600 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. The new fire size is due to more accurate GPS mapping of the fire perimeter. The perimeter between George Road (K70804) and the Lytton Creek (K71086) are now clearly defined where the south end of the Lytton Creek wildfire has burned to the north edge of the George Road fire. There has been minimal growth outside the current perimeter. Weather to date has been unprecedented with temperatures hitting the mid 40s. The Village of Lytton was impacted by this fire on June 30. BC Wildfire Service is supporting the Lytton Fire Brigade within the village. The BC Wildfire Service is also being supported by municipal structure protection specialists. Crews and helicopters are working on the northwest and northeast sides of the fire. The 4-hectare excursion across the Fraser River remained a priority for July 4. The northern most point of the fire along Highway 1 was the other top priority for the July 4. Crews continue to work in the area supported by equipment and air resources to guard against further fire spread. Structure protection specialists are apparatus are supporting BC Wildfire Service crews along Highway 1 and Highway 12. A Structure Protection Unit is present on the east flank near Highway 1. Fire behaviour continues to be low to medium in most areas, with more active fire upslope on the northern part of the fire near Highway 12. The current fire activity is within the established fire perimeter. Helicopters are proving effective in providing support through bucketing operations. The Village of Lytton has an Evacuation Order in effect for all properties in the Village of Lytton. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District have issued Evacuation Orders for the Lytton Creek wildfire.

The McKay Creek (K71030) interface fire is estimated at 26,301 hectares. July 3, the fire experienced lower fire behaviour with less erratic winds, cooler temperatures, and higher relative humidity. In the southeast, crews worked along the West Pavilion Road to extinguish hot spots and conducted small scale ignitions to the road removing unburnt fuels. July 3, crews remained on site in the evening to monitor the area and heavy equipment worked on a containment line in the vicinity of Lee Creek. July 4, crews worked to contain the same area, extends water delivery systems and conduct additional small-scale ignitions as conditions permitted. East of the Fraser River, on the southwest corner, a protective guard was completed

around the community of Pavilion. Crews remained overnight to monitor the area. July 4, crews continued to open a road system to establish an additional guard from the Clinton Pavilion Road to the railway tracks and prepping for small-scale ignitions along the guards as conditions permitted. Structure Protection personnel continue to monitor and test existing sprinkler systems. Aviation continues to assist crews where needed and water tenders are available to provide additional water supply.

This wildfire is highly visible from Lillooet, Clinton, and the surrounding communities. The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) has issued an Evacuation Order for the West Pavilion road from the 14km mark to the 41 km mark in Electoral Area B. An Evacuation Order has been issued for the Pavilion Lake area in Electoral Area B. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District issued an Evacuation Alert for 5 properties in the Bonaparte Plateau area in Electoral Area E. Effective noon July 3, an Area Restriction was in place for the McKay Creek fire and surrounding area. This restriction is in place for public and crew safety. Please respect the Area Restriction.

The Sparks Lake (K21001) interface fire is estimated at 36,300 hectares and is currently classified as out of control. Fire size is indicative of the growth on the southwest flank on the evening of July 3. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued Evacuation Orders for a total of 164 properties and Evacuation Alerts for 994 properties. Skeetchestn Indian Band have implemented an Evacuation Order for the community (July 2). The most active area of the fire has been in the Criss Creek Drainage. There was significant growth on the fire through the evening of July 3, moving onto the northeast edge of the Skeetchestn Indian Band's Reserve Lands. At Cayuse Lake, crews are holding the edge of the perimeter with air support (19 helicopters) and building a fire guard (135 firefighters and 24 heavy equipment) On the Northwest flank where the fire is burning into Elephant Hill Fire, the fire is dropping off. Due to safety concerns, security will be stepping up to prevent anyone from accessing the area of the fire, where BC Wildfire Service is actioned. This continues to be a 24- hour operation and there will be crews on the side day and night. BC Wildfire Service is adjusting their resources to match the activity of the fire.

NEA Region

The Chilako Fire (G11126) is estimated at 700 hectares and exhibiting a rank 4 fire at the head. Crews are engaging in indirect suppression efforts due to the extreme fire behaviour. 55 firefighters with 4 helicopters and 15 heavy equipment are in action. This is not considered an interface fire.

The Kennedy Siding Fire (G61266) is estimated at 30 hectares. Fire is classified as being held. With the fire now contained within the machine guard and hose lay, crew of 35 firefighters and 1 helicopter are establishing a 50m wet line around the perimeter of the fire This is not considered an interface fire.

The Murray Forest Service Road (G71138) fire is estimated at 700 hectares. A crew of 3 firefighters, and 3 pieces of heavy equipment continue to establish a machine guard (nearly complete) around the fire with arial support from 2 helicopters bucketing. A contingency guard is nearly complete. This is not considered an interface fire.

NWE Region

The Big Stick Lake Fire (C51290) interface fire is estimated at 85 hectares and is currently classified as Out of Control. An Evacuation Alert has been issued by the Cariboo Regional Area in the Big Stick Area. Heavy equipment and personnel (21 firefighters) worked throughout the

night to continue building a guard on the wildfire. A machine guard is in place around 90% of the wildfire. Ground personnel will continue to mop up the east flank. The Big Stick Lake and Clearwater Lake Recreation site are closed to the public to allow firefighting personnel to safely conduct fire suppression efforts.

The Canim Lake Fire (C41100) interface fire is estimated at 300 hectares. An aerial assessment will be completed today to develop a plan of action. An Evacuation Alert for the Canim Lake Area was collaboratively issued by the Canim Lake First Nation and the Cariboo Regional District. BC Wildfire Service officials will complete another aerial assessment will be completed today to develop a plan of action. Due to steep terrain and windy conditions, the fire activity increase yesterday afternoon. The smoke was highly visible to surrounding communities. An assessment was completed by staff in the evening and wildfire is continuing to burn away from the community with minimal movement downslope.

The Churn Creek Protected Area Fire (C21250) is estimated at 700 hectares and is currently classified as Active. An Evacuation Alert has been issued by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District in the Bonaparte Plateau in Electoral Area E for two properties. A crew of 16 firefighters with aerial support (2 helicopters) were successful in completing a controlled burn on the wildfire that resulted in containment lines now being in place on the southern and western flanks.

The Deka Lake Fire (C41102) interface fire is estimated at 300 hectares and is currently classified as Active. BC Wildfire Service personnel will closely evaluate conditions and plans may change as conditions change. Ground personnel (40 firefighters and 5 heavy equipment) are laying hose along the fuel free guard. This is done to ensure that they have water available to extinguish any smoke or flame that they may see near the fuel free guard. Increased smoke will be highly visible to surrounding communities. Further information will be provided as it becomes available. A Burn Boss has reviewed the burn plan for this controlled burn and it will not be actioned unless conditions are suitable. The wildfire is guarded by heavy equipment. The Cariboo Regional District has issued an Evacuation Order for 693 properties in the Deka Lake area. An additional Evacuation Alert has been issued for 153 properties in the Sulphurous Lake area.

SEA Region

The Merry Creek (N51165) interface fire no longer considered a Wildfire of Note. It was estimated at 20 hectares and classified as Active. The Merry Creek wildfire is currently listed as being Held and 100% contained. This will be the last update for this Wildfire of Note. It will be removed from the list at 4pm July 4. Previous evacuations have been rescinded. The Regional District of Central Kootenay has rescinded their Evacuation Order and Evacuation Alert as of 12:30 hrs July 3. The City of Castlegar has rescinded their Evacuation Alert as of 12:30 hrs on July 3. Highway 3 is open in both directions as single lane alternating traffic. Ootischenia and Castlegar Fire Departments along with BC Wildfire Service crews continue to work to extinguish hot spots today.

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Apologies, I missed a T on Minister Conroy's title but it's fixed and is going out correctly.
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State of Emergency

Background:

- Media has reported on Opposition party calls for the province to declare a Provincial State of Emergency.
- The Squamish, and Cariboo Regional Districts are meeting and may make a request to the province for a state of emergency declaration. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District met on Monday and opted not to.
- Local States of Emergency are in place in areas of fire activity.
- The TNRD has requested backcountry restrictions that would be broader than what is usually applied.

Message:

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What about calls for backcountry closures?

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Indigenous Engagement - Lytton Wildfire

Background:

- EMBC is working closely with all communities impacted by the fire – including the Nlaka’pamux Nation Tribal Council (NNTC).
- The NNTC and other First Nations are included on all coordination calls.
- EMBC also has a staff member who is 100% dedicated to supporting NNTC members, including Skuppah Chief McIntyre who had indicated that the province had not been in contact.
- The province is working with the Nation to identify all evacuees and where they are located to make sure they have the support they need.
- First Nation Health Authority and First Nation Emergency Support Services are also fully engaged and able to offer additional support to those who have been evacuated, and Indigenous Support Services are also ready to support.
- Today, Minister Rankin is reaching out to the following Indigenous leaders: Lytton First Nations Chief Janet Webster; Lytton Deputy Chief John Haugen; NNTC Chief Matt Pasco (operates a ranch north of Lytton and said the first call he received from government was regarding his cattle vs community members); Kanaka Bar Chief Patrick Michel (unverified that he lost his home); Tk’emlups Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir; Skeetchestn Kukpi7 Darrel Draney.

Message:

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Trains

Background:

- Witnesses are reporting seeing a train on fire heading through the Lytton region.
- First Nations leaders are saying that they are “prepared to block trains unless the provincial government and railway companies better respond to their concerns about recovery plans for their communities and continued rail traffic in the region.”
- Doug McIntyre, chief of the Skuppah Indian Band (one of the NNTC's member bands) has said that he doesn't want trains running through his community.
- Work crews have been observed repairing rail infrastructure in the area.
- This is 100% federal jurisdiction.

Message:

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Financial supports for people

Background:

- EMBC supports the delivery of emergency support services by partnering with community agencies to provide food, lodging, clothing, emotional support, information about the crisis, and family reunification. There may also be special services like first aid, child minding, pet care and transportation.
- Disaster Financial Assistance is only available to cover losses for which insurance is not readily available. Because fire insurance is available for homes and businesses, they would not qualify for DFA.
- Municipal and First Nation government infrastructure would be available for Disaster Financial Assistance.

Message:

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Kamloops Cancer Care Centre

Background:

- Kamloops media may ask about the timelines for the Kamloops Cancer Care Center.
- Media recently reported that Dix is now talking about the centre as part of a “ten year plan.”
- On June 23, MLA Todd Stone called for the Premier to apologize and “find a way to rebuild the trust with folks here on this project”

Message:

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Heatwave Deaths

Background:

- Over the seven days from Friday, June 25 through Thursday, July 1, 777 deaths were reported - more than three times more than what would normally occur in that period.
- This number is preliminary and subject to increase as additional reported deaths are entered into the Coroner's system.
- In addition to the Coroner's standard investigations, Dr. Henry and Lisa Lapointe are also working together to review the deaths that occurred to identify opportunities to strengthen B.C.'s respond to future events.
- During the heatwave the Province worked closely with local communities and First Nations and made supports available to them, including reimbursements for:
 - Transportation to and from cooling centers in communities where no scheduled public or reasonable transportation exists.
 - Staff wages and overtime to open a civic facility that would otherwise not have been open.
 - Water for distribution within the facility.

Message:

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Ambulance Wait-Times

Background:

- Media is reporting on a Change.org petition with 7,600 signatures calling for the firing of BCEHS Chief Operating Officer Darlene MacKinnon.
- Postmedia has reported BCEHS did not open its emergency coordination centre until Tuesday, and paramedics weren't offered overtime until Canada Day.
- Media is also reporting that the union and Minister Dix have a meeting scheduled this week. Minister Dix is in regular contact with the union and BCEHS this week, and is working actively with them on potential solutions.
- Between 2017 and 2019, BC added 115 paramedic positions. More recently, since January 2021, 271 paramedics have been hired by BCEHS, and 322 more job postings were issued just a few days ago (July 2, 2021).
- The average spending increase for BCEHS over the last four years is 7.95% annually – from \$424.25M in 2017 to \$559.12M today. That's twice the rate of the previous government.

Message:

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Will you fire the Chief Operating Officer of the BCEHS?

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Church Arsons

Background:

- On July 5th a group of residential school survivors held a press conference calling for an end to arson attacks on churches and saying “It’s not going to bring back anybody” and “whoever is doing this, you’re going to wake up a very ugly, evil spirit in this country.”
- There have been six churches set on fire in BC, five of which were destroyed.
 - Penticton Indian Band (June 21st, destroyed)
 - Osoyoos Indian Band (June 21st, destroyed)
 - Lower Similkameen Band east of Keremeos (June 26, destroyed)
 - Upper Similkameen Band near Hedley (June 26, destroyed)
 - Gitwangak, NW of Smithers (June 26 damaged, July 2, destroyed)
 - Tofino (July 2nd - just one wall damaged)
- Penticton Indian Band Chief Greg Gabriel:
"Although there's a lot of anger and hurt in our community, from the residential school survivors and elders, this type of action and behaviour certainly doesn't help. There are better ways to deal with it, if, in fact, this fire was deliberate,"
- Lower Similkameen Band Chief Keith Crow:
"I'm angry. I don't see any positive coming from this and it's going to be tough. It's devastating. You know, we do have a devout Catholic following here in our community. I really don't want to see any separations in a community."
- Upper Similkameen Indian Band Chief Bonnie Jacobsen:
"While I understand the hurt and anger following the recent discoveries at several residential schools across Canada, I don't believe this is the way, this is not our way, as violence and destruction are never the answer, and we don't condone this,"
- On June 28, Minister Murray Rankin announced \$12 million in new funding to support First Nations in B.C. with investigations at former residential school sites, as well as cultural and wellness supports for communities and members.

Message:

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What about the controversy over Harsha Walia?

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What about Grand Chief Stewart Phillip comments?

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It's a bit complicated.

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I can discuss more if you want to call.


Thanks,

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Heatwave - Calls for Independent Review

Background:

- On July 8, Dr. Henry pushed back on claims that B.C. had not followed BCCDC guidance for heat events and had not declared a heat emergency.
- Dr. Henry stated that all health authorities declared a heat emergency - per the BCCDC guidance, which triggered the municipal and public health response.
- The BCCDC guidance was developed based on learnings from a heatwave in 2009.
- The Opposition is calling for an independent review of the heat wave response. Dr. Henry and Lisa Lapointe are already working together to independently review the deaths that occurred to identify opportunities to strengthen B.C.'s response.
- Examples of action B.C. took to the heat wave include:
 - Health authorities issued extreme heat alerts accompanied by the opening of cooling centres coordinated by municipalities
 - Contacting home support clients and scheduling visits to make sure people were hydrated and staying as cool as possible.
 - Redeploying staff in long-term care to keep residents cool and hydrated
 - Supporting communities and First Nations with reimbursements for opening cooling centres, transportation to and from cooling centres, staff wages to open civic facilities, and water for distribution within the facilities.

Message:

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Ambulance Wait-Times

Background:

- Media continues to report on a petition with over 12,000 signatures calling for the firing of BCEHS Chief Operating Officer Darlene MacKinnon.
- Postmedia has reported BCEHS did not open its emergency coordination centre until the Tuesday, and paramedics weren't offered overtime until Canada Day.
- Minister Dix is in regular contact with the union and BCEHS this week, and is working actively with them on potential solutions.
- Between 2017 and 2019, BC added 115 paramedic positions. More recently, since January 2021, 271 paramedics have been hired by BCEHS, and 322 more job postings were issued just a few days ago (July 2, 2021).
- The average spending increase for BCEHS over the last four years is 7.95% annually – from \$424.25M in 2017 to \$559.12M today. That's twice the rate of the previous government.

Message:

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Will you fire the Chief Operating Officer of the BCEHS?

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COVID-19

Background:

- Media are focused on reports of people and businesses who are or are not wearing masks. Some businesses who are asking people to keep wearing masks are reporting having to have difficult conversations with customers who say masks are now “optional.”
- Public health’s message is that people should keep wearing masks until they’re fully vaccinated. People should also respect businesses that are asking everyone to keep wearing masks - just as with a “no shirt, no shoes, no service” policy.
- As of July 8, 78.4% of people 12+ have received their first dose and 40.0% have received their second dose, compared to 78.2% and 38.2% the day before.
- B.C. reported 59 new cases, for a total of 147,915 cases in the province: 21 cases in Fraser; 10 in Vancouver Coastal; 19 in Interior; 2 in Northern; 7 in VIHA.
- There was 1 new death. 74 people in hospital, 19 in ICU.

Message:

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Changes to Long-term Care Restrictions

Background:

- On July 8, Dr. Henry and Minister Dix announced upcoming changes to long-term care and assisted living, including a further easing of restrictions and new requirements around vaccination. The changes are effective July 19th.
- The changes include: no longer needing to book a visit, no limits on the number of visitors, fully immunized visitors can visit with residents without wearing a mask, and larger, facility-wide social events or gatherings are safe to begin again. Adult day programs and in-facility respite services can fully resume.
- New public health requirements around vaccinations include:
 - An order requiring facilities give public health information on all staff, residents, personal service providers & volunteers so their immunization status can be determined, and immunization rates can be tracked.
 - Workers that are not fully vaccinated will be required to wear a mask at work and be tested for COVID-19 using rapid tests three times a week.
 - Volunteers and personal service providers must be fully vaccinated.
 - Masks are required for visitors who are not fully vaccinated.
- As of July 8th, there are currently no active outbreaks and long-term care and assisted or independent living. There are 3 outbreaks in acute care.
- Previous easings of restrictions occurred in June 2020, and on April 1, 2021.

Message:

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Wildfires / State of Emergency

Background:

- The Opposition issued a release on Thursday, claiming there are growing calls for a Provincial State of Emergency to help “heighten public awareness and provide additional tools to be better prepared” and that we’re reluctant compared to 2018 when we did not hesitate to declare one.
- The Squamish and Cariboo Regional Districts may make a request to the province for a state of emergency declaration. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District met on Monday and opted not to.
- Local States of Emergency are in place in areas of fire activity.
- The TNRD has requested backcountry restrictions that would be broader than what is usually applied.
- Next week, Teal Jones will be announcing an initiative to rebuild 50 homes in Lytton, along with significant ceremonial structures on the local First Nation. They will also be issuing a call to action for others to step up in rebuilding efforts.

Message:

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What about calls for backcountry closures?

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How do you respond to concerns about the resumption of rail traffic and threats from First Nations to block the tracks?

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Financial supports for people

Background:

- EMBC supports the delivery of emergency support services by partnering with community agencies to provide food, lodging, clothing, emotional support, information about the crisis, and family reunification. There may also be special services like first aid, child minding, pet care and transportation.
- Disaster Financial Assistance is only available to cover losses for which insurance is not readily available. Because fire insurance is available for homes and businesses, they would not qualify for DFA.
- Municipal and First Nation government infrastructure would be available for Disaster Financial Assistance.

Message:

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Wildfire / heat wave impacts on farming

Background:

- B.C. berry growers and tree fruit growers are experiencing significant losses as a result of the June heat wave
- Media have quoted grower estimates that 50 to 70% of cherry crops were damaged and 75% of the early raspberry crop and between 10 and 30% of the blueberry crop are of such poor quality that they can only be used for juice.
- Production Insurance offers insured growers relief for fruit loss and some plant loss when they are damaged through weather losses, including the heat wave.
- This insurance pays approximately \$14 million per year to insured berry and tree fruit growers for damaged fruit and plants.
- As of July 7, there are 658 Notice of Losses related to extreme heat. Of those claims, 105 are from lower mainland berry farmers and 553 from tree fruit growers in the Okanagan Valley.
- We are seeing varying levels of impact depending on the location and geography of the farm. Some growers have suffered very significant losses, while others have moderate losses. It is too early to quantify total losses.
- Claims Adjusters are undertaking field inspections and fruit picking is still in progress. Claims will be processed quickly once harvest is complete, and will start to flow to farmers near the end of July as the harvest of some crops is complete.
- Growers were also encouraged to enroll in AgriStability, a program that protects producers against large declines in their farming income which includes production losses such as those caused by excess heat.

Message:

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Blueberry River First Nation Press Conference

Background:

- The Blueberry River First Nation (BRFN) and other Treaty 8 nations held a press conference on Thursday about the court judgement that came down last week on their treaty rights.
- BRFN Chief Marvin Yahey stated that the government has failed in its obligations for the last 20 years and that they want to sit down with the Province and speak about treaty rights, believing there is a way forward that works for everyone and protects the environment.
- A number of participants called on the Province to not appeal and said not appealing is an opportunity to show commitment to UNDRIP.
- A few leaders also spoke to the fact that they were not anti-development, but thought that it was possible to have a good balance between economic development and stewardship.
- There was also a statement that all project approvals are going to have to be paused while discussions take place between BRFN and the Province about the approach going forward.

Message:

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Murray Rankin Memo

Background:

- An internal memo from 1998 signed by Murray Rankin in his role as a provincial treaty negotiator revealed discussions about using then new federal money to address the “legacy of residential schools” to assist the treaty-making process.
- It suggested that First Nations that were in the treaty process be the “major beneficiaries” when the money was distributed in the province and that the money could be used as a “down payment” on an eventual treaty and could serve to “sweeten the deal.”
- The federal government had put money on the table for "community-based wellness projects" to support healing. That funding did not include compensation to individual survivors, which did not come for another decade in 2007.
- Minister Rankin responded to the UBCIC on Thursday saying, “I deeply apologize for the hurt that my words in the 1998 memo have caused to Indigenous peoples. The memo included language that I now know is not appropriate and that I do not support today. I take responsibility for the memo and I am sorry to have added to the stress and trauma of this acutely painful time for residential school survivors, their families and communities.

Message:

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Gas Prices

Background:

- CTV has reported that gas prices could reach 185 cents per litre in Vancouver according to “analyst” Dan McTeague.
- On Tuesday gas prices in Victoria reached 172.9, a 10-year high, and a 10 cent increase from Monday.
- Vancouver currently has the highest prices in the country, followed by Victoria. Across Canada the average gas price is 135.
- The BCUC has been engaged in a protracted process with gas companies to obtain data on their costs and pricing.

Message:

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What about the carbon tax?

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Container Trucking/United Truckers Association

Background:

- The United Truckers Association (UTA) is unhappy with what they say is the government's inaction on solving inequities in the container trucking sector.
- After the BC's Independent Container Trucking Commissioner published a report on pay rates and other issues with on- and off-dock trucking (May 2021), the ITA increased its efforts to mobilize its members in opposition to the recommendations, including protests at Surrey MLA offices.
- Other trucking organisations and unions in the sector are not expressing the same feelings or concerns.
- Since 2017, the government has brought in a number of improvements for drivers and independent operators. These include:
 - Increased hourly wages for all truck drivers
 - Increased wages for independent operators by 10%
 - Increased the minimum daily call-out rate
 - Alleviated wait times at terminals

Message:

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Surrey Police - Petition

Background:

- Darlene Bennett, the widow of a murdered bystander in Surrey, joined with the RCMP's union, the National Police Federation, to launch a petition to hold a binding referendum on the Surrey police transition.
- On June 17, Elections BC announced that it had approved the application for an initiative petition on Surrey policing.
- The petition will be issued on August 16, after which the proponent will have 90 days to collect signatures from at least 10% of the registered voters in each of British Columbia's 87 electoral districts.
- Initiative votes are scheduled every three years. If required, the next initiative vote will be on September 30, 2023.
- Only one of the 14 initiative petitions conducted since the Recall and Initiative Act came into force in 1995 was successful (the Initiative to End the HST).
- The City of Surrey's transition from an RCMP Municipal Police Unit to its own municipal police department is well underway: the Surrey Police Board was established effective July 2020; the s first Chief Constable assumed office in December 2020; and since this time the Surrey Police Service has also hired its Deputy Chief Constables and senior leadership team.

Message:

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RE: FLNRO Media Request: Interview MKC on Chapman/Abbott Report and Wildfires

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Is the Minister available to give this as a clip?

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Subject: RE: FLNRO Media Request: Interview MKC on Chapman/Abbott Report and Wildfires

Hey QRT,

If I don't hear back by 3pm I am going to assume this is good to go Bhinder.

Thanks so much.

Tyler.

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Subject: FW: FLNRO Media Request: Interview MKC on Chapman/Abbott Report and Wildfires

Hello QRT,

Danielle from MO has approved this statement to be attributable to MKC. Any concerns or edits before sending to reporter?

"My heart goes out to the people of Lytton, and to the family and friends of the two people who died because of last week's wildfire there. It was devastating to see the impact of that fire, during a flyover earlier this week with Premier John Horgan, Minister Mike Farnworth and MLA Jackie Tegart. I was also able to meet some of the people on the frontlines and behind the scenes fighting some of the more than 200 wildfires burning in B.C. They are dedicated individuals – and an excellent team.

"The B.C. government has invested heavily in wildfire prevention and preparedness. Our priority is keeping British Columbians safe and protecting the province's natural resources and infrastructure. Our firefighting budget has been increased by \$73 million over what was allocated in 2018. But we will spend whatever it takes to keep people safe.

"I want to recognize George Abbott and Maureen Chapman for their work; we are continuing to address the recommendations of the Abbott & Chapman report, which recognized that climate change has impacted the number and severity of wildfires in B.C. We've taken the report seriously, and to date have implemented about 92% of its 108 recommendations. Of the remaining recommendations, three are undergoing further analysis and alternative approaches are being used to address the other. Our work on these recommendations includes incorporating the United Nations framework for disaster risk reduction, collaborating with First Nations communities and training First Nations firefighters, and funding a research chair in Predictive Services, Emergency Management and Fire Science at Thompson Rivers University.

“We continue to address climate change in our work going forward. On June 1, our government released an intentions paper to modernize forest policy. It sets out our vision for a forestry sector that is more diverse, competitive, focused on sustainability, and puts people and communities first. We’re also supporting the efforts of local governments and First Nations to reduce wildfire risks in and around their communities through programs like the Community Resiliency Investment Program and modernized Emergency Support Services system. The Province remains in discussions with First Nations to understand how best to support communities, including community emergency operations centres, reception centres and group lodging.”

Reporter

Bhinder Sajan, Reporter
CTV News (BC)
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Deadline ASAP

Request

From reporter: Hoping to get the minister on camera to talk about what the province is doing differently this wildfire season after the 2017 report by Chapman/Abbott.

This is for tomorrow – Thursday. Please let me know if that’s possible.

Recommendation

Background

Communications Situation Report - July 12, 2021

From: Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX <Jordan.Turner@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: July 12, 2021 5:07:28 PM PDT

Hi all,

Please find below the Communications Situation Report for July 12. Updates are in RED.

Thanks,

Jordan Turner

Communications Director | EMBC

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre

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Releases

- **RCMP:** Update on the investigations related to the Lytton fire
<https://bc-cb.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ViewPage.action?siteNodeId=2087&languageId=1&contentId=70263>
- **Federal:** Statement by Ministers committing to ongoing engagement with First Nations affected by wildfires in British Columbia and additional resources to advance emergency response measures
<https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/07/statement-by-ministers-committing-to-on-going-engagement-with-first-nations-affected-by-wildfires-in-british-columbia-and-additional-resources-to-a.html>
- **Teal Jones:** Teal Jones donating half a million board feet of lumber to help build Lytton, Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council/Lytton First Nation
<https://tealjones.com/teal-jones-donating-a-half-million-board-feet-of-lumber-to-help-rebuild-lytton-nlakapamux-nation-tribal-council-lytton-first-nation/>

Emergency Management BC
Communications Sit Report Daily Summary
Wildfires 2021

Date: July 12, 2021

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

Evacuation Orders, Alerts

- Evacuation ORDERS due to wildfire: 12
- Evacuation ALERTS due to wildfire: 33

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas (List will link):

- [Bulkley-Nechako Regional District](#)
- [Cariboo Regional District](#)
- [Columbia Shuswap Regional District](#)
- [Cook's Ferry Indian Band \(Facebook page\) \(Evacuation Alert\)](#)
- [District of Coldstream](#)
- [Regional District of North Okanagan](#)
- [Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen](#)
- [Skeetchestn Indian Band \(Facebook page\) \(Evacuation Order\)](#)
- [Squamish-Lillooet Regional District](#)
- [Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality](#)
- [Takla Nation \(Facebook page\) \(Evacuation Alert\)](#)
- [Thompson-Nicola Regional District](#)
- [Tsay Keh Dene First Nation \(Evacuation Order\)](#)
- [Village of Lytton](#)
- [Yekooche First Nation](#)

Visit [EmergencyMapBC](#) to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

BC Wildfire Daily Summary

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 987 wildfires, resulting in nearly 154,294 hectares of area burned. About 38% of the total wildfires so far this season have been attributed to human activity, and 45% have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 17% have yet to be determined. There are currently 308 active wildfires burning in B.C., 25 of which are Wildfires of Note. The three new Wildfires of Note today are Thomas Creek and Becker Lake in the Kamloops Fire Centre and Flat Lake in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

There are multiple active Evacuation Alerts and Orders in place issued by regional districts, First Nations, and other local authorities.

Weather Forecast

Today: A north to south upper ridge through Atlin builds into the Yukon. An extremely weak upper low off the Washington coast will move through the state today. The air near this low is very dry with the potential of weak lightening. Smoke is widespread over most of the BC interior. Max temperatures may increase locally by a degree and into the mid 30s in the south. Daytime heating will be increasingly inhibited due to smokey conditions this week. Relative humidity will dip into the teens over a huge area of the south and central interior. Winds will be mostly light today in the 10 – 20 kph range and terrain driven. Tonight, any lightning will ease this evening but may continue overnight along the US border.

Tomorrow: The ridge begins to weaken province and shifts into Alberta, leaving the Prince George Fire Centre in a southwest flow and boosting the chance of lighting in this centre. There is a lingering threat of lightning in the Southeast Fire Centre. Tomorrow will be the warmest, driest day of the week and winds will increase as inflow from the coast begins.

Extended forecast: On Wednesday, an upper low moves to Atlin sustaining potential for scattered lighting through the north. Temperature max begins to lower over the north as the cooler air with the trough moves in from the northwest. The south remains hot, dry, and now windy. Thursday, the Atlin low traverses the far north with some lightning while a strong Gulf low drops to lie west of Haida Gwaii. The south remains hot, dry, and windy. On Friday, the upper low moves to Hecate Strait with a pair of upper troughs sharpening. The leading trough will likely spark another lighting outbreak from the Cariboo south through Kamloops. The backing flow and developing second trough will likely bring a second round of lightning as it sweeps through the south overnight.

Key Facts

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b>

There are currently 309 active wildfires burning in B.C., including 24 Wildfires of Note (as of 2:00 p.m.)

- Coastal: 5
- Northwest: 7
- Prince George: 60
- Kamloops: 98
- Southeast: 68
- Cariboo: 71

For information on wildfires of note: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp>

Communication Activities:

- Responded to media requests throughout day
 - Providing remote PIO support to the Kamloops PREOC – listening in on EMBC coordination calls with agencies, communities, and First Nations.
- Conducted 11:30 a.m. all-Agency Coordination Call.

All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner

- Quick overview – had around 40 fire starts over weekend. Now at just over 300 active fires, with about 20 of these threatening communities or interface fires
- Lots of activity in the north
- Tl'azt'en First Nation issued evacuation order
- Yekooche First Nation issued an evacuation alert
- BC Parks closures around Flat Lake and Grizzly Lake parks
- Okanagan alerts to due Embleton Mountain fire, including entire Sun Peaks Resort Area
- Okanagan Falls fire is of most concern - just south of Penticton
- 77 homes evacuated yesterday and another 600 on alert
- Next few days – heat wave warnings in central interior through Wednesday. High 30s and high teens at night
- Higher than normal fire activity expected
- Hopefully dropping back to seasonal or below seasonal later in the week. Wait and see.
- Put out NR yesterday around matching donations with Red Cross, retroactive to July 3
 - <https://news.gov.bc.ca/24888>
- Also worked with federal government to collaborate on quotes in both releases. They're also matching donations
 - Federal release: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2021/07/government-of-canada-and-government-of-british-columbia-to-establish-donation-matching-with-the-canadian-red-cross-for-bc-wildfires.html>
- Whenever a donation is made in B.C., \$1 will make \$3 from gov contributions
- Lots of activity and issues arising
- Activity around federal government this weekend putting out a release around Ministry of Transport saying there's an order in place to address safety concerns on rail that result from extreme weather - put in place on midnight Saturday
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/07/minister-of-transport-announces-precautionary-measures-to-address-safety-concerns-resulting-from-extreme-weather-and-wildfire-risks.html>
- RCMP planning messaging today

Health

- IB going today from Interior Health in response to heat alerts issued by Environment Canada
- Medical health officer in Kamloops media today about air quality concerns from smoke and wildfires

Agriculture

- Media request from Country Life asking for latest numbers of animals evacuated
- Have updated our numbers on noted losses for crops damaged

Environment

- Flat Lake and Grizzly Parks evacuations
- One regional media ask about Flat Lake

FLNRO

- Teal Jones put out their NR that they're going to donate lumber for the rebuild of Lytton
 - <https://tealjones.com/teal-jones-donating-a-half-million-board-feet-of-lumber-to-help-rebuild-lytton-nlakapamux-nation-tribal-council-lytton-first-nation/>
- Any media requests can be directed to our office
- Doing media follow-up media on IBs that went out last week about drought conditions – River Forecast people doing interviews when available
- Interview being lined up with BCWS on CBC South tomorrow morning about mitigation efforts
- Lots of media on various other topics and responding accordingly

TACS

- Let me know if you need any support for messaging re: Sun Peaks
- Jordan – haven't heard much about that. Given they're on alert, people are still able to stay there but I believe they're not letting tourists in because it's an evacuation alert area

MOTI

- A couple road closures around Lytton, Lillooet and Kamloops area for a few days now.

Indigenous Services Canada

- Minister along with Transport minister and Public Safety minister put out statement yesterday regarding commitment to consult FNs affected by wildfire, and mentioned ministerial order around rails
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2021/07/statement-by-ministers-committing-to-on-going-engagement-with-first-nations-affected-by-wildfires-in-british-columbia-and-additional-resources-to-a.html>

RCMP

- Issuing investigative update at 1pm today
- Interviews as required with assistant commissioner Eric Stubbs
- Still haven't received or have any ongoing missing persons investigations but will continue to be open to it
- Issuing tip line for people who have info about Lytton wildfire

Public Safety Canada

- Over the weekend we issued the NR Jordan mentioned
- Also issued a NR about evacuation support for residents of Poplar Hill FNs (Ontario)
- Have heard about a potential announcement about further support to Lytton families?
- Jordan – some talk underway. Don't have any concrete details yet but I can follow-up after the call about what may be taking place.
- Had our federal coordination call an hour ago will be holding them Mondays and Thursdays until further notice

BC Hydro

- Continuing to watch impacts on lines - none to date
- Watching fire outside of Vernon at Becker Lake, near transmission line
- Have enacted wildfire evac supports – on our website
- Jordan – sounds good. We put out wide-ranging releases, so I'll look to add some of that info in there

Red Cross

- Just gratitude for welcome announcement around donation matching
- Jordan – thank you for your support on it

GCPE HQ

- Thank you Dawn at RCMP for coordinating on the announcement going this afternoon. It's been handled really well. Thank you Dawn and EMBC team.

Jordan – planning to hold calls through the week and will re-evaluate on Friday if we need to hold them over the weekend.

Key Messages:

We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.

How can people prepare for an evacuation alert and order?

- With the high threat of wildfires, there are some communities that have been placed under evacuation alert and folks in these areas need to be prepared to leave their homes on short notice.
- The more you can do to prepare in advance, the more peace of mind you will have when evacuating.
- That means:
 - Stay tuned to your local authority's public information channels
 - Have an emergency kit and important documents ready to go, with clothing for several days, medications, comfort items for children and pets, things like photo albums and mementoes that can't be replaced.
 - Check in with family, friends and neighbours who may need a helping hand.
 - Make sure your vehicle's gas tank is at least halfway full.
- If you are issued an evacuation order, you will need to leave the area immediately.
- Staying in an area that's under an evacuation order puts yourself, your family, and first responders in danger.
- It's not worth the risk to stay behind.
- If you are evacuated, make sure you register with Emergency Support Services, whether or not you need support, so that your loved ones and communities know where you are and that you're safe.
- You can register online at ess.gov.bc.ca or by phone at 1-800-585-9559
- And if you need support, proceed to one of your local reception centres so they can help you.

Wildfire behaviour in an evacuation order area

- Everyone who is subject to an Evacuation Order should leave the area immediately.
- Most people in B.C. have never experienced an active wildfire event. Such situations can be disorienting and confusing, and your ability to keep yourself and your family safe may be severely impacted.
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Re: MMF Statement on Alerting system

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Cc: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>, Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 14, 2021 10:56:06 AM PDT

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George Smith (he/him)

Deputy Communications Director

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On Jul 14, 2021, at 10:42 AM, Harris, Megan GCPE:EX <Megan.Harris@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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“You can also ensure you are following FireSmart principles to keep your property as safe as possible. Trim your trees, cut the grass, clear your gutters – do everything you can to make it more difficult for fire to spread through your property or neighbourhood. You’re not only protecting your community; you’re also aiding the firefighters who may be called on to protect it.

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Releases

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- Evacuation ORDERS due to wildfire: 19

- Evacuation ALERTS due to wildfire: 44

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There are multiple active Evacuation Alerts and Orders in place issued by regional districts, First Nations, and other local authorities.

Weather Forecast

Today: A deep upper low west of Haida Gwaii will linger through Saturday and beyond. Weak waves rotating around the low will spread rain northward across the coast and into the Northwest Fire Centre and Prince George Fire Centre. The first wave has spread some light rain into VanJam and the Peace this morning. Another wave, now crossing Vancouver Island, will bring more showers to the coast and lightning into the northeast Cariboo and southern Prince George this afternoon. The southern tail of this wave may trigger isolated dry lightning through Kamloops Fire Centre and the Columbia Fire Zone. Temperatures are cooler but smoke is still lingering. Tonight, increasingly moist air will bring downpours with embedded lightning from Nadina to the Prince George Fire Zones. Dry lightning may continue overnight in the south. Minimal rainfall is possible in the northern half of the province by midnight. The rain will continue overnight. Strong winds will develop with a thermal trough in the interior. Winds will persist overnight in the Southeast Fire Centre.

Tomorrow: The rain continues in the north. Total rainfalls will range between 15-25 mm with local amounts to 35mm. The threat of lightning diminishes but continues across the central interior. Generally, winds ease somewhat but remain locally strong and gusty. Temperatures are cooler but smoke is still lingering.

Extended forecast: On Sunday, warming and drying begins as the upper low near Haida Gwaii lingers with a southwest flow over southern B.C. Late Monday, subtropical moisture will round the four corners high pressure system and feed northward toward Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre. There is potential for dry lightning and gusty winds.

Key Facts

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b>

There are currently 308 active wildfires burning in B.C., including 30 Wildfires of Note (as of 3:00 p.m.)

- Coastal: 6
- Northwest: 5
- Prince George: 66
- Kamloops: 108
- Southeast: 67
- Cariboo: 56

For information on wildfires of note:

<http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp>

Emergency Support Services and Reception Centres

Emergency Support Services (ESS) reception centres are available for **evacuated residents who are without access to other sources of support**. If you have been evacuated and are in need of assistance, please proceed to the reception centre listed on your Evacuation Order or contact your local authority. [Learn more about what you can expect from Emergency Support Services.](#)

100 Mile House

- **Register online or in-person**
- Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School, 200- 7th St, 100 Mile House
- Phone: 1 250 644-0146

Chilliwack

- **Register in-person**
- Chilliwack Senior Secondary, 46363 Yale Road, Chilliwack
- Hours: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Phone: 604 316-4967

Fort St. James

- **Register in-person**
- Fort St. James Secondary School, 450 Douglas Street, Fort St. James
- Phone: 250 617-9683

Kelowna

- **Register online or in-person**
- Salvation Army, 1480 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna
- Hours: 10 am to 6 pm
- Phone: 250 215-1789

Prince George

- **Register online or in-person**
- CN Centre, 2187 Ospika Blvd. S., Prince George
- Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Salmon Arm

- **Register online**
- Prestige Harbourfront Resort, 251 Harbourfront Drive NW
- Phone: 250 833-3360

Seabird Island, Agassiz

- **Register in-person**
- Seabird Island Band – Gym, 2895 Chowat Rd, Agassiz

- Hours: Open 24 hours
- Phone: 604 652-8283

Sts'ailes First Nation, Agassiz

- **Register in-person**
- Sts'ailes Lhawathet Lalem, 16300 Morris Valley Road, Agassiz

Williams Lake

- **Register online or in-person**
- Lake City Secondary School 640 Carson Drive, Williams Lake
- Phone: 250 267-4861

For more info on how to find reception centres you may also call the provincial ESS line at 1 800 585-9559.

Communication Activities:

- Sent out news release with FLNRO about Quebec and Mexican firefighters
- Responded to media requests throughout day
 - Conducted 11:30 a.m. all-Agency Coordination Call.
- Working on info bulletin about evacuation accommodation and smoke

All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m. UPDATED

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner

- Continues to be significant wildfire activity – 15 new fires in last 48 hours which is a drop from what we've been seeing recently
- Still over 300 active fires
- Hovering in low 300 area for at least five or six days
- More wildfires of note and more interface fires – almost 30 interface fires
- Since yesterday, we didn't have as many larger evacuations
- We had quite a few new evacuations and alerts that went into place but nothing major or any major centres that have been impacted
- Right now, we 57 evacuation alerts, mostly Central Interior and North
- Affecting more than 11,000 properties
- 35 evacuation orders and impacting 2,869 properties
- Quite a few people on evac order but not anywhere near levels we've seen in the past such as 2017
- At this point we were in the 10,000s of properties
- Still very busy and lots of fire
- A few things planned today
- Planning to send out a NR about firefighters coming in from Mexico and Quebec – early afternoon
- Quotes from MMF and MKC
- All details will be coming but just a thank you for the support
- Looking at possible IB to go out later in the afternoon about the issues we've been seeing with accommodations with ESS and housing evacuees
- The main message is to let people know that they shouldn't self evacuate to get out of an area because of smoke
- We have messaging around that, mostly about smoke patterns shift, also giving tips for how to stay safe from smoke
- Emphasizing that commercial accommodations are needed for people evacuated by orders

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- Expect more info on that later today or early tomorrow

MIRR

- Continuing to monitor impacts to FNs right now

Health

- Jordan – appreciate Dr. Henry’s help on our call yesterday

Agriculture

- Posted our fact sheet last night on emergency management for support for ranchers and it’s in the newsroom
- Minister Popham promoted it on social media

Environment

- Six additional parks fully closed due to wildfire
- Total is now 41 parks

FLNRO

- Just the NR we’re working on with you

Canadian Forces

- Hercules that left Comox for Kamloops transporting some BCWS
- Will put out a social media post and tag you and BCWS

RCMP

- Monitoring the situation
- Got a request from CBC asking if we’ll confirm if the state of emergency has been confirmed
- Responded saying it’s not required for us to mobilize
- As provincial police force we can do it without a SOE

Public Safety Canada

- Updated landing page for wildfires across Canada on the main Canada.ca page
- Our page includes a link to Emergency InfoBC page so you may see an extra influx in traffic as a result
- Jordan – our page for Recovery and supports on Emergency and Info is live as of yesterday afternoon and we have a link there to your page as well

BC Hydro

- Jordan – we have a BC Hydro link on the recovery page as well

Jordan

- As announced earlier in the week, I don’t believe we’ll need these calls over the weekend
- Next call planned for Monday at 11:30am
- Contact us if something comes up
- I’ll be off tomorrow and possibly Sunday – out of office to my colleague, Susan Williams

Key Messages:

We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.

- The Province is currently deploying all available resources to respond to wildfires across B.C., and that can be done without a provincial state of emergency.
- A provincial declaration of a state of emergency has not been necessary to provide assistance to people, to access funding, or to coordinate or obtain additional resources – including federal assets.
- The federal government and the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre are providing firefighting personnel, aircraft support, and other assets.
- Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) is available to local governments and First Nations in regions affected by wildfire. For more information, please see the following information bulletin:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0045-001299>
- Any declaration of a provincial State of Emergency would be made on the advice of Emergency Management BC and BC Wildfire officials, who are actively monitoring the situation and working closely with local governments and First Nations across the province.

Emergency Info BC Messaging:



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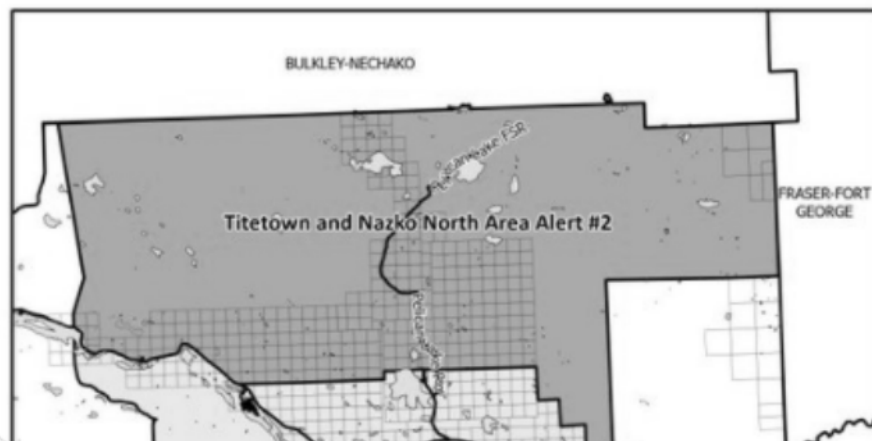


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How you can help communities affected by wildfires



FW: Follow up

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Attachments: UBCM Executive Meeting Notes_16-JUL-2021.docx

FYI – notes attached from a meeting MJO had with UBCM Exec on Friday. Discussion related to heat wave is on page 4. I've asked Robyn to make sure that the feedback gets filtered into EMBC and Health.

Lia Brewer

*Director of Projects and Strategic Liaison
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Sent: July 19, 2021 10:56 AM

To: Brewer, Lia PREM:EX <Lia.Brewer@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Follow up

Hi Lia,

As discussed last week, Minister met with UBCM Executive on Friday, and one of the main topics for discussion was the heat wave, impacts and preparedness.

You can see notes from their discussion starting on page 4 of the attached document.

Thanks and let me know if you want to continue discussion on this one.

Robyn

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Subject: RE: Request for notes from UBCM meeting

Hi Robyn,

Attached are the notes for last Friday's UBCM Executive meeting.

Thank you,

Kelly Brubacher

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Subject: Request for notes from UBCM meeting

Hi Kelly,

Minister Osborne has asked if it's possible to get a copy of the minutes/notes from her 1hr discussion with the UBCM Executive today. I asked Tara and she indicated that should be feasible. Putting the request in through you to ensure it's actioned and tracked.

Thanks!

Robyn

Robyn Spilker *she/her*

Senior Ministerial Advisor

Hon. Josie Osborne

Minister of Municipal Affairs

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Hi all,

The PECC is activated in response to wildfires.

Please find below the Communications Situation Report for July 19. Updates are in RED.

Thanks,

Jordan Turner

Communications Director | EMBC

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre

Phone: (236) 478-0210 Cell: (250) 896-1928

Emergency Management BC

Communications Sit Report Daily Summary

Wildfires 2021

Date: July 19, 2021

***Please note, given the dynamic nature of wildfire activity, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

Evacuation Orders, Alerts

For updated information go to: <https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/>

- Evacuation ORDERS due to wildfire: 21
- Evacuation ALERTS due to wildfire: 50

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Weather Forecast

Today: The majority of the province will be sunny with scattered showers in the northwest and isolated showers in the northeast. Isolated thundershowers will occur in central and northern B.C.

Tonight: Showers continue and move inland. Recoveries remain good except for the Southeast and Kamloops Fire Centre

Tomorrow: Extensive showers continue across the north of the province and as far south as the northern Cariboo. Isolated thundershowers pose risk to the northern half of the province, the Cariboo, eastern Kamloops and the Southeast Fire Centre.

Key Facts

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:

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- Cariboo: 48

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All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner

- Over the weekend we had about 12 new fires start
- Now at 27 interface fires
- Most new starts around southern half of the province – Okanagan, Cariboo and Kootenays
- White Rock Lake Fire in TNRD led to some evacuations
- New fire west of Revelstoke led to about 12 homes evacuated
- Oregon Jack Creek Indian Band issued evacuation order for their reserve
- Active fires hovering around 300
- On the positive side, we saw rain in the north half of the province, greatly reduced the fire danger especially in the extreme north
- Still very high and extreme danger in south and hopefully can shift resources from north to problem areas
- Released an IB yesterday on not asking people to evacuate due to smoke and build an evacuation plan, including a place to evacuate to instead of filling up hotels
 - <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0047-001390>
- To make sure we have accommodation space for the people who absolutely need it
- Hoping to keep pushing that messaging through social media
- Also today there's a new request for assistance going to federal gov for ground troops to help mop up fires
- Have connected with Public Safety Canada and likely will send out a release later today about this ask
- This week we're planning a couple media briefings at 2pm Tuesday and Thursday
- Much like our regular ones there might be some guests and on Zoom
- Hoping to have RCMP, Ministry of Health, and other partners as needed – we'll see how these go each week and what message we're trying to get across

MIRR

- As of last Friday, FNs are demanding a state of emergency

HLTH

- Interior health monitoring situation in 100 Mile House
- Jordan – if someone from your team can check on DBH's availability on Tuesday and Thursday it would be much appreciated

ENV

- Noting the shift in weather that you mentioned – there's been a bit of an easing up on parks in the north but still looking at 41 parks fully closed and 5 partially closed

MUNI

- on Thursday Minister Osborne will host call with local communities, hopefully joined by MMF and PS Rice
- Jordan – yes, we'll continue to coordinate plans on that through the week

FLNRO

- working with you on the NR and continuing to pick up media calls

Indigenous Services Canada

- our update 85 went out last Friday and just want to thank the RCMP for their info included in the update
- if organizations have info to be included, please email it to Hazel Desl???

Canadian Forces

- excited to see the NR this afternoon
- can you give me a call after this to chat?
- Jordan – yes

RCMP

- deploying additional resources to 100 Mile, Ashcroft and Clinton
- Preventative initiative to deal with possible orders coming down in 12-36 hours
- some inquiries asking how we'll maintain property security during evacuation orders – maybe to alleviate people's concerns
- Have not had any theft reported
- Security on checkpoints and working with CNRD to see if they can be manned by private security so we can maintain other duties
- One violation on Highway 5A near Kamloops on July 17 that ended up being the result of a camp stove that fell off into the grass

- Violation ticket issued and Kamloops RCMP will confirm today
- Jordan – I’m hoping you or a colleague can be on the 2pm media briefings Tuesday and Thursday
- yes, I’m available this week
- we’re working on imagery and reassuring messaging about security during evacuation

Public safety Canada

- Is EMBC planning on sending out a NR on the RFA?
- Jordan – I spoke with Josie on your team and she was open to us drafting one and then will send it to your minister’s office to review. We have a placeholder for a Minister Blair quote

BC Hydro

- an outage yesterday caused by fire between Kamloops and Vernon south of Monty Lake
- Restored within two hours

Destination BC

- Continuing to work with industry to make sure ESS have accommodation lists of businesses that have space
- Ministry working with AirBNB to access their resources
- Meeting with industry this afternoon

HQ

- Increasing TEAMS deployment at Keating and helping support on IBs going out and the announcement

Emergency Support Services and Reception Centres

Emergency Support Services (ESS) reception centres are available for **evacuated residents who are without access to other sources of support**. If you have been evacuated and are in need of assistance, please proceed to the reception centre listed on your Evacuation Order or contact your local authority. [Learn more about what you can expect from Emergency Support Services.](#)

100 Mile House

- **Register [online](#) or in-person**
- [Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School, 200- 7th St, 100 Mile House](#)
- Phone: 1 250 644-0146
- Hours: 11 am to 3 pm for info services only

Chilliwack

- **Register in-person**
- [Chilliwack Senior Secondary, 46363 Yale Road, Chilliwack](#)
- Hours: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Phone: 604 316-4967

Fort St. James

- **Register in-person**
- [Fort St. James Secondary School, 450 Douglas Street, Fort St. James](#)
- Phone: 250 617-9683

Kelowna

- **Register [online](#) or in-person**
- [Salvation Army, 1480 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna](#)
- Hours: 10 am to 6 pm
- Phone: 250 215-1789

Prince George

- **Register [online](#) or in-person**
- [CN Centre, 2187 Ospika Blvd. S., Prince George](#)
- Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Phone: 250 561-7600 (or 311 if you are in Prince George)

Quesnel

- **Register in-person**

- [Quesnel Recreation Centre](#)
- [500 North Star Road, Quesnel](#)
- Phone: 250 992-8200

Salmon Arm

- **Register [online](#) or in-person**
- [Prestige Harbourfront Resort, 251 Harbourfront Drive NW](#)
- Phone: 250 833-3360

Seabird Island, Agassiz

- **Register in-person**
- [Seabird Island Band – Gym, 2895 Chowat Rd, Agassiz](#)
- Hours: Open 24 hours
- Phone: 604 652-8283 or 604 819-3167

Sts'ailes First Nation, Agassiz

- **Register in-person**
- [Sts'ailes Lhawathet Lalem, 16300 Morris Valley Road, Agassiz](#)

Williams Lake

- **Register [online](#) or in-person**
- [Lake City Secondary School 640 Carson Drive, Williams Lake](#)
- Phone: 250 267-4861
- Hours: 8 am to 11 pm

For more info on how to find reception centres you may also call the provincial ESS line at 1 800 585-9559.

Communication Activities:

- Responded to media calls throughout the day
- Monitored MLA line
- Provided remote PIO support to the Kamloops PREOC
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Sent out media advisory for availability on Tuesday July 20 at 2pm

Key Messages:

We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.

Accommodation for Evacuees:

- People in wildfire-affected communities should plan their accommodations in the event of an evacuation order in advance to help ensure capacity for evacuees who need hotel rooms.
- If possible, the best option would be to arrange to stay with family or friends, so that commercial accommodations have capacity for those evacuees who have no other option.
- Your private home insurance should be accessed whenever possible to cover additional costs incurred while on mandatory evacuation. Make sure you confirm your coverage with your insurance provider and notify your insurance provider of the evacuation order. If other supports are unavailable to you, you can check with Emergency Support Services.
- If you're under evacuation order, you can self-register with Emergency Support Services (ESS) at www.ess.gov.bc.ca. If you can't self-register online, please go the Reception Centre designated by your local government or First Nation to register in-person. By registering, your community will know where you are, and loved ones can find out if you're safe.
- People who have self-evacuated to larger communities due to smoky conditions should also consider returning home.
- Because smoky conditions shift and move, self-evacuating to another community does not guarantee a person's exposure will be reduced, and unnecessary relocation or travel will only add stress and anxiety that can also have negative health effects.

- In many communities, accommodations are reaching capacity. By returning home, people can help host-community Emergency Support Services create capacity for people who have been evacuated from their homes due to a direct wildfire threat.

Emergency Info BC Messaging:





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The @TNRD has issued an #EvacuationOrder for 28 properties in Electoral Areas "L" and "M" due to the White Rock Lake Wildfire located in the vicinity of #Westwold. #BCWildfire

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