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FYI - latest BCWS update

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Good morning,
Here is the current situation. As an FYI we will be initiating our regular Situation Reporting next week. Our activity levels have not warranted it yet.

Fires of Note:

George Road fire – Near Lytton

- 350 ha
- Previous evacuation alert has been lifted
- No fire growth over past 72 hours

Eleven Mile Creek – East of Hope

- 45 ha
- Fire is being held
- No fire growth over past 48 hours

Peachland fire

- .5 ha
- Evacuation alert for 20 homes has been lifted
- No fire growth overnight

Forecast/weather:

- 46 temperature records fell across BC on Saturday June 26th
- 10% chance of isolated dry lightning in Tweedsmuir park

- Chance of lightning increases daily and covers a larger geographic – models show the chance of lightning tracking into the interior and North through the week
- Ridge of high pressure remains in place for the next number of days and anticipation is that more records will fall across the province in terms of temperature.
 - These high temperatures will increase the fire danger across the province, drying out fuels, curing grass and making the forest susceptible to holdover fires
 - Wednesday is forecasted to be the biggest day of concern at this point- chance of lightning is increased and likely little to no precipitation with it,
 - Record breaking temperatures will likely continue until Wednesday, and although its forecast to cool, we are going to stay above seasonal temperatures in the Southern half of the province
- Burn Prohibitions (Category 2 and 3) on across the province.
- Provincial campfire ban will be in effect 12:00 (noon) Wednesday. Public messaging of the ban will be out Monday (tomorrow) advising of impending ban.

Resources:

- All BCWS resources have returned home from Quebec and Ontario.
- We have increased our helicopter fleet across the Province, strategically placed our air tanker fleet and have significant heavy equipment resources on stand by
- We have also advised EMBC that we could support the flooding in the Pemberton valley should that emergency need resourcing
- We continue to be prepared for the days ahead and are also preparing for the weeks ahead should the weather pattern hold and the Province receives significant fire starts- BCWS is confident in our resourcing for the next 10-14 days, if there is no change in weather pattern (mostly precipitation) we may require additional resource support by the third week in July.

As always do not hesitate to reach out.

Talk soon,

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