

**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
POLICING AND SECURITY BRANCH
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

PURPOSE: For **INFORMATION** for Mark Sieben,
Deputy Solicitor General, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

ISSUE: Update on police activities in response to ongoing BC Wildfire situation

SUMMARY:

- RCMP have opened their Division Emergency Operations Center (DEOC) and have liaison embedded in the PREOC located in the Kamloops region in response to the ongoing BC Wildfire situation.
- RCMP continues to have an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in place to address the command for the Lytton Fire and resulting devastation.
- The area in and around the village of Lytton, including the adjacent Lytton First Nations community continue to be in a state of lockdown. This is due to the ongoing unsafe nature of the landscape due to the fire devastation. There is no timeline as to when it may be safe to allow limited visits into the site by non-first responder personnel.
- Police services for the larger Lytton area continue to be based out of the Lillooet Detachment and additional resources have been brought in to address this demand.
- Repeated requests from Media for access continue, however there is currently no way to allow such access, due to safety concerns.

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- Police Services is part of the twice daily operational RCMP DEOC briefings and will be so during this wildfire season. The way the RCMP has addressed the immediate and ongoing demands resulting from the fires to date has been nothing short of exceptional. Their level of coordination and engagement with impacted communities and other first responders has clearly demonstrated their hard-won experiences from past years.
- RCMP have brought in additional FNPP resources to the Lytton area to support the demands for service.

BACKGROUND:

- The following is an update on various police activities that are monitored by Policing and Security Branch (PSB):
 - The RCMP has their Gold/Silver/Bronze command in place and operating. This model has now seen the opening of their DEOC and resources deployed to ensure consistent police services available in the Lytton/Lillooet area into the next few weeks.
 - Recent access into the Lytton village fire site have seen the following occur.
 - The remains of the 2 known deceased have been removed by the Coroner Service and their cause of death investigation continues with the support of the RCMP.

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- The areas in and around the Lytton village site, including the Lytton First Nations community, remain under police enforced lockdown.
 - There is now a Missing Person investigative capacity to address any outstanding cases, which are fire related, where the police have been informed. To date there are no outstanding cases reported to the RCMP.
- Fire activities across the province continue to draw upon police resources to support evacuation orders and related activities. These have all proceeded very well and there are no immediate concerns in these areas, however it is understood there will need to be a scheduling of additional staff as the fire season continues.

DISCUSSION:

- RCMP Accommodations staff and related PSB staff have already begun discussions related to the short- and long-term establishment for a police presence in the community of Lytton.

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Situational Awareness and Communications:

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are many Indigenous communities impacted by the Lytton fire and similar occurrences across the province.

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OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- EMBC and BC Wildfire are the operational leads with PSB and police being engaged at all appropriate levels in a coordinated response to the fire situation.

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**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BC
BRIEFING NOTE FOR DECISION**

TO: The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

ISSUE: Declaration of a Provincial State of Emergency Related to Public Safety Concerns with Wildfires

BACKGROUND:

- As of July 20, there are approximately 300 active wildfires, 34 of which are classified as interface fires largely focussed in the Cariboo and Okanagan regions of the province.
- At present approximately 2,800 properties are on evacuation order and close to 16,000 properties on evacuation alert.
- The situation continues to deteriorate as a result of very dry conditions, sustained drought and a combination of higher than normal temperatures, and unsettled weather leading to new fire starts from lightning strikes and fire growth due to high/gusty winds.
- The fire danger rating is high to extreme throughout all of central and southern BC, including the Kootenays, and a large area of eastern Vancouver Island.
- The situation is particularly concerning given the early and devastating start to the wildfire season in late June with the fire in and around the Village of Lytton and adjacent reserves, and current conditions expected to persist for the foreseeable future through the remainder of the summer.
- Fire smoke continues to impact much of the southern interior as well the far northeast areas of the province and a Smoky Skies Bulletin was issued July 19 for a 24-48 hr time period. Southern Alberta has experienced the impact of BC wildfire smoke and a number air quality statements have also been issued.

DISCUSSION:

- BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) and Emergency Management BC (EMBC) operations and advanced planning staff are recommending the Minister declare a provincial state of emergency to provide the authority to address a number of potential issues related to the wildfire situation and to ready the province for worsening conditions.
- Advice from both BCWS and EMBC staff to date has been that all necessary actions in regard to the wildfire situation can be accomplished without the use of the extraordinary powers provided within under a provincial state of emergency declared under the *Emergency Program Act* (EPA).

- However, advanced planning for various scenarios has revealed the potential need to secure the accommodation spaces necessary in the event of mass evacuations, control/prohibit travel into impacted areas, and to have authority to establish a provincial fire department that can draw on resources from any part of BC if needed.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- First Nations leaders have expressed support for the Province declaring a state of emergency.
- The Province will continue to work with First Nations leadership and communities to address any needs related to the wildfire situation.

OPTIONS:

Option 1: Declare a Provincial State of Emergency (Recommended)

- Declare a provincial State of Emergency by Ministerial Order under the authority of s. 9(1) of the EPA to apply to the whole of the province.
- Include authority for employees of EMBC, RCMP "E" Division and "local authorities" within the province as defined in the EPA, their employees, servants and agents, to be empowered pursuant to Section 10(1) of the EPA, to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of the emergency.
- Make the effective date of the order to be 12:01AM July 21.
- The order largely mirrors similar declarations made in 2017 and 2018 related to wildfires.

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OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development consulted.

RECOMMENDED OPTION APPROVED 1 DATE:



Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

July 20, 2021

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**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BC
BRIEFING NOTE FOR DECISION**

TO: Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

**ISSUE: Financial Support for Lytton Fire Evacuees and Households Under
Evacuation Order Delivered by the Canadian Red Cross**

BACKGROUND:

Emergency Management BC (EMBC) is proposing to have the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) provide one-time \$1,000 payments to each household impacted by the Lytton fire given its extraordinary impact.

Further, recognizing the possibility for evacuation orders over the remainder of the 2021 wildfire season the Province could consider engaging the CRC to provide payments to households displaced due to any evacuation orders lasting longer than 10 days.

DISCUSSION:

- As of July 20th, there are approximately 300 active wildfires, 34 of which are classified as interface fires largely focussed in the Cariboo and Okanagan regions of the province. Approximately 2,800 properties are on evacuation order and close to 16,000 properties are on evacuation alert.
- A Provincial State of Emergency was declared effective July 21, 2021, based on the risks associated with the deteriorating conditions as a result of very dry conditions, sustained drought and a combination of higher than normal temperatures, and unsettled weather leading to new fire starts from lightning strikes and fire growth due to high/gusty winds.
- The Lytton fire and a related evacuation order is estimated to have impacted over 1,000 individuals. The Evacuee Registration Assistance tool indicates there are 488 individuals from the Lytton First Nation and 798 individuals from Lytton who registered for supports.
- The \$1,000 payment per household proposed for Lytton Fire Evacuees is intended as an immediate support while longer term plans are developed in collaboration with impacted communities. The payment will not impact recipient's eligibility for supports provided through the Emergency Support Services program.
- There were initial discussions with Canada about the potential to collaborate on the \$1,000 payments to households impacted by the Lytton fire. Canada has confirmed it does not intend to partner on this initiative.
- The purpose of the proposed \$600 payment is to provide rapid financial assistance to those who have had to evacuate their residence due to the evacuation orders to help alleviate the situation. This funding is not meant to cover all costs (such as gas,

food, lodging) incurred by people who had to evacuate their residence but is meant to help alleviate the impact and is in addition to the support provided through the Emergency Support Services program.

- EMBC notes, unlike the \$600 payments provided during the 2017 fire season, people who have evacuated while not under evacuation order will not be provided with a \$600 payment. This will ensure support is targeted towards those most significantly impacted by evacuation orders (i.e. for 10 days or more).
- The CRC will require recipients to register to receive these proposed payments. Recognizing the priority factors of speed and equity, financial assistance will be given at the household level (not individual) to all those who had to evacuate.
- To receive payment the primary registrant will need to both pass the CRC's identity authentication process and be evacuated from their primary place of residence due to an eligible evacuation order.
- Generally, a disaster relief payment that an individual receives from a government, municipality, or public authority for personal losses and expenses is not taxable and is not included in the recipient's income for income tax purposes.
- The CRC recommends making the \$600 one-time payment rather than being renewed every 14 days as was the case in 2017 as it was administratively challenging to administer. Further, for both programs, clearly communicating a time limited application window is also recommended (i.e. 30 days).
- The CRC has the capacity to provide these support payments in a culturally safe manner for impacted First Nations households.
- These payments are proposed to be funded through the approximately \$5.3 million in residual funding the CRC has from the Provincial funding provided to address the impacts of 2018 wildfires.
- The table below provides an estimate of the number of households projected to received support through the proposed payments recognizing administration costs incurred by the CRC to deliver the program would reduce this amount.

Table 1: Potential Number of Household which Could be Supported

Description	Households	Cost
Lytton Fire Relief - \$1000 payment	Up to 1,000*	\$1.0 M
Under Evacuation order > 10 day - \$600	Up to 7,166	\$4.3M
	Total	\$5.3M

* 1,000 discrete household are not anticipated but has been used for modeling purposes for the purpose of this table

- Modeling based on evacuation orders since June 30, 2021 is detailed in the table 2 and suggests the number of households evacuated for over 10 days is approximately 672.

Table 2: Properties Under Evacuation Order since June 30, 2021

Source: GeoBC Common Operating Picture	Days Under Order		
	5 days	10 Days	14 Days
Raw estimate	2,995	672	448
total	\$1,797,000	\$403,200	\$268,800
Estimate including 10% buffer for data anomalies	3,294.5	739.2	492.8
total	\$1,976,700	\$443,520	\$295,680

* Note: Includes recreational properties. Some properties may have multiple households.

- Based on this analysis EMBC expects the residual funding from 2018 is sufficient to facilitate \$600 payments to household under evacuation order for longer than 10 days. In the event of significant additional wildfire activity, the Province could look to directing donation matching contributions towards support payment or provide additional contributions for this purpose.
- At this point, it is not clear to what extent the Province will rely on the CRC to support other emergent needs of evacuees during evacuations or their eventual return home or to what extent the CRC will apply donation funding from the public and the federal government towards such needs. Table 3 below provides a summary of programs the CRC has delivered in previous years.

Table 3: Other Potential CRC Services

Program Name	Relief During Evacuation	Support to Return Home and Recovery
Personal Disaster Assistance/Emergency Support Services	X	X
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support	X	X
Community Partnerships Program	X	X
Support to Small Business	X	X
Support to Re-Entry		X
Support to Self Recovery		X
Transitional Shelter/Lodging and Housing Repair and Reconstruction		X
Disaster Risk Reduction/Capacity-Building/		X

- The funding agreement for the provincial donation match contribution will aim to direct funds towards the highest priority needs identified through engagement with impacted communities with the intent of addressing needs not met through provincial programs and those delivered by partners including the CRC and other organizations.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- The Province committed to providing immediate funding for initial support directly to impacted households in its joint letter with the Government of Canada to First Nations impacted by the Lytton fire.
- EMBC has consulted with the Lytton First Nation and confirmed support for payments to eligible households. Further EMBC and the CRC will ensure the needs of vulnerable members of the population are addressed.
- This may include payments being provided to the First Nation Government for distribution where appropriate and providing the CRC with flexibility in the definition of a household as needed.
- Programming delivered by the CRC on behalf of the Province supports all impacted individuals including First Nations.

OPTIONS:

OPTION 1: Recommended

- Approve \$1,000 payments for households impacted by the Lytton Fire related evacuation order in addition to a \$600 payment to any household on evacuation order for longer more than 10 day delivered by the CRC using residual 2018 wildfire grant funding.

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OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

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DECISION APPROVED / NOT APPROVED
OPTION 1

DATE:



Mike Farnworth, Minister
Public Safety and Solicitor General

July 23, 2021

Date

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Southeast District, Tk'emlups Rural Detachment
Sparks Lake Wildfire
File [2021-21768](#)

Issue:

Tk'emlups RCMP Rural Detachment responded to a report of an uncontained 250 hector fire requiring nine tactical evacuations.

Background:

- On June 29, 2021 Local Natural Resource Officers reported a 250 Hector file near Sparks Lake B.C.
- Fire fighters on the ground, helicopters and several fix wing planes are engaged fighting the fire.
- The source of the fire is believed to be from a vehicle parked on a private property (Unconfirmed).
- Inquiries are currently underway to determine the cause of the fire.
- TRND requested the assistance of the Tk'emlups Rural Detachment to attend Sparks Lake and issue nine evacuation notices.
- No structural damage, no injuries and no immediate risk to property at this time.

Current Status:

- Tk'emlups has carriage of the file with Kamloops Detachment support.
- Evacuation notice are being served by three members.

Strategic Consideration:

- TNRD EOC activated and engaged with Detachment providing evacuation orders.
- Kamloops SMT and Tk'emlups Detachment completed a briefing to identify evacuation plans and response.
- Preliminary Briefing with City of Kamloops Fire Chief and SMT due to under 50 km from Kamloops for necessary contingency planning but no EOC activation at this time.
- Security plans being established for evacuated properties and protection of property given 1.5 hours from Kamloops.

Strategic Communications:

- Kamloops MRO is engaged for necessary support.

- TNRD EOC activated and pending engagement with SAR for additional evacuation assistance.
- One necessary checkpoint and communication being assessed.

Members/Employee Wellness:

- Both members who attended the scene have been debriefed.
- Detachment Commander to monitor both members.

Conduct/Civil Risk Assessment:

- No concerns at this time.

Detachment Commander Comments:

- Investigation is well in hand with excellent response from members
- This investigation will remain with Tk'emlups Rural Detachment with oversight of NCO i/c, S/Sgt WALLACE and Ops/OIC engagement.
- Kamloops SMT has been engaged since onset and during briefing providing support.

District Comments:

Forwarded to CROPS
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Update: SED- Kamloops-Sparks Lake - Wild Fire Evacuations- Tk'emlups Rural File 2021-21768

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Here is the morning update from the Kamloops – Sparks Lake Fire

- Fire grown over night to 2300 Hectares.
- High of 43 c and winds this afternoon
- Very small chance of shower, with the showers comes the risk of lightening.
- Due to heat, fire behaviour is unknown at this time
- Further evacuation orders are forthcoming. Due to the fire growth over night a total of 150 properties are now affected.
- BC wildfires are increasing their personnel
- One piece of heavy equipment was lost by BC wildfire personnel due fire behaviour as a result of winds changing directions late last evening.
- Concerns with air quality until which time fire is under control
- TRND will have an update with evacuation orders by 08:30 hrs today.
- TRND has no issues placing a member within their command center
- Skeetchestn FN is likely going to be affected.

First Nation Response

- Skeetchestn First Nation is aware of the wildfire and have taken step to protect themselves.
- Tk'emlups IPS will be engaged with Skeetchestn leadership later this morning.
- Skeetchestn first nation population is approximately 270 living on reserve.

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Planned information dissemination - BC Wildfires - cross Ministry

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Good afternoon;

At the request of ADM Wayne Rideout, I have been asked to lead a information dissemination process on behalf of PSSG, in relation to the BC wild fire activities and any actions by the police in response to the evolving situation. I wanted to inform you of the steps being taken to achieve a timely and accurate account of such activities and the development of a communications strategy that will allow for its sharing across a number of ministries at the determination of our Deputy Minister Mark Sieben, as required.

As there is already an approved and accepted process underway as it relates to the ongoing "civil unrest and protests" current being seen within BC, I will be mirroring this process and engaging with a number of the same information contact points to develop the information sharing process. This has been discussed with that PSSG lead, Exec. Director Brian Sims, and we agree this will provide the information in a manner already understood and accepted by multiple ministries. This process will see;

- My direct connection with RCMP staff leading and working on any police wildfire responses;
- My direct connection with the existing Critical Incident Secretariat at their weekly Monday morning sessions;
- Connection to the work of Norm McPhail as it relates to police actions and intelligence that may be related to possible fire related and protest concerns/intelligence;
- The use of the same IBN format used for the Police Direct Actions across the province.
- The use of a Contracts Team Analyst to create regular IBNs for our DM (as currently being done for the Protests), which will be reviewed and vetted by myself to ensure any police sensitive information is removed prior to advancement of material.
- My direct engagement with the RCMP Division Emergency Operations Center (DEOC) if "stood up" along with my connection to any Provincial Emergency Operations Center (PREOC) in the event one is also stood up.

*** I should note that in the event DEOC/PREOC is established, the connection with EMBC will be made to ensure there is no inconsistency with messaging and if required, a review of the proposed communications process will take place.

I have identified an analyst to assist me in this work and they will be returning to work Monday, as such time as the plan will be discussed and the work will begin. Until that time I will be preparing for the weeks ahead.

As these things do not operate solely during business hours, and to ensure ONLY urgent matters can try to be addressed outside work hours, I can be reached on my personal cell after hours for such demands. Please use in the spirit I have outlined, as I do not view email/work correspondence outside of work hours. Please respect this if at all possible. My personal Cell is s.22

If you have any questions, please contact me.

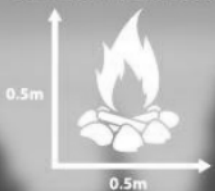
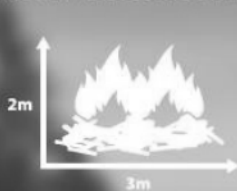

Respectfully;

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Provincial Wildfire Status Update		BC Prep Level		Provincial Wildfire Coordination Officer		Provincial Information Officer																																																													
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1. Provincial Summary																																																																			
An unseasonably dry June and multiple days of record-breaking temperatures have resulted in an increase in wildfire activity in the Southern Interior and the northeast regions. There are currently 42 active fires, 30 of which were discovered in the past 24 hours. There are three fires of note, all within the Kamloops Fire Centre. Two Incident Management Teams are deployed. The majority of the province is exhibiting high to extreme Fire Danger Ratings. Fuels are very susceptible to ignition and new starts are challenging initial attack success due to ease of spread.																																																																			
2. Weather (Current and Forecast)																																																																			
Yesterday, 2,400 lightning strikes were detected, most of which occurred offshore. The ridge that has inflicted this unprecedented heatwave has shifted eastward with two lows developing in its wake, causing instability, and increasing the risk of thunder and lightning. Today, dry lightning is expected to begin north island and spread northeast towards Fort Nelson. Temperatures are expected to reach low 40s in the south and around 30 in the north. Relative humidity values are in the single digits, persisting into the evening for 100 Mile, Kamloops and much of the southeast. Thursday, up to 70km/hr winds will accompany thunderstorms, and the risk of dry lightning increases. Some widespread cooling will affect all regions excluding the southeast. Relative humidity values expected to increase. Come Friday and into the weekend, temperatures moderate to seasonal, averaging low to mid 30s. The drying trend continues across the province.																																																																			
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Definitions:

Activity Levels	Fire Danger Rating
<p>Level 1: (Exporting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low to normal fire activity; no additional resource support is anticipated - Adequate resources to deal with anticipated fire demands - Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial emergencies - Fire centre resources may be deployed to other zones, fire centres, and out of province <p>Level 2: (Exporting/Holding)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is an increase in fire activity; fire centre resources are adequate to meet their demands - Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial emergencies - Limited resources may be deployable to other zones, fire centres, or out of province <p>Level 3: (Holding)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is an increase in fire activity; fire centre may not be able to meet local resource demands - Resources from other zones / fire centres may be requested to assist activity - Long term strategic planning becomes critical in determining what resources are needed where - Fire Centre staff on standby based on anticipated needs <p>Level 4: (Holding/Importing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The fire centre is experiencing a high level of fire activity - Fire centre resources will need to be supplemented from other zones / fire centres / type 2 crews - Out of province resource requests for specific or critical resources may be required if provincial resource capacity is not able to handle fire demands <p>Level 5: (Importing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The fire centre is experiencing very significant fire activity, and/or extreme fire behaviour; heavy demands on provincial and fire centre resources are occurring and anticipated to continue - Resource capacity is supplemented with staff from Wildfire TEAMS, other Ministries, the forest sector, Fire Departments, and type 2/3 resources 	<p>Low: Fires may start easily and spread quickly but there will be minimal involvement of deeper fuel layers or larger fuels.</p> <p>Moderate: Forest fuels are drying and there is an increased risk of surface fires starting. Carry out any forest activities with caution.</p> <p>High: Forest fuels are very dry and the fire risk is serious. New fires may start easily, burn vigorously, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Extreme caution must be used in any forest activities. Open burning and industrial activities may be restricted.</p> <p>Extreme: Extremely dry forest fuels and the fire risk is very serious. New fires will start easily, spread rapidly, and challenge fire suppression efforts. General forest activities may be restricted, including open burning, industrial activities and campfires.</p>
Fire Stages of Control	Fire Bans and Prohibitions
<p>Out of Control: A wildfire that is not responding – or only responding on a limited basis – to suppression action, such that the perimeter spread is not being contained.</p> <p>Being Held: With the resources currently committed to the fire, sufficient suppression action has been taken so that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions.</p> <p>Under Control: The fire has received enough suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.</p> <p>Out: The fire has been extinguished.</p>	<div data-bbox="1189 651 2033 1425"> <h3>CAMPFIRES, CATEGORY 2 FIRES AND CATEGORY 3 FIRES: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?</h3> <div>  <p>CAMPFIRE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any fire no larger than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide <p>REGULATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have ready access to 8 litres of water or a shovel for the entire time your campfire is lit. Your campfire must be completely extinguished and the ashes must be cool to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time. (Hot coals can reignite the fire.) During campfire prohibitions, only a CSA- or ULC-approved portable campfire apparatus may be used, and the flame height must not exceed 15 centimetres. You must build a fire guard around your campfire. </div> <div>  <p>CATEGORY 2 FIRE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares <p>REGULATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fuel break must be established around any Category 2 burn area. Fireworks are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect. Burning barrels are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect. At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times. </div> <div>  <p>CATEGORY 3 FIRE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any fire larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide 1 or more burning windrows Stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares <p>REGULATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fuel break must be established around any Category 3 burn area. Monitor your open burn to ensure that the fire doesn't spread beyond its intended size. You must have a burn registration number to light a Category 3 open fire. Call the burn registration line 1 888 797-1717 to obtain one. Do not burn when venting conditions are "Poor" or "Fair". Always check here first: www.bcairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html </div> </div> <div data-bbox="1220 1313 1467 1345"> <p>GENERAL REGULATIONS:</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1220 1353 1724 1401"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never burn in strong wind conditions. Your fire must be extinguished before leaving the area. Always keep your fire a safe distance away from nearby branches, wood and other combustible materials. </div> <p><small>*Further bans and restrictions can be implemented at the Wildlife Management Branch's discretion.</small></p>

Re: AR - SED – Lytton 21-412: Town Fire / Evacuation / Hwy Shut Down

From: Lymburner, Ward C PSSG:EX <Ward.Lymburner@gov.bc.ca>
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Will send you an update once we have more

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From: Coyle, Mike
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To: SED_Event_Reporting; EDIV_CROPS_EVENT_REPORTING
Cc: Burndred, Jason; Clay, Scott
Subject: AR - SED – Lytton 21-412: Town Fire / Evacuation / Hwy Shut Down

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“This communication contains preliminary information that is subject to change based on continuing investigation”

SED – Lytton
Town Fire / Evacuation / Hwy Shut Down
21-06-30 At 16:52
21-412

At 16:52, report of bush fire near the Hobo Hollow (Main & First St). FD advised and on scene. FD has requested that Hwy 12 at Kumsheed Hill be closed down. Many homes and vehicles on fire. Church and Totem Hotel at risk. Most homes on Fraser Street are on fire. Town being evacuated. Additional resources en-route from Merritt (5), Kamloops (2), Lillooet (1), Conservation & CP Police. CP & CN Trains have been

stopped. Hwy 97 SB shut down. Ministry of Forests & Air Tankers requested and currently in area. NCO Enagged (AOL in Revelstoke)

S/Sgt Mike COYLE
Division Duty Officer

Re: BN Update #2: ND - Northern Rockies Detachment - Wildfires - File 2021-1699

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Subject: FW: BN Update #2: ND - Northern Rockies Detachment - Wildfires - File 2021-1699

Update #2:

- Buckinghorse fire became extremely aggressive around 1200 hours, causing the closure of Hwy 97 again at approximately 1230 hours.
- Fire behaviour is unpredictable and is rated as class 6
- Peace River Regional District initiated Emergency Operations Centre for affected area
- PRRD notified Northern Rockies RCMP that an evacuation order is being issued for Buckinghorse area – Trutch to Buckinghorse River
- An Evacuation alert is being issued for Buckinghorse River, South to Sikanni River – Southern jurisdiction of Northern Rockies Detachment – Northern Jurisdiction of Fort St. John
- All waiting motorists being directed either to Fort Nelson or Fort St John, depending what side of the fire they are on.
- Buckinghorse has three private residences and three commercial buildings. One private residence is empty. Two commercial buildings empty.
- Fire is potentially blocking Northern Rockies Detachment from sending Members to Buckinghorse for evacuation procedure. Two Members currently travelling South of Fort Nelson to attempt to reach Buckinghorse
- If unable to reach Buckinghorse, Fort St. John will need to be called to assist from the South

Update #1

- Two large wildfires in an approximate 80km stretch. Fire burning on both sides of highway, crossing highway in various places – Hwy 97 – Highway open with pilot car escort

- Traffic control on site to control traffic flow.
- Vehicles escorted by two pilot trucks, North and South bound.
- Traffic delayed approximately one hour.
- Wildfire Service and Public works will continue assess fire behaviour and risk to highway and public safety
- BC Wildfire Service have crews on site and air support.
- Buckinghorse on Evacuation alert – residents and workers have escape route
- CJDC Dawson Creek contacted Northern Rockies RCMP Detachment for update. Cst. Miller provided brief update verbally mirroring Drive BC information and advising motorists to obey all traffic control personnel. Also to be aware of Wildfire crews working in the area.
- Further Media will need to be forwarded to MRO.

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Caption

1. North District, Northern Rockies – Fort Nelson - GD
2. Fort Nelson – Buckinghorse Trutch area - Provincial
3. Wildfires – June 29 2021
4. File 2021-1699

Issue

Multiple wildfires in an approximate 100km stretch. Threatening Alaska Highway – Hwy 97 – Highway closed due to intense smoke and fire behaviour

Background

- 1330 hours, BC Wildfire advised Northern Rockies and FSJ Detachment of aggressive fire activities between Trutch and Pink Mountain
- Multiple fires burning, ranging from 200 hectares to 2000 hectares
- Fires are within 1km of highway
- BC Wildfire Service requesting assistance with shutting down highway immediately due to risk to public safety

Current Status

- BC Highway Patrol Northern Rockies office on scene with Cpl. Savage and Cpl. Cropper
- Highway 97 closed for unknown amount of time
- Traffic control on site to assist
- BC Wildfire Service have crews on site and air support en-route from Fort Nelson and FSJ.

Strategic Considerations

- The areas south of Trutch – Buckinghorse and Pink Mountain – are cut off from evacuating North or South
- Northern Rockies detachment unable to reach last 90km of highway jurisdiction

Strategic Communications

- None at this time
- ND MRO to be engaged by BN

Member/Employee Wellness/ Occupational Safety

- Two officers on scene, staging away from the fire with directions to withdraw if fire activity threatens their safety
- Northern Rockies detachment short staffed due to AOL/ODS

Conduct/Civil Risk Assessment

- None

Detachment / Unit Commander Comments

- Detachment Commander AOL – Being monitored by Senior Cst. Miller

District Comments

- Advisory NCO S/Sgt HROMADNIK monitoring for ND SMT

Source

Cst. Miller – Northern Rockies Detachment

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Cst. D. MILLER
Northern Rockies RCMP Detachment
4804 McLeod Rd, PO Box 900
Fort Nelson, BC V0C 1R0
Office: 250-774-2700

Re: SED Lytton - Unfolding Event - active wildfire event that has likely destroyed Town

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Sent: July 1, 2021 7:58:02 AM PDT

Thanks Eric.

Please let me know when/if update call may be taking place so I can get an update.

Thanks

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Subject: re: SED Lytton - Unfolding Event - active wildfire event that has likely destroyed Town

** Unfolding Event – Preliminary information and is subject to change **
Ongoing Wildfire activity likely destroyed Town of Lytton

- approx 1530 hrs a wildfire began at the Town of Lytton, which has experienced record breaking temps, is very dry and had windy conditions.
- the Town was quickly engulfed the fire activity is very aggressive.
- wildfire btb approx. 7K to 8K hectares in size.
- BC Wildfire making efforts to save surrounding Indigenous Communities.
- due to the fire itself and large debris on road, Hwy 1 through Lytton is impassable.
- wildfire 14 kms away from Spences Bridge.
- EMBC call just completed with SED Bronze (the call did not disclose any info related to 'casualties / deaths').

- (30) SED members from surrounding Detachments quickly responded and mustered at the incident command post in Spences Bridge.
- Members from the Northside unable to continue into Lytton.
- Members from the LMD responded from the Southside and are attempting to drive towards the Town in the hopes of confirming if anyone in area.

Gold / Silver – Insp. Tsui
 SED Bronze – Insp. Smith
 LMD Bronze – Insp. Davy
 DEOC being activated

- SED TAC mandatory callout actioned with 20 members ready to deploy and relieve in the Jul 1 morning.
- Meeting held with GSB & CrOps Core. Next meeting at 9 am July 1.
- Comms engaged and advise a Prov agency press conference will be taking place July 1.

- it is believed Lytton Detachment / outside assets likely destroyed by the fire (Det Contingency Plan will be activated).
- the Lytton radio tower is at risk (Radio Shop IMIT engaged).

- the members / support staff and their families are displaced from their homes.
- NPF and SED Wellness Coord notified.
- Gold to activate the Div DEOC employee support team.

-Other wildfires are active in SED in the areas of Lillooet, Clinton, Kamloops, and Kelowna Regional and most of these POJs experiencing evacuations in the rural areas. All are being monitored.

Approved by:

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Subject: FW: re: SED Lytton - Unfolding Event - active wildfire event that has likely destroyed Town

Hi everyone,
Just confirming the teleconf coordinates for 9 am today.

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Thanks,
Brad
21-07-01

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Subject: re: SED Lytton - Unfolding Event - active wildfire event that has likely destroyed Town

**** Unfolding Event – Preliminary information and is subject to change ****
Ongoing Wildfire activity likely destroyed Town of Lytton

-approx 1530 hrs a wildfire began at the Town of Lytton, which has experienced record breaking temps, is very dry and had windy conditions.

- the Town was quickly engulfed the fire activity is very aggressive.
- wildfire btb approx. 7K to 8K hectares in size.
- BC Wildfire making efforts to save surrounding Indigenous Communities.
- due to the fire itself and large debris on road, Hwy 1 through Lytton is impassable.
- wildfire 14 kms away from Spences Bridge.
- EMBC call just completed with SED Bronze (the call did not disclose any info related to 'casualties / deaths').

- (30) SED members from surrounding Detachments quickly responded and mustered at the incident command post in Spences Bridge.
- Members from the Northside unable to continue into Lytton.
- Members from the LMD responded from the Southside and are attempting to drive towards the Town in the hopes of confirming if anyone in area.

Gold / Silver – Insp. Tsui
SED Bronze – Insp. Smith
LMD Bronze – Insp. Davy
DEOC being activated

- SED TAC mandatory callout actioned with 20 members ready to deploy and relieve in the Jul 1 morning.
- Meeting held with GSB & CrOps Core. Next meeting at 9 am July 1.
- Comms engaged and advise a Prov agency press conference will be taking place July 1.

- it is believed Lytton Detachment / outside assets likely destroyed by the fire (Det Contingency Plan will be activated).
- the Lytton radio tower is at risk (Radio Shop IMIT engaged).

- the members / support staff and their families are displaced from their homes.
- NPF and SED Wellness Coord notified.
- Gold to activate the Div DEOC employee support team.

-Other wildfires are active in SED in the areas of Lillooet, Clinton, Kamloops, and Kelowna Regional and most of these POJs experiencing evacuations in the rural areas. All are being monitored.

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Re: AR - SED - Castlegar 2021-2363 - Fire Evacuations

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Unfolding Event
SED – Castlegar RCMP 2021-2363
2021-07-01 @ 1242 hours
Fire Evacuations

Contains preliminary information that is subject to change based on continuance of the investigation.

A tactical evacuation of homes in a suburban area of Castlegar has been initiated and is being coordinated by the Castlegar Fire Chief. Highway 3 has been closed to allow fire bombers to operate. A command post has been set up and the DANCO S/Sgt. BURNDRED is engaged.

Sourced from:
S/Sgt. Jason BURNDRED
Advisory NCO

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BC RCMP wildfire update

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Wayne;

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Thx Eric.

Here is hoping tonight is a good one.

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Subject: BN#2 SED- Kamloops-Sparks Lake - Wild Fire Evacuations- Tk'emlups Rural File 2021-21768

Southeast District, Kamloops Detachment
Sparks Lake Wildfire (K21001), Kamloops B.C.
2021-06-29 to present
2021-21768

Issue:

Tk'emlups RCMP Rural Detachment conducted multiple evacuation orders for 145 properties. TAC/Kamloops members deployed and additional support for alerts in Clinton Detachment area.

Background:

- On June 29, 2021 Local Natural Resource Officers reported a wildfire near Sparks Lake B.C.
- The source of the fire is believed to be from a vehicle parked on a private property (Unconfirmed).
- On July 1st, 2020, the wildfire has expanded to approximately 20,000 hectares.
- Wildfire currently has a deployment of 93 firefighters, 13 helicopters and 16 heavy equipment.

Current Status:

- 145 residences have been issued evacuation orders (2) and a region for an alert within Clinton Detachment area;
- Support to Clinton Detachment by Kamloops SMT on facilitating evacuation alerts with the Acting Commander, Marika Masters.
- Alert has occurred for Skeetchestn Reserve with IPS and S/Sgt Wallace engaged within this community EOC/Chief;
- 41 Elders have been tactically evacuated from Skeetchestn due to air quality.

Strategic Considerations:

- Investigation is still underway and believed to be human cause from a vehicle;
- MOTI has managed some check point alerts coming into remote areas;
- Roving patrols for property protection and security aspects are being assessed with additional support due to police resourcing;
- Approximately 25 properties still being canvassed on an order with access routes being assessed.

Strategic Communications:

- Briefing with TAC members and IPS members deployed to evacuation areas;
- SMT engaged with EOC and receiving orders/alerts for dissemination and engagement of evacuation team;
- SED EOC point of contact for additional resources given GD/TAC deployments to Lytton township wildfire.
- Support from additional agencies sought where required.

Member/Employee Wellness-Occupational Safety:

- Monitored by Tk'emlups and Kamloops SMT with necessary equipment supplies;
- Appropriate rest and debriefing with evacuation/GD/IPS members as required.

Conduct/Civil Risk Assessment:

- One region was being assessed as it could not be accessed but alternate routes being engaged that do not compromise evacuation team safety.

Detachment/Unit Commander Comments:

SMT from Kamloops engaged on this wildfire, deployment of evacuations and check point assessments due to District priority and fires in other areas. Further support from SED and DEOC will be sought as required but is being managed locally in partnership with Clinton Detachment.

District Comments:

Forwarded to CROPS.

(J.M. BURNDRED) S/Sgt.

Advisory NCO

South East District RCMP

Source:

- Insp. Jeff Pelley: Operations Officer
- S/Sgt Bill Wallace: NCO I/C Tk'emlups
- S/Sgt Brian Donaldson: Ops Support NCO

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Operations Officer Kamloops Detachment

2021-07-01 at 1749 hours

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**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
POLICING AND SECURITY BRANCH
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

PURPOSE: For **INFORMATION** for Mark Sieben,
Deputy Solicitor General, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

ISSUE: Update on police activities in response to ongoing BC Wildfire situation

SUMMARY:

- RCMP continues to establish their Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs) in the Lytton/Lillooet areas.
- Police services for the larger Lytton area are currently being based out of the Lillooet Detachment, additional resources are being established to provide additional support.
- The current situation on the ground remains unsafe and there is currently no timeline regarding when access to the town may be available.
- Repeated requests from Media for access are unable to be accommodated at this time, due to safety concerns.
- RCMP Commanding Officer is preparing a written request for assistance and use of additional police resources, under PPSA Article 9 'Emergencies and Events'.
- Primary police activities remain focussed on the Lytton fire area with additional responses across other fire locations of Castlegar, Clinton/Logan Lake and Kamloops/Juniper areas.
- RCMP have direct contact with all 6 First Nation Communities around Lytton area as of last night. Additionally, Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service is engaged and supporting those communities and evacuees who are landing within their jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND:

- The following is an update on various police activities that are monitored by Policing and Security Branch (PSB):
 - RCMP has established a local Emergency Operations Center in response to the Lytton area fires and those located in the Kamloops/Kelowna District. Additionally, they have implemented their internal Gold/Silver/Bronze Command model.
 - RCMP Divisional Emergency Operations Center (DEOC) has been stood up and liaisons established within the PREOC.
 - Two RCMP Fire Operations meetings are now occurring daily at 0900 and 1500 hours and Police Services Branch representatives are attending these going forward.

- It is clear the RCMP has built on the experiences of past BC Wildfires from 2017 onward and have demonstrated an extremely professional and comprehensive response to the ongoing situation.

Lytton Fire area

- This remains the primary concern for police activities at this time.
- Roadblocks continue and plans are being made to have Private security and officers working at these, in support of Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), as the safety concerns diminish in the future. Use of Commissionaires is being prepared for.
- Police and Fire personnel conducted a very preliminary access into the Village of Lytton and it was confirmed that it is still too unsafe to allow any access outside of first responders at this time.
- The repeated requests from media outlets are continuing but cannot be accommodated. It is understood that access by the displaced residents will need to be considered in advance of any media, and a plan for such access beyond first responders is being developed.
- Cellular service was returned to the Lytton area last night.
- Police mobile radio repeaters were brought in overnight and police communications have been re-established.
- Police resources/staff remain in good condition and plans for scheduled rotation of officers is well underway.
- There are plans to have a broader search of the impacted Lytton area, similar to the plans developed after the "Fort Mac" fires, to assess damages and determine any unknown fatalities. These will be implemented once the area is safe to access.
- There has been visual confirmation of two (2) fatalities in the Lytton area, but due to safety concerns the identification of these persons cannot be determined at this time. The Coroners Service will be conducting the investigations regarding cause.
- RCMP have had direct contact with the six First Nation Communities in and around Lytton and are working to confirm the status of the residents who may be missing and/or evacuated and the damages to their communities.

- Investigational capacity to respond to missing person cases and related matters are being established.

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- RCMP staff have all been accounted for and have supports established.
- It should be noted at a Lytton Detachment civilian employee, Lillian Graie, is the current interim Mayor of Lytton.

Other police activities across BC

- Fire activities in the areas of Lillooet, Castlegar, Clinton/Logan Lake and Kamloops/Juniper have all required the use of RCMP officers to assist local fire resources in the evacuation or areas under order/evacuation. These have all proceeded very well and there are no immediate concerns in these areas.
- It is felt that this fire season is going to be protracted and the demands placed upon police to respond will be impacted across the province as a result.
- A planned protest caravan with took place on Canada Day in the Salmon Arm area failed to result in any serious police related demands.

DISCUSSION:

- RCMP Accommodations staff and related PSB staff have already begun discussions related to the short- and long-term establishment for a police presence in the community of Lytton.

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are many Indigenous communities impacted by the Lytton fire and similar occurrences across the province.
- The six First Nations communities in the Lytton area are; Cooks Ferry Indian Band, Kanaka Bar Indian Band, Lytton First Nation, Nicomen Indian Band, Siska Indian Band and the Skuppah Indian Band
- Many of these communities have developed response plans after the 2017 Wildfire season and are better prepared since that time.
- The RCMP has been very active in ensuring these communities and their demands are being considered along with all requests for police action.

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OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- EMBC and BC Wildfire are the operational leads with PSB and police being engaged at all appropriate levels in a coordinated response to the fire situation.

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APPROVED JULY 2, 2021 BY:

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RCMP Wildfire Ops call - 1500 hours - updates

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Wayne;

- No significant wildfire activity impacting police operations to report (except Dekka Lake outlined below)
- Lillooet Detachment reaching capacity regarding requests for service and evacuation order assistance. Additional resources being moved into are to support.
- Article 9 Letter remains outstanding and is expected later this evening or tomorrow morning. Will be advanced once received.
- Confirmed that formal assistance request to access military support, primarily air assets, is underway.
- Investigative activities
 - Planed deployment of UAV /Drone for tomorrow morning to record Lytton site and determine damage.
 - Coroner Act investigation and recovery of known deceased (two bodies visually confirmed previously) to take place beginning at 1100 tomorrow. Coroner Service will be on site with RCMP.
 - Cause/Origin investigation to commence tomorrow once safe to do so. RCMP and BC Wife Service engaged and preparing.
 - Canvass of all PRIME and CAD calls for Lytton area have identified a very small number of calls which may indicate possible missing persons as a result of the fire. Less than 5 such sources of information. Very early in establishing the validity of any of these sources to date but steps being taken to do so.
 - RCMP Contingency Planning meeting is Monday @ 1000 hrs
 - RCMP Wellness considerations and planning session Saturday @ 1100 hrs
- RCMP indicate the Dekka Lake fire (North District) has developed and there will need to be planning regarding police activities over the coming days.

No further updates

Next call @ 0900 Saturday.

Ward

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BC Wildfire - RCMP Update - 0900 call 2021-07-03

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Good morning;

- Little in the way of significant wild fire activity requiring police action across province.
- All planned investigative activities in the Lytton fire area are taking place today
 - Coroner and police to physically access area where 2 known fatalities have occurred and process scene.
 - BC Wild Fire and RCMP to begin cause and origin of fire
 - Drones will be used to document damage and scene before any physical access takes place.
- RCMP extremely complimentary of the officers from the BC Conservation Service in both Lytton/Lillooet area and in North District.
- Drone footage of the RCMP members homes and detachment will be taken. The members will be offered opportunity to view if they wish.
- Any media stories regarding additional fatalities is speculation at this time and RCMP had no concrete information to support these reports currently.

Next call 1500 hours today.

Ward

Ward Lymburner, Executive Director

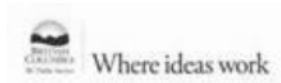
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Quick update call at 1500 hours had no significant updates to report.

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All other areas reporting police actions are within acceptable levels.

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Yes. That's all they have been able to confirm. No verifiable info of any more at this time.

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On Jul 3, 2021, at 3:59 PM, Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thx Ward
Are we still working on the premise of two deceased?

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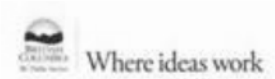
I will incorporate the info into the pending IBN UPDATE but in short, here are the answers to Mark's questions.

- The RCMP have continued to block access to the Lytton area via roadblocks north site and south. This includes the village site and the co-existing Lytton First Nation community.
- Preliminary access to the site has allowed RCMP/BC Wild Fire to begin investigation of the believed fire origin site.
- The access has allowed the RCMP and Coroners Service to remove the deceased from the site late on Saturday.

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Subject: Fwd: PJH Brief tomorrow
Can you check please

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I expect rcmp have secured the general area not just the townsite - and I'd think the purpose would be to secure the general area for safety considerations and protect remaining property but open to your advice.

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Ok noted.

Mark - I've heard they're looking for an update on whether the Coroner/RCMP search was of the townsite or whether they searched the outlying areas.

Tara

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On Jul 4, 2021, at 7:24 PM, Sanderson, Melanie PSSG:EX
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Hi Tara and Mark et al,

Heads up we're expecting a brief to be scheduled for the Premier tomorrow.
Includes staff from FLNRO, EMBC, MOTI, MIRR. Likely at 11:30am.

Melanie

FW: Update: SIT REP: Catastrophic Wildfire Destroys the Town and Detachment of Lytton, BC - 2021-0258

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Latest update.
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****Still Unfolding Event – Preliminary information and is subject to change****

UPDATE #1:

- **Currently the Lytton fire (21-416) is properly resourced and have the supplies they need. The fire is still out of control and moving aggressively north along Highway 12 toward Lillooet. Two shifts have been established; with 16 day shift members and 10 members for night shift.**
- **Private security companies have been secured to assist with scene security and traffic control.**
- **IPS is fully engaged with Lytton First Nation leadership, and assisting where needed.**

- Evacuated members are being supported by member wellness teams, NPF and will be contacted by EDIV Staffing to discuss next steps regarding their postings.
- LMD TAC attended the Lytton Detachment to determine the feasibility of obtaining the detachment firearms. It was determined that the structure is unsafe for entry, due to hazards.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- According to the BC Wildfire Service, there are currently 146 active fires in the province and a total of 12 “wildfires of note” in the province:
- **Cariboo Fire Centre:**
 - **Churn Creek** (700 hectares) Discovered 21-07-02, caused by lightning. Interfaced with Thompson-Nicola Regional District. Evacuation alerts are in effect.
 - **North of Big Stick Lake** (85 hectares), cause is under investigation. Interfaced with Cariboo Regional District. Evacuation alerts are in effect.
 - **South of Canim Lake** (300 hectares) Discovered June 30, 2021, caused by lightning. Interfaced with Cariboo Regional District and Canim Lake First Nation. Evacuation alerts are in effect.
 - **SW of Deka Lake** (300 hectares) Discovered June 30, 2021, caused by lightning. Interfaced with the Cariboo Regional District and 693 properties in the Deka Lake and 153 properties on Sulphurous Lake area have been issued an evacuation order.
- **Prince George Fire Centre:**
 - **Chilako** (700 hectares) Discovered July 1, 2021, caused by lighting and is not an interface fire.
 - **Kennedy Siding** (30 hectares) Discovered July 4, 2021, cause is unknown and is not an interface fire.
 - **Murray FSR** (700 hectares) Discovered July 1, 2021, caused by lightning and is not an interface fire.
- **Kamloops Fire Centre:**
 - **Durand Lake** (120 hectares) Discovered July 1, 2021, caused by lightning. This fire is interfaced with Thompson-Nicola Regional District, and an evacuation order has been issued for several properties in the Copper Desert Country area.
 - **George Road** (350 hectares) Discovered June 16, 2021, and is suspected to be human-caused, but is under investigation. This fire is 7km, south of Lytton, and is out of control. Previous evacuations have been rescinded.
 - **Lytton Creek** (7,600 hectares) Discovered June 30, 2021, No known cause at this time. Interfaced with The Village of Lytton who has a full evacuation order, and the fire remains classified as out of control.
 - **McKay Creek** (26,301 hectares) Discovered June 29, 2021, and is suspected to be human-caused, but is under investigation. This fire is interfaced with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, and is 23km north of Lillooet.
 - **Sparks Lake** (36,300 hectares) Discovered on June 28, 2021, and the cause is under investigation. It is 15km north of Kamloops Lake and is classified as out of control. Evacuation orders are in effect for over 1000 properties, including the Skeetchestn Indian Band, which have implemented internal evacuations of their community.

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CROPS Risk Management Team
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2021-07-02

ISSUE:

- A fast-moving wildfire, fuelled by high winds and Canada’s highest historical recorded temperature (49.5 degrees), has destroyed the town of Lytton, BC, and with it the community’s RCMP detachment and Ambulance Station.

BACKGROUND:

- On 2021-06-30 at approx. 1530 hrs, a wildfire began in the town of Lytton. By 1652 hrs, multiple structures and vehicles were on fire and residents began to evacuate. A large number of members from the surrounding detachments and SED immediately attended the area to support the evacuation process, along with resources from BC Conservation and CP Police. Initial reports are that 90 per cent of the town has been consumed by fire.

CURRENT STATUS:

- The Lytton First Nations Klickumcheen Reserve, which includes the Band Office, has been completely destroyed. The Klahkamich Reserve has suffered 20% damage. The former Lytton Detachment Commander remains in close contact with Chief MINNEBARRIET (Spences Bridge/Cooks Ferry) and Chief WEBSTER (Lytton First Nation). The Kanaka Bar, Siska and Skuppah reserves remain unevacuated.
- All RCMP employees that lived and worked in the community and their families are safe, and they are currently being housed at the Pacific Regional Training Centre. Their welfare, along with the ongoing wellbeing of the many members from SED, LMD and E Div HQ stood up to address the calamity, is a Division priority.
- On the morning of 21-07-03, SED investigative assets, including an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, and in concert with the BC Coroners Service, will perform reconnaissance of the Lytton burn site with the specific goal of locating the bodies of two individuals reported deceased by a their son. This will be followed up with on-ground investigation, if the site is safe to approach. The cause of origin investigation will occur in parallel once the area becomes substantively safe for such an inquiry.
- DEOC has been activated to coordinate resource requests, logistics, deployments, and support services including employee wellness.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Numerous hazards are still preventing officers, and other from accessing the area *en masse*.
 - Wireless (cellular) communications have been restored, and, through installation of a portable transmitter, police radio communications have been restored as well.
 - A formal request for emergency funding under Article 9 of the PPSA is in its final drafting stages.
 - The RCMP continues to work with a number of partners agency, including local First Nations, Emergency Management BC, the Red Cross and the Coroners Service.
 - There are currently 152 active fires in the province with 68 new fires in the last 24 hours. According to the BC Wildfire Service, there are a total of 9 “wildfires of note” in the province:
- Sparks Lake** (30,000 hectares), northeast of Kamloops, northwest of Ashcroft; evacuation order is in effect.
 - McKay Creek** (22,000 hectares), 23 kilometres north of Lillooet; evacuation order is in effect.
 - Lytton Creek** (6,800 hectares), including the village of Lytton; evacuation order is in effect. Many members involved in this effort.
 - Pink Mountain** (6,000 hectares), south of Fort Nelson; no interface with communities. The detachment is short staffed at this time, but several members are expected back from leave by the start of the week

- **Beaton River** (3,400 hectares), northwest of Fort St John; no interface with communities.
- **G91020** (3,000 hectares), north of Pink Mountain fire; no interface with communities.
- **George Road** (350 hectares), 7 kilometres south of Lytton; evacuation orders rescinded.
- **Deka Lake** (200 hectares), near 100 Mile House; evacuation order is in effect. 100 Mile House RCMP have transitioned to 24 hour coverage, with 2 NCOs on shift at any given time.
- **Merry Creek** (15 hectares), 8 kilometres southwest of Castlegar; some areas under evacuation alert.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- The Lytton fire has been widely reported in national and international media.
- Communication coordination is being handled by E Division Communications, who is working EMBC, BC Wildfire Service and BC Coroners Service. An external statement was issued by the Commanding Officer on 2021-07-01. Media calls about RCMP actions and impacts are being handled by E Division Communications.

In Consultation With:

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Lytton file 2021-0412
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RCMP Wild Fire Update - 0900 2021-07-06

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Wayne/Glen;

DEOC lead call at 0900 hrs provided the following updates.

- DEOC continues to develop a rotating schedule of resources to address the Lytton fire needs as well as those across the province. Releaseability continues to challenge these efforts.
- Generally the fire behaviour continues to change and currently the RCMP has been able to manage their demands across the province.
- There was a 1600 hrs call yesterday involving the CN/CP and the Lytton area FN communities, which by the RCMP position went well. The communities had opportunity to raise their concerns.
- Trains have begun moving through the Lytton area again, on the lines across the river, and not along the line currently being examined as a possible site of fire origin.
- Fire cause/origin investigation continues and it is anticipated the current RCMP investigational status will be discussed at tomorrow's weekly RCMP/PSB Crops call.
- A/Insp. Patti Cook, Advisory NCO in SED will be attending the Lytton area in person today to ensure strong communications with the impacted FN communities continues going forward.
 - RCMP Indigenous Police Services (IPS) now has a daily 1600 hrs meeting with FN community leaders in the Lytton area to ensure concerns are heard.

Article 9 Draft letter for the Minister is expected to be raised up via eApprovals later today.

Next DEOC call @ 1500 hrs today.

Ward Lymburner, Executive Director

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North District – Quesnel General Duty
Hanham - Titetown Area, Quesnel, BC
Interface Fire – July 6, 2021
Quesnel File: 2021-5318

ISSUE:

-Evacuation Alert being issued for area of Hanham - Titetown in Quesnel due to wildfires.

BACKGROUND:

- On July 6, 2021, the Cariboo Regional District issued an Evacuation Alert for the Hanham - Titetown area of Quesnel;
- The wildfire of concern is the Purdy Lake wildfire (C11491).

CURRENT STATUS:

- PEP has been contacted and Quesnel SAR have conducted a callout to assist with delivering the Alerts;

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Titetown Lake is approximately a 2 hour drive from the City of Quesnel.
- There are approximately 30 – 40 cabins and residences in the Titetown Lake area.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION:

- n/a.

MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS / OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY:

- n/a

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- n/a

DETACHMENT / UNIT COMMANDER COMMENTS:

- Acting Detachment Commander Sgt. Clay Kronebusch is aware and coordinating resources.

DISTRICT COMMENTS:

-North District EOC and Bronze Commander will monitor on behalf of North District.

-Cariboo-Chilcoton Advisory NCO, S/Sgt. Jay Grierson is aware

SOURCE:

- S/Sgt. Jay Grierson

PREPARED / SUBMITTED BY:

Sgt. Clay Kronebusch

Acting Detachment Commander – Quesnel

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S/Sgt Hromadnik

ND Advisory NCO

BC Wild Fires - RCMP Activities as of 1500 hrs - 2021-07-06

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Good afternoon Wayne/Glen;

- Little in the way of any significant fire activity resulting in police pressures today.
- IPS engaged with Lytton area FN Communities as referenced in this morning's update. A meeting is taking place today at 1600 hrs.
- There was an update mentioning that there may be protest activities as a result of the return to train traffic within the area but no specifics to date.
- PSB received information that Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service (STPS) may be seeking police support to address their limited capacity to address the multiple fire and flood related situations within their jurisdiction. Such situations allow, under the BC Police Act, for assistance to be sought from other services. PSB working to provide STPS with options for consideration. RCMP DEOC was informed that such a request of the RCMP may be coming in the near future.
- The Lytton Village fire cause investigation continues.
- PSB has its weekly meeting with RCMP Crops tomorrow at 0900 hrs and additional details regarding the potential train protests and updates on the fire cause will be discussed.

Next DEOC meeting is taking place tomorrow morning at 0900 hrs.

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BC Wild Fires - RCMP Activities as of 0900 2021-07-07

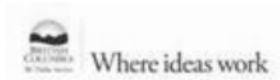
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Good morning Wayne/Glen/Brian;
Updates as of 0900 hrs DEOC lead call

- Wild fire situation across the province, from a police perspective, have remained the same or slightly diminished since last call.
- DEOC lead continues to prepare for a long term “fire season” and schedule additional resources to address.
- Plans being developed with TNRD to allow escorted access to residents and media to the Lytton and Lytton First Nations communities. Timeline of when access may be allows is yet unknown.
- Potential protests related to the restart of Train traffic through the Lytton area will now be tracked via the Critical Incident Secretariat, There was no new RCMP intelligence indicating any such protests at this time.
- Lytton fire cause/origin investigation continues, with RCMP fully engaged.

Next call scheduled for 0900 tomorrow morning.

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BC Wife Fire Police Response - change of scheduled DEOC daily meetings

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Info only

The RCMP have moved the scheduled twice daily meeting regarding the current police actions in response to the Wild Fire activity from 2 daily to a single meeting occurring @ 1300 hrs daily, 7 days a week. As a result, there will be a single update provided after this session, daily.

Respectfully;

Ward Lymburner, Executive Director

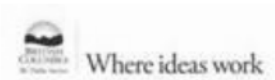
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July 8 - Wildfire Communications Coordination Call

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HLTH

- Working with EMBC to put out a release through graphics on smoke impacts for Gov channels

ENV

- No further evacuations or alerts in BC parks, some wildfire activity in two parks

FLNRO

- Minister Conroy on CKNW on wildfires, government actions and programs to minimize fire impacts
- Tweeting out community resiliency grant information (announced in late June)

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Hope Latham
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BC Wildfire Update - RCMP Activities as of 2021-07-09 @1330 hrs

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Good afternoon Wayne

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- Lytton area fire updates
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 - Through negotiations, the CN/CP rail services have agreed to suspend rail traffic in the Lytton area for 48 hours while escorted access to fire impacted Lytton area is underway. FN leadership were part of these high level negotiations.
 - RCMP will be working on establishing COMMS as it relates to the ongoing fire cause/origin investigation, due to volume of inquiries. It is expected that this will be in place within a week.

Unless the fire situation surges, the next DEOC call will be Monday @ 1330hrs.

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BC Wildfire Update - RCMP Activities as of 2021-07-09 @1330 hrs

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Subject: BN - SED ELK VALLEY REGIONAL DETACHMENT - Grass Fire/Elko, B.C. 2021-1965

SED – Elk Valley RCMPolice
Provincial – Elko B.C.
Wildfire – 2021-07-08
File: 2021-1965

ISSUE: Wildfire affecting Caithness Trailer park, Highway 3 and Highway 93 – Evacuation.

BACKGROUND:

- On July 08, 2021 at approximately 15:23 hours, Elk Valley RCMPolice responded to a grass wildfire on Hwy 3/Hwy 93 near the Caithness Trailer Park in the Elko area, threatening the trailer park and surrounding area. An evacuation order was put into place by the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK).
- Approximately 53 trailers and 100 residents in the mobile home park.
- The Regional District of East Kootenay's South Country Fire Services (Elk and Jaffray Fire Departments) were already on scene and had set up a Command Post. Majority of the residences of the home park were swiftly and safely evacuated and sent to the Elko Community Hall,
- Elk Valley RCMPolice were on scene assisting with the evacuation of the mobile park and traffic control off Hwy 3
- BC Wildfire air and ground support on scene to control the fire behaviour. The initial attack crew were two helicopters bucketing and an air tanker making retardant drops.
- BC Ambulance on site to assist with those individuals requiring medical attention and or transport to the recreation centre/also set up a hydration site.
- Additional resources on site were Conservation and Natural Resources Officers

- BC Wildfire will be investigating the cause of the fire. Right now the fire danger in the South Country is very high.
- CP Rail Police on scene and assisted with scene control.
- At approximately 2100 hours, residences were allowed back into their homes at the mobile park.
- RDEK Information Officer was present to field any community concerns and by 21:00 hours, the evacuation order had been lifted as the fire was classified as being held.

CURRENT STATUS:

- There were no personal injuries or animals hurt during the evacuation.
- No buildings damaged
- Favourable winds and suppression efforts were successful in controlling the fire.
- Fire held to 0.5 hectares in size.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Weather being monitored by Fire Department in case of flare ups.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- BCWF managing same

MEMBER/EMPLOYEE WELLNESS-OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY:

- No concerns that this time.

CONDUCT/CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- None

DETACHMENT COMMANDER COMMENTS:

- Fire was classified as being held at approximately 21:00 hours. Homeowners and their pets returned safely.
- Police no longer on scene
- No further reporting required

DISTRICT COMMENTS:

- Members facilitated evacuation – no injuries or fatalities – no structures damaged
- Fire is contained – weather being monitored
- BCWF investigating cause/origin of fire
- Excellent multi agency response
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S/Sgt Trevor S. TRIBES

SED – Advisory NCO – Kelowna

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SED – Vernon North Okanagan RCMPolice

Provincial – King Edward Lake FSR (VNOD Detachment area)

Wildfire – 2021-07-09

File: 2021-12037

ISSUE:

- Wildfire off of Hwy 97 affecting areas of Coldstream, Vernon and RDNO. Fire currently is contained and evacuation orders have been rescinded.

BACKGROUND:

- Fast moving wildfire located off of Hwy 97, initially it was affecting Clerke Road in Coldstream and a Tactical Evacuation was completed by members.
- Wildfire appears to have started off of the Hwy.
- Small area identified where fire started which will be reviewed at first light.
- A Combined EOC for RDNO and Coldstream was set up and a separate EOC was set up for Vernon.
- Fire suppression completed by multiple fire agencies as well as BC Wildfire.
- Initial Fire climbed range evacuation Alert completed for additional residences over the range (Commonage area). Once at the top the fire started to loose momentum and appeared to be under control.
- A secondary fire started South of the original fire (near dump) believed to be caused by embers. This fire was aggressive and at one time flanked fire crews.

- Fire was originally travelling southwest and changed direction causing concern for opposite side of Hwy, triggering a second alert

CURRENT STATUS:

- Wildfires have been held, the remaining fuel is being burned out and it is being monitored for flare ups by fire personnel;
- Fire investigators headed to scene with RCMP and initial cause appears to be human caused likely from a cigarette butt from the side of Hwy 97;
- On July 10, 2021 at 4:00 hours, the EOC was deactivated;
- The Clarke Road Tactical Evacuations have been rescinded and placed under Evacuation Alert;
- Hwy 97 is partially open, single lane southbound and two lanes northbound between Kalamlaka Lakeview Drive and 23 Ave. Hwy likely to be open later today once the leftover fuel is burned out off the Hwy.
- Clerke Road at Hwy 97 remains closed both directions for tanker trucks and water supply.
- Two Vernon member remain at scene for scene security.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Fire was fast moving and going through multiple jurisdictions which caused some response delays from the individual areas (RDNO/Vernon/Coldstream).
- Due to it being Summer there was a lack of ability to locate hotels for residences who were evacuated. Cots were set up in Coldstream at a building near the Municipal Hall. (Women's Institute Hall)

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Media update by Coldstream, Vernon and RDNO
- Copy of BN to Vernon MRO
- OIC involved in both EOCs.

MEMBER/EMPLOYEE WELLNESS – OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY:

- all members appear well and will be monitored by supervisor

CONDUCT/CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- None

DETACHMENT COMMANDER COMMENTS:

Excellent job by responding members. OT callout resulted in other members attending to assist which was greatly appreciated. Large media coverage of the incident. Fire is being held, EOC deactivated and fire under investigation.

DISTRICT COMMENTS:

Wildfire event resulted in evacuations of area residents

EOC's stood up to coordinate multijurisdictional effort

VNOC OIC engaged throughout

Investigators attending to scene to determine cause/origin – BTB human caused at this time

Fire under control/fire personnel on site monitoring/Evacuation order rescinded – Alert remains in place

Detachment members x2 guarding scene

Full/partial road closures in place

SOURCE

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Commander D Watch
Vernon RCMP

PREPARED BY/AUTHORIZATION:

S/Sgt. Jeff FAULKNER
VNOD Ops NCO

Subject: BN#1 - VNOD Wildfire/Tactical Evacuations 2021-12037

ISSUE:

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Fire was originally travelling southwest and changed direction causing concern for opposite side of Hwy, triggering a second alert

CURRENT STATUS:

- Fires have lessened and being monitored by Wildfire and fire crews overnight.
- Forestry is currently back burning and will be completing within the hour.
-Hwy is still closed, but will open once back burning is complete
-member remains on Clerke road for Security for the residences.
-Evacuation order still on going for Clerke Road- will be assessed in am.
-Evacuation Alert for Commonage Road as well as Kalamalka Lake View Drive/Heritage Drive Still on going.

-Water/Air support will commence at approx. 8 am

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

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DETACHMENT COMMANDER COMMENTS:

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Subject: Advance Report - VNOD City - Wildfire/Tactical Evacuations 2021-12037

Advance report – Subject to Change as information arrives

Fast moving wildfire on Hwy 97 in the area of Coldstream and just south of Vernon.

Tactical evacuations occurring at residences nearby.

Houses in area of Clerk Rd have been tactically evacuated- fire moving in toward Commonage Road into Vernon.

Callout complete for additional members, Conservation service assisting members.

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Advance report – Subject to Change as information arrives

Slow moving wildfire in East Hill area of Vernon.
The fire is between Galiano Road and Boss Creek road Vernon.
At this time no houses or structures are threatened and in the area of Coldstream and just south of Vernon.
Fire is on scene and using helicopters to fight the fire.
Vernon RCMP are on scene and at this time addition recourses are not needed.
Area residents aware of the fire, evacuation order has not been made.

SGT. D. JACKSON
Vernon RCMP-GRC
Watch Commander D Watch

District Comments:

- Wildfire east of Vernon/no structures or houses threatened – area residents aware
- Fire on scene with helicopter assist
- Adequately resourced
- BN to follow

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Southeast District, Vernon North Okanagan Detachment
Vernon (Municipal)
Wildfire, 2021-07-10
File 2021-12077

SSUE:

- Wildfire off of Hwy 6 affecting areas of Coldstream, Vernon and RDNO. Fire is currently contained and close to being extinguished.

BACKGROUND:

- Slow moving wildfire report on East Hill between Galiano Rd and Boss Creek.
- Ignition source unknown however far up the hill and away from any road way.
- Fire suppression completed by BC Wildfire Air Services and BX Swan Lake fire department.
- Vernon RCMP assisted fire services with traffic control.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Wildfire is contained and almost completely extinguished;
- Initial cause appears to be human caused likely from a motorized recreational vehicle;
- EOC was not activated;
- BX fire have cleared and air suppression continues on hotspots.
- Unknown drone in the area has suspended air support and fire are attending on the ground.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- None at this time

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Local MRO notified

- High level of local media reporting

MEMBER/EMPLOYEE WELLNESS – OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY:

- all members appear well and will be monitored by supervisor

CONDUCT/CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- None

DETACHMENT COMMANDER COMMENTS:

- Excellent job by responding members and fire services. Fire is contained by air support but due to the unknown drone will be ground support only and no properties are in risk at this time. RCMP members trying to locate the drone operator.

DISTRICT COMMENTS:

- Fire contained/nearly extinguished
-Unknown drone in area hampered air support
-BTB human caused from motorized RV
-No further reporting required

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BC Wild Fire Update - Police actions - 2021-07-12 @1330 hrs

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Wayne;

Update as of DEOC call @ 1330 hours today

- Overview of wildfire activities over the weekend and as of today continue to impact police resources but are within their capacity across the province. The North District and Southeast District continue to see fires but none are straining current police resources.
- Lytton Fire site continues to be secured, with Environment making a determination as to when it may be safe for general access. It is felt this may require continued securing of site until Friday. RCMP moving to ensure this can continue until decision is made.
- Press Release from the RCMP regarding the investigations taking place at the Lytton site expected today.
- The various plans implemented over the last few days regarding rail traffic appear to have worked and there is a general agreement from all involved, including FN leaders, that the situation is becoming stable for now.

Next DEOC call at 1330 hrs tomorrow.

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BC Wild Fire - RCMP Actions - 20210713 @ 1330 hrs

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Good afternoon Wayne;

Updates regarding police actions in response to BC Wild Fire activities as of 2021-07-13 @ 1330 hrs

- BC Wild Fire activities continue across the province with a number of Alerts and Evacuation Orders continuing. None of the current activities are exceeding the ability of the RCMP to respond to requests at this time. The concern continues to be the expected increase in fire activities in the coming weeks and the strain it will place on police resources. RCMP continues to develop schedules to ensure coverage and response for service can be continued going forward, across the province.
- Environmental Report continues to be developed and RCMP are being told it will be completed for Friday. This report will determine when general access to the Lytton and area site will be allowed. An example of issues they are addressing is propane tanks. These cannot be left in the area, and there are a number which remain intact throughout the site and may pose a hazard.
- TNRD is looking into the reduction of the perimeter they require to be maintained for their needs. Discussions as to what their expectations are on policing are taking place. There are concerns that the community may see police off the perimeter check points as leaving the area and this is not the case, rather a return to police responsibilities and allowing local government and TNRD to address their responsibilities. A communications strategy is being developed to address this concern.
 - It is felt that the police requirements at these perimeter points will not be required as of Friday, but yet to be finalized.
- RCMP IPS continues to address FN Community concerns in the Lytton and surrounding area at this time.
- It was clarified to the RCMP that they have the approval to move on accessing additional resources under PPSA Article 9.1 and the follow up letter will be sent soon. The verbal approval already exists.
- Only current challenge facing police is related to establishing rotating schedule of resources and accommodation going forward to address the long term demands expected during the future fire season.

Next DEOC call tomorrow at 1330 hours.

Ward Lymburner, Executive Director

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Where ideas work

FW: Unfolding Event - ND - 100 Mile House - Overnight Wildfire Growth

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Information subject to change as event continues

Throughout the night, 100 Mile House detachment was called into action by BC Wildfire to respond to significant developments with two fires in the 100 Mile House area.

The Flat Lake fire burning south of 100 Mile House was rapidly moving towards residence between 83 Mile and 70 Mile along Hwy 97 and is suspected to compromised vehicle traffic on Hwy 97 in that area. The fire moved 10 klm in 6 hours. Members have conducted tactical evacuations in the area since very early this morning. Hwy 97 expected to be closed down later this morning. MOTI engaged. Evacuation Orders expected this morning. Clinton detachment (SED) supporting efforts from the south side of fire.

The Canim Lake fire also moving toward residences south of Canim Lake and required tactical evacuations through the night. MOTI and Dawson Road service in the area shutting down the roads in the area, SAR engaged and assisting with evacuations. Evacuation Orders expected this morning.

Sufficient resources currently engaged, ND EOC engaged during the night and continue to monitor and support detachment. Other wildfire growth in the Anahim Lake area (Hwy 20) and Ft St James area in the past 24 hours will put significant pressure on ND resources as the week continues.

Advanced for situational awareness of pending Hwy closure and district pressures as these fires continue to grow.

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July 14 - Wildfire communication call

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EMBC

- Holding a tech briefing/media availability tomorrow (2:30pm tentatively)
 - BCWS, EMBC, RCMP, BCCS, PHO – delivered on Zoom
 - MA to go end of day
- New recovery landing page being worked on to bring together supports across all governments
 - ****ICBC claims for when vehicles are lost****

MIRR

- FNs continue to have a lot of frustrations regarding communications
- Number of FNs providing support in First Nations reception centre – MMR expressed gratitude on social media

HLTH

- Interior Health
 - watching Ashcroft Fire, close to the hospital
- Northern Health
 - Bus route that transports patients may be impacted if sections of Highway 97 is still closed, south of PG

ENV

- Area of restriction declared for Lockhart Creek provincial park
- 22 full closures of provincial parks, 8 partial closures

FLNRO

- Lots of q's about wildfire burns, working closely with HQ on burns

TRAN

- Keeping Drive BC up to date with road closures

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FW: BN Update #1 - SED - Ashcroft RCMP Police c/o Tremont Crk (formerly Glossy Mountain) Wildfire File 2021-1072

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Update #1

Southeast District, Ashcroft Detachment

K21849 Tremont Crk. Wildfire, Ashcroft, BC
2021-07-13
2021-1072

ISSUE:

-An interface fire deemed out of control (Tremont Crk. K21849) has grown to 780 hectares and is now only 8.5 kilometres from Ashcroft. Evacuation alerts have been issued to 50 residences in the Barnes Lake area to the SE of Ashcroft, but those are expected to turn to evacuation orders shortly, and the evacuation alerts to be significantly expanded.

BACKGROUND:

- On July 12th, 2021 a wildfire was spotted on Glossy Mountain. The fire was approximately 4.0 kms from Barnes Lake, BC, and 10 kms (adjusted since initial BN) from Ashcroft, BC. Wildfire BC advised the fire was less than a hectare in size and police assistance was not required.
- The fire is believed to have been caused by a lightning strike, quickly spreading due to the recent heat wave.
- On July 13, 2021 the wildfire had grown to 80 hectares. Fire was slowly moving NW toward YD Ranch Rd.

- A local state of emergency has been declared and TNRD requested the Ashcroft RCMP to issue evacuation alerts to 50 residences in the YD Ranch Rd. area to the Southeast of Ashcroft, BC.
- Ashcroft RCMP completed the evacuation alerts.
- Flames were visible from Ashcroft and local residents were gathering to watch as the flames spread across the mountain top. It is now approximately 8.5 kms SE of Ashcroft.
- The Tremont Creek fire has been consolidated with the Lytton Creek and George Road fires and BC Wildfire are referring to them as the Lytton Creek Complex sharing resources for fire response.

CURRENT STATUS:

- The fire is currently classified as out of control and has crested the mountain and is heading down toward the Barnes Lake Rd. (approximately 2 kilometres away)
- Winds are expected to pick up and the fire is in a continuous fuel zone.
- The Tremont Fire Information Officer has just contacted the Ashcroft RCMP to provide a heads up that they will soon be recommending that the residences currently under evacuation alert be upgraded to an evacuation order, and they also will be recommending that TNRD expand the evacuation alert zone.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Clinton RCMP is currently taxed with their own evacuation orders and alerts and Ashcroft RCMP is currently covering priority calls for their area.
- Ashcroft RCMP do not have enough resources to complete the expected evacuation order/alerts in a timely manner as only five members are available which includes having to cover Ashcroft/Clinton for priority calls.
- SAR will be contacted to determine if they can assist with expected upcoming evacuation order.
- Ashcroft RCMP are also working with BC Highway Patrol to determine if they have available units to assist in an emergency situation. An unknown amount of IRSU members are apparently making their way toward Ashcroft to be in a position to assist if/when the order is issued.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Ashcroft RCMP has made attempts to contact Chief/Council for Oregon Jack IR who are in the area, but not part of the TNRD evacuation alert, however have been unable to contact anyone. TNRD has also made attempts to contact the Chief of Oregon Jack IR but have been unsuccessful as well.
- Some media interest can be expected.

MEMBER/EMPLOYEE WELLNESS-OCCUPATION SAFETY

- No issues at this time.

CONDUCT/CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT

- NIL

DETACHMENT COMMANDER COMMENTS:

- SAR was not utilized for evacuation alert notifications yesterday as there is no local SAR. Kamloops-based SAR likely already engaged and Ashcroft RCMP was able to complete the notifications in a timely manner, however they will be asked to assist with expected evacuation order as Ashcroft RCMP don't have enough resources on their own.
- The majority of people affected were preparing to leave, and are using the Voyent Alert App, and monitoring the BC Wildfires website. A handful of people seem determined to stay if an order is issued. No mobility issues or significant challenges identified during alert notifications.

DISTRICT COMMENTS:

- Tremont Creek wildfire has increase in size/moving towards Ashcroft/winds are forecast to increase
- TNRD anticipated to issue Evacuation Order this afternoon
- Ashcroft Detachment to seek assistance from area SAR for delivery of Evacuation Order – insufficient RCMP resources at Ashcroft Detachment as they are supplementing Clinton Detachment
- SED IPS Advisory advised

S/Sgt Trevor S. TRIBES
SED – Advisory NCO - Kelowna

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BC Wild Fire - RCMP Actions Update - 2021-07-14 @ 1330 hrs

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- BC wild fires continue to spread across SED and ND areas, with a number of known fires expanding due to weather and wind conditions.
- RCMP DEOC continues to establish schedules for addressing police demands across both SED and ND to meet what is expected to be a long protracted fire season.
- Extreme wind conditions in the Clinton to 100 Mile House area saw fires surge and resulting in closures on local roadways including Hwy #97. Local alerts likely for the larger 100 Mile House area as a result.
- Additional RCMP resources being sent into area to address expected surge in police assistance that are fire related.
- RCMP is moving under Article 9.1 to mobilize resources in support of the overall effort, and are now seeking Article 9.2 approval. DEOC indicates there are over 200 federal resources available to support if such approval is granted.

Next call tomorrow at 1330 hrs.

Ward

Ward Lymburner, Executive Director

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BC Wild Fire - RCMP Actions Update - 2021-07-15 @ 1330 hrs

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Update as of 1330 hrs DEOC call.

- RCMP continue to respond to calls in support of Evacuation Alerts and Orders across the North District and South East District.
- Fire activity is described as unprecedented, with an extreme lack of moisture in the regions, the fire is actually creating its own weather and winds, resulting in an extremely unpredictable situation.
- Area in and around the Cache Creek/100 Mile House/Ashcroft remains unpredictable but police resources are managing the demands to date.
- Lytton fire area remains under evacuation order but this is being reviewed by BC Fire Service. Date of any rescinding is yet unknown.
- RCMP is looking at setting up a Rapid Response Unit in PRTC for possible deployment to areas as required.
- There is concern in the North District regarding BC Wild Fire staff attempting to direct police resources, but this is being managed by the DEOC command at this time.

Next call scheduled for 1330 hrs tomorrow.

Ward Lymburner, Executive Director

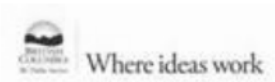
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Unfolding Event – Information Subject to Change:

Evacuation Alert – 3 residences in Nicola Valley, North off Hwy 97C – Merritt Detachment file 2021-3320

Unfolding Event at the above location. Merritt RCMP is assisting Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) to affect the evacuation alerts on three (3) residence in the Nicola Valley North area.

One member is enroute to effect the alerts. No further resources anticipated at this time. Briefing Note to follow.

Detachment Commander SSM Stephan (Steph) J. DROUIN aware of situation.

Cpl. R.S. AIRD
IPS Merritt

DISTRICT COMMENTS:

-Merritt RCMP Police tasked by TNRD with Evacuation Alerts for 3 residences Nicola Valley North
-Notifications completed

BN to follow

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FW: BN - SED - Logan Lake File 2021-438 - Wildfire Evacuation Alert (Tunkwa Lake)

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Southeast District - Logan Lake Detachment
Logan Lake - Provincial
Wildfire Evacuation Alert for Tunkwa Lake Properties (Tremont Creek Wildfire-K21849)
File 2021- 438

ISSUE:

On July 15th 2021, Logan Lake RCMP detachment received an Evacuation Alert issued by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for 48 recreational properties ranging from the 5375 block to 2390 block of Tunkwa Lake Rd for the Tremont Creek Wildfire.

BACKGROUND:

- On July 14th at 1630 hours, an Evacuation Alert issued by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for 48 properties ranging from the 5375 block to 2390 block of Tunkwa Lake Rd for the Tremont Creek Wildfire burning in the Ashcroft area.
- On July 15th at approximately 0830, the Logan Lake detachment was informed of the Evacuation Alert and the properties were located in the Logan Lake RCMP jurisdiction area.

CURRENT STATUS:

- A Logan Lake member along with 2 Conservation Officers attended the area and posted Evacuation Alerts on the 48 affected properties from the 5375 block to 2390 block of Tunkwa Lake Rd.
- TNRD has been notified the Evacuation Alerts are complete.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Local EOC to monitor the situation.
- TNRD will apprise of any changes.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Cpl. DUNCAN notified the local Fire Chief, Mayor and local EOC of the Evacuation Alert.

MEMBER/EMPLOYEE WELLNESS - OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY:

- None at this time.

CONDUCT/CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- None

DETACHMENT COMMANDER COMMENTS:

- Logan Lake detachment monitoring the situation along with local EOC.

DISTRICT COMMENTS:

- Evacuation Alert completed by Logan Lake Det/ and 2 CO's
- TNRD updated
- Logan Lake EOC continues to monitor

S/Sgt Trevor S. TRIBES

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July 16 - Wildfire Communication Coordination Call

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- Significant wildfire activity – 15 new fires last 48 hours – drop from recent. Still remains 305 active fires – been hovering in that area for 5-6 days now
- 4 wildfires of note and more interface fires – 28.
- Since yesterday not as many large evacuations – new evacs and alerts but no major centres impacted.
- 57 evac alerts in the province – mainly central interior and north – alerts involve 11,500 properties. 35 evacuation area's – impacting 2,869 properties.
- So quite a few on evac orders but not near the level of for instance 2017.
- Today – planning to send out NR around firefighters coming in from Mexico and Quebec. MMF and Min Conroy quotes.
- Also possible information bulletin later afternoon – issues re: accommodations and emergency support services. Main message – let people know they should not be self-evacuating- smoke patterns do shift they may be going somewhere that's worse, tips for staying safe.
- Also asking evacuees to take on the emergency support service accommodations only if necessary. If there is an insurance that can handle accommodation or friends or family to stay with also a great option.

MIRR

- Continue to monitor indigenous communities

Agriculture

- Fact Sheet posted on news room re: emergency support for ranchers

Environment

- 6 additional parks closed now

Indigenous Services Canada

- They'll monitor situation this weekend

Cdn Forces

- Hercules left Comox for Kamloops today transporting personnel

RCMP

- Monitoring situation. Request from CBC to confirm state of emergency – RCMP have responded that state of emergency is not required for RCMP to redeploy personnel.

PSC

- Posting landing page on main Canada.ca page – re: wildfires and link to emergency info page.

EMBC - Don't believe we'll need these calls over the weekend. Next call Monday 11:30. If something comes up contact EMBC (JT is off tomorrow and possibly Sunday) but his out of office will go to Susan Williams.

Fwd: E Division Wildfire Report 2021 July 16

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Please note that the Saik'uz FN reserve that is affected by the Cutoff Creek fire is uninhabited.

Regards,

Ben

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Subject: E Division Wildfire Report 2021 July 16

Good afternoon,

Please find the latest information regarding wildfires from around the Province.

Regards,

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Purpose: To provide information daily updates to E Division SMT regarding the current wildfire situation in British Columbia.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Southeast District Update

- Merritt – evacuation alert issued for White Rock Lake area; 5 homes in total;
- Lytton – 9,200 hectares – Opened Hwy 1 part of the time. Challenging part of fire is near the Nicomen First Nations Community;
- Ashcroft (Tremont Creek) – substantial winds affecting fire, evacuation still in effect for 50 properties and evacuation alert expanded to 670 properties in Ashcroft and Cache Creek. Adequate resources in place from the detachment until Sunday;
- Okanagan Falls – Thomas Creek Fire – 5500 hectares - evacuation alert issued for 704 properties.

North District Update

- The entire town of 100 Mile House has been issued an evacuation alert, Hwy 97 has reopened;
- Flat Lake and Young Lake fires have grown together – 10,000 hectares, 4.3km from Hwy 97, evacuation orders for 117 homes with additional 170 issued an evacuation alert, the fire was good last night, however the wind forecast tonight could create worsening conditions;
- Vanderhoof (Cutoff Creek) – an evacuation order issued which includes the Saik'uz First Nation;
- Prince George (Grizzly Lake) – evacuation order was issued for the area of Grizzly Lake and expanded to the Bobtail Connector, this includes the Umlisle 4

- Anahim Lake – The use of the military Chinook went smooth and a “thank you” was received from the Band. Hwy 20 is officially opened with the use of a pilot car;
- Manson Creek – evacuation order issued, two members attended to conduct door to door notifications.

Indigenous Police Services (IPS): IPS continues to liaise and assist with First Nations communities in the area.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS: There are currently 308 active wildfires in BC; 17 started in the past 24 hours. Div Comms continues to coordinate or lead Wildfire communications efforts for the Division.

RESOURCES: DEOC continues to liaise with LMD, TSG and to BCHP for the following resources:

- Clinton – 4 resources are arriving today to begin deployment tomorrow;
- Lytton – 8 resources arriving today;
- Sparks Lake – 4 resources arriving today;
- 4 PSE resources requested for DEOC;
- Additional 4 resources deployed to 100 Mile House and arriving today.

Member wellness: Clinton – members are being over tasked with policing duties as well as evacuation alerts and orders. More resources are required.

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BC Wild Fire 2021 - RCMP Action update - 2021-07-19 @ 1330 hrs

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Good afternoon Wayne;

Update as of today's DEOC call @ 1330 hrs

- RCMP continue to schedule additional resources under the approved Article 9.1 request to address both short term and long term resource demands known and anticipated for this fire season.

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- Lytton area fire evacuation order remains in effect but likely to change over next few days, with the area of evacuation shrinking. Highway #1 being looked at by MODI regarding opening soon as well.
- All other fires in the Southeast District remain in states that are not threatening populated areas to the extent of any new evacuation orders expected today. However Ashcroft RCMP Detachment is preparing for a rapid evacuation plan if required in the future.
- North District RCMP stated that the expected travel of the fire threatening the 100 Mile House community failed to play out, actually slowing down and changing direction slightly. As a result there is no expected elevation of any Alert to an Order in the 100 Mile House community for the next 24 hours.

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Next DEOC call scheduled for 1330 hrs tomorrow.

Ward

Ward Lymburner, Executive Director

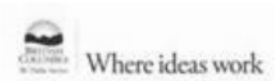
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FW: SED - Creston RCMP Police - c/o Evacuation Alert - File : 2021-pending

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South East District- Creston Detachment Akokli Creek (Provincial)

Evacuation Alert – 2021-07-19

File: 2021-pending

ISSUE:

A wildfire near Akokli Creek north of Creston, B.C.

BACKGROUND:

-Cpl. Diachok notified on evening of July 16, 2021 from Emergency Operations Centre of an upcoming evacuation alert to be issued at 0800 am on July 17, 2021 for the area North and South of Boswell, B.C.

-Fire was 350+ hectares and in the area north and south of Boswell, BC where 251 residences were affected.

-Local Search And Rescue provided assistance with alerts;

-On July 17, 2021 at 0930 hrs, RDCK EOC – Brent Scott, 2 RCMP members and SAR attended Boswell Community Centre

-RCMP members and SAR have notified residents and local campground users many of which advised that they were not leaving the area;

-Wildfire has grown to over 850 hectares.

CURRENT STATUS

-Fire is very visible, with dense smoke covering the Creston Valley;

-Winds are very strong in area and fire is growing in size and out of control;

-Cpl. Diachok will be notified by Emergency Operations Centre should evacuation orders be put in place;

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE WELLNESS - OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

-Members are fine at this time

CONDUCT / CIVIL ASSESSMENT

N/A

DETACHMENT COMMANDER COMMENTS

-Detachment has adequate staffing levels should this result in an Evacuation Order

DISTRICT COMMENTS

-2021-07-17 Creston RCMP & SAR notified affected residents and area campground guests

-Fire is visible/dense smoke/strong winds – fire is growing & out of control

-A/NCO i/c remains in contact with RDEK EOC

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SED – Advisory NCO - Kelowna

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FW: BN-SED-Oliver- Interface Wildfire - 2021-3474

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Subject: BN-SED-Oliver- Interface Wildfire - 2021-3474

South East District- Oliver Detachment
Osoyoos Indian Band
Evacuation Alerts and Orders – 2021-07-19
File: 2021-3474

ISSUE:

A wildfire on Osoyoos Indian Band, Oliver, B.C.

BACKGROUND:

On 2021-07-19 at 1550 hrs OIB advised of a grass fire on Nkmip Rd on OIB;
- Oliver Volunteer Fire Dept responded and fire located at South end of Nkmip Rd where approximately 30 residences and a campground were tactically evacuated due to proximity;
- BC Wildfire Services on scene immediately with ground crew and air support;
- Nkmip Rd at the south end is blocked to traffic at Road 22 by Osoyoos members;
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in area and checked by Osoyoos members and info obtained, not suspicious at this time;
- Orders and Alerts prepared by RDOS (Electoral Area C), OIB and the Town of Oliver
- SAR assisted RCMP with evacuations orders and alerts
- SMT member in EOC, Oliver NCO in IC with SAR

CURRENT STATUS

- Fire was very visible, with dense smoke covering the Valley after a tire fence several hundred metres long has caught and billowing black smoke, this has since dissipated;
- Winds have been and will continue to be very strong in area and fire is growing in size and out of control;

- Fortis BC has cut power to thousands of homes in Oliver and Osoyoos at the outset of the fire but have advised power has since been restored;
- Area Commander has been engaged with OIB Chief for ongoing support
- OIB is almost entirely on Order (approximately 170 properties)
- Evacuation Alert have been issued by the RDOS in Electoral Area C, D and the Town of Oliver for lands within the boundary of the town.
- Evacuation Orders have been issued by the RDOS in Electoral Area C, and H; SAR will continue to support issuing orders and alerts today;
- Size as of 2130 hrs on 20210719 assessed at 700 ha, out of control
- NCO in Oliver staying on site in to early morning hours will be notified by EOC should further evacuation orders be put in place; grounds crews stayed overnight to support fire suppression
- SMT connected to EOC for real time information and updates;
- Emergency Reception set up at Oliver Legion
- Cause unknown at this time

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

- South Okanagan General Hospital adjacent to but not in the Evacuation Alert Area;
- South Okanagan Correctional Centre is approximately 7 Km north of the fire and is aware of the situation; SOCC advised the EOC last night they were considering pre-emptive movement of prisoners but this has not occurred as of yet

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

- This fire has garnered significant media attention most of which are being addressed through RDOS, Town of Oliver and OIB media

MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE WELLNESS - OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

- Dayshift members and one Penticton member stayed to assist last night, IPS members will be in the community today
- SED Bronze providing support

CONDUCT / CIVIL ASSESSMENT

N/A

DETACHMENT COMMANDER COMMENTS: Excellent response from Oliver and Osoyoos Detachments in first instance. Alerts and orders have been somewhat complicated and changing with three jurisdictions involved, SMT will engage EOC this morning for a better picture of what will be expected in the coming days. Next meeting with EOC at approximately 0900 hrs for updates

DISTRICT COMMENTS

- District/Bronze command aware and engaged for resourcing requirements.
 - Local detachment is embedded with local emergency officials.
 - Advanced to CROPS
- S/Sgt. Steve Vince
SED Advisory NCO

SOURCE/PREPARED BY/AUTHORIZATION: Sgt. Don Wrigglesworth

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BC Wild Fire Update - RCMP Actions 2021-07-20

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Wayne;

Update regarding BC Wild Fires - RCMP Actions as of 2021-07-20 @1330 hrs

- RCMP continues to ramp up for extended wild fire season.
- CAF is within the SED area providing evac and fire fighting support.
- Lytton Evacuation Order has been amended and Hwy# 12 will be re-opened. Hwy #1 in the area remains closed but recommendation to open exists.
- As time of this writing MMF Office announced a BC wide State of Emergency effective at midnight tonight, as it relates to the wild fire threat.
- 100 Mile House continues under an Alert, however if the fire activities continue as predicted, this could change to an Order later today.
- RCMP Staff have been brought into the 100 Mile House area, Clinton, and Ashcroft areas to allow officers to take steps to have their families leave the areas. Ensuring their safety while the officer continue their duties.
- Approximately 100 officers have been deployed in support of those officers typically operating in these areas.

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- RCMP have begun to operationalize Reservists under the PBL to support police actions going forward.

Note:

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Next meeting scheduled for 1330 hrs tomorrow.

Ward Lymburner, Executive Director

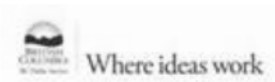
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FW: SED VNOD (Rural) Evacuation Order /Wildfire 2021-4747

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Subject: SED VNOD (Rural) Evacuation Order /Wildfire 2021-4747

SED Vernon North Okanagan Det. (Rural)
Evacuation Order – 10000-17000 Blk. Lumby Mabel Lake Rd.
Wildfire - 2021-07-20
2021-4747

ISSUE:

- The Regional District North Okanagan (RDNO) has issued an evacuation order for the properties located between the 10000 – 17000 block of the Mabel Lake FSR aka Lumby Mabel Lake Road.

BACKGROUND:

- On July 20th, 2021 at approximately 09:40 the RDNO issued an evacuation order for the properties located within the 10000 block of the Mabel Lake FSR.
- There is said to be approximately 70 cabins within this order.
- The majority of the properties located within the order are seasonal cabins and it is unknown how many are currently occupied.
- VNOD Rural members requested to assist with evacuation notices.
- RDNO has been advised to contact MOT for barrier purposes.
- SAR requested to assist with the completion of the order.

CURRENT STATUS:

- VNOD Rural members completed the Evacuation Orders.
- Overtime resources will need to be sought for roving patrols throughout the day / evening for the duration of the order.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Very remote area with no cell phone and limited radio coverage.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- VNOD MRO aware.

MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- No issues at this time.

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- Nil.

DETACHMENT / UNIT COMMANDER COMMENTS:

- VNOD Rural Commander aware and monitoring.
- OIC and Ops Support attended to area as well.

DISTRICT COMMENTS:

- VNOD Rural/SAR completed Evacuation Order notification for 10000 – 17000 block of Mabel Lake Road (Lumby side) – approximately 70 cabins
- RDNO arranging with MOTI for barricades of evacuated area
- RCMP OT resources being sought for roving patrols day/evenings for duration of order

S/Sgt Trevor S. TRIBES

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SED Vernon North Okanagan Det. (Rural)Evacuation Order – Westwold Area (White Rock Lake Fire)Wildfire - 2021-07-18 2021-4662
UPDATE # 1
ISSUE:

- The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) issued an evacuation order for properties located in the vicinity of Westwold BC in Electoral Area “L” (Grasslands). Update includes order extension.

BACKGROUND:

- July 18th, at 2130 the TNRD issued an evacuation order for the properties between 7820 – 8640 Douglas Lake Road from the EOC in Kamloops.
- VNOD Rural members requested to assist with evacuation notices/orders.
- TNRD has a manned traffic barrier with personnel set at the Douglas Lake Rd / Hwy 97.
- TNRD also has a manned traffic at Back Rd / Hwy 97.
- Fire continues in a North Western direction, toward Monte Lake Area.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Order has been expanded to include an additional 32 homes (45 total) in the Douglas Lake Rd and Back Rd area (within ~500 m of highway);

- Alert area has been expanded to include and additional 162 home (Monte Lake Area, Paxton Valley Area, and all remaining TNRD area to the East);
- Wildfire had no suppression crews on site as of this afternoon and only a small crew of Structure Protection Personnel;
- Members held over from day shift are distributing new orders and alerts with additional help from 3 BCHP Falkland members assisting.
- No reports of any structures lost at this time and no expected impact on Hwy 97 overnight;

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Area includes 2 recreation sites which will be checked to ensure no one is occupying the sites. BC REC and TRAILS were notified by North Okanagan Rural Unit and will be following up with TNRD in AM.
- Alert area to the North Western Boundary of the VNOD (Barnhartvale Rd).

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- VNOD MRO to be notified in the event of local interest. TNRD likely handling media enquiries.

MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- No issues at this time. Watch Commander to monitor.

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- Nil.

DETACHMENT / UNIT COMMANDER COMMENTS:

One of many fires/alerts/orders being managed currently by VNOD.

DISTRICT COMMENTS:

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Evacuation Order – Westwold Area (White Rock Lake Fire)
Wildfire - 2021-07-18
2021-4662

ISSUE:

- The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) issued an evacuation order for properties located in the vicinity of Westwold BC in Electoral Area “L” (Grasslands).

BACKGROUND:

- On July 18th, at 2130 the TNRD issued an evacuation order for the properties between 7820 – 8640 Douglas Lake Road from the EOC in Kamloops.
- There are a total of 13 properties for evacuation under this order.
- VNOD Rural members requested to assist with evacuation notices.
- MOT has a traffic barrier with personnel set at the 8 km mark on Douglas Lake Rd.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Two members from VNOD Rural are currently enroute to issue the evacuation orders.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Nil.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- VNOD MRO to be notified in the event of local interest. TNRD likely handling media enquiries.

MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- No issues at this time. Watch Commander to monitor.

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- Nil.

DETACHMENT / UNIT COMMANDER COMMENTS:

- VNOD Rural Commander aware and monitoring.

DISTRICT COMMENTS:

- VNOD conducting evacuation order for 7000 through 8000 block of Douglas Lake road – near Westwold B.C.
- Total of 13 properties
- MOTI has barricade/personnel at 8km point on Douglas Lake

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BN Update # 1

Southeast District – Kimberley Detachment
Evacuation Order – Bill Nye Mountain Fire
Wasa , B.C. – 2021-07-27
File 2021-6354

ISSUE:

A wildfire on Bill Nye Mountain near the community of Wasa , B.C

BACKGROUND:

- Detachment Commander notified on evening of July 16, 2021 from Emergency Operations Centre of an upcoming evacuation alert to be issued at 0800 am on July 17, 2021 for an area near Wasa, B.C.
- Fire was 100 hectares and in the area of Bill Nye Mountain and areas encompassing evacuation alert will be 50 residences in Lazy Lake, Lakit Lake and Holmes Road area of Wasa, B.C.
- Commander notified local Search And Rescue that assistance would be required on July 17, 2021 to action these alerts as Kimberley RCMP is short staffed;
- On July 17, 2021 at 0800 hrs Evacuation alert issued by Regional District of East Kootenay for affected areas.
- Commander and local SAR unit have notified residents and local campgrounds and many individuals are leaving area;
- Wildfire has grown from 100 hectares to over 542 hectares.

CURRENT STATUS

- On July 27 at 17:00 hrs Detachment Commander notified by Emergency Operation's Centre (EOC) that BC Wildfire was concerned that Lazy Lake Road – the only road out of Evacuation Alert area was in danger of being compromised by wildfire;
- Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) issued Evacuation Order for approximately 50 properties in earlier Evacuation alert area;
- Commander made call to EMBC to mobilize local SAR group from Kimberley;
- Commander along with SAR went door to door making residents aware of Evacuation Order;
- RDEK has organized security to maintain roadblocks in area to prevent entry into Evacuation Order area;
- Local Kimberley RCMP will conduct patrols during shifts in Evacuation Order area to maintain security;
- Wildfire as of July 27, 2021 was reported to be approximately 1900 hectares and was observed last evening growing quite rapidly;

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE WELLNESS - OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

-Members are fine at this time

CONDUCT / CIVIL ASSESSMENT

N/A

DETACHMENT COMMANDER COMMENTS

- Great assistance of from Kimberley SAR;
- Commander has been in continuous contact with EOC from onset;
- Should this result in a larger Evacuation Alert or larger Evacuation Order additional resources will be required;

DISTRICT COMMENTS:

Evacuation of 50 properties were handled by the Commander and SAR. Assistance will be required if a larger area requiring evacuation is ordered.

S/Sgt. Lorne D. CRAIG

SED Advisory NCO

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South East District- Kimberley Detachment

Evacuation Alert – Bill Nye Mountain Fire

Wasa, BC. – 2021-07-17

ISSUE:

A wildfire on Bill Nye Mountain in the area of Wasa, B.C.

BACKGROUND:

-Detachment Commander notified on evening of July 16, 2021 from Emergency Operations Centre of an upcoming evacuation alert to be issued at 0800 am on July 17, 2021 for an area near Wasa, B.C.

-Fire was 100 hectares and in the area of Bill Nye Mountain and areas encompassing evacuation alert will be 50 residences in Lazy Lake, Lakit Lake and Holmes Road area of Wasa, B.C.

-Commander notified local Search And Rescue that assistance would be required on July 17, 2021 to action these alerts as Kimberley RCMP is short staffed;

-On July 17, 2021 at 0800 hrs Evacuation alert issued by Regional District of East Kootenay for affected areas.

-Commander and local SAR unit have notified residents and local campgrounds and many individuals are leaving area;

-Wildfire has grown from 100 hectares to over 542 hectares.

CURRENT STATUS

- Fire is very visible to the public and winds are very strong in area and fire is growing in size and out of control;

-BC Wildfire has limited ground crews auctioning fire but no air support at present.

-Commander will be notified by Emergency Operations Centre should evacuation orders be put in place;

-Regional District of East Kootenay updated accordingly.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE WELLNESS - OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

-Members are fine at this time

CONDUCT / CIVIL ASSESSMENT

N/A

DETACHMENT COMMANDER COMMENTS

-Should this result in an Evacuation order or larger Evacuation alert additional resources will be required due to several members ODS at present.

DISTRICT COMMENTS

-Wildfire resulting in Evacuation Alerts within Kimberley Detachment area – alerts completed/some residents departing

-RDEK updated

-Fire has grown from 100 to 542 hectares/strong winds present

-In the event of larger Evacuation Alerts/Order, NCO i/c advises additional resources will be required due to existing ODS shortages.

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