



Ministry of
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INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE

Date: August 6, 2021
Prepared For: Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Topic: Lytton Recovery and Rebuilding
Purpose: Overview of current status and next steps for Lytton recovery and rebuilding

BACKGROUND:

The Village of Lytton (Village) has a population of approximately 275 residents with another 1,700 people living in the surrounding rural areas, including nearby Indigenous communities. Approximately 800 members of the Lytton First Nation (LFN) live on reserves immediately adjacent to the village boundary.

On June 30, a fire swept through the village and adjacent LFN reserve, prompting an immediate and sudden evacuation. There have been two deaths due to the fire, which is believed to have been human caused, with speculation that it was the result of rail activity. This has not been confirmed. The fire continues to burn and is in excess of 51,000 hectares.

Damage assessment confirms that approximately 90% of the community was destroyed including the town hall, police station, ambulance station, public library, and most residential buildings. The majority of Village corporate records have been lost to the fire, including those located on the back-up server. Infrastructure impacts to adjacent First Nations reserve lands were minimal, with the LFN Band Office and School suffering smoke damage only. Engineers are assessing the Village's infrastructure such as water and wastewater treatment.

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s.13; s.17 It is not known how many residents may have been underinsured or uninsured. Disaster Financial Assistance is available for eligible public infrastructure losses.

The Village Council passed a resolution that the community would be rebuilt as a green, firesmart community with net zero carbon emissions. The Village's position is that this vision is subject to the availability of provincial and federal funding. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MUNI) and Emergency Management BC (EMBC) have been in regular contact with the Mayor and senior staff since the fire.

CURRENT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS:

EMBC is the lead agency for emergency management, including recovery. The Interim Provincial Disaster Recovery Framework outlines four "sectors" for recovery. These sectors and their lead ministries are as follows: People and Communities (Health), Environment (FLNRORD), Infrastructure (MUNI), and Economy (FLNRORD). The infrastructure sector will also include municipal governance and related issues. Housing may be treated as an additional stand-alone sector for this initiative. Sector leads will be responsible for coordinating the engagement of other ministries and agencies in addition to undertaking sector specific work.

EMBC is currently working with the Village of Lytton to identify recovery needs with a focus on interim housing and re-entry requirements. Much of the focus of activity remains on support for



individuals and is being supported by organizations such as Team Rubicon and the Canadian Red Cross.

EMBC is drafting a recovery plan for provincial support of Lytton and has established a provincial team structured around the recovery sectors defined in the Interim Provincial Disaster Recovery Framework. FLNRORD is taking a lead role in supporting EMBC from a community transition perspective.

Currently, the ADMs of EMBC, FLNRORD, and MUNI are the main points of contact for the Village. The Village has also engaged the Fraser Basin Council (FBC) to provide recovery and rebuilding support on a contractual basis. The full scope of the FBC's role is still under development.

Municipal-specific issues identified, along with current activities/status, are as follows:

- Public Infrastructure – BC Housing is proposing an interim housing solution for implementation by September 2021. Pending a detailed review, MUNI will work with EMBC and the Village to assess if there are any immediate infrastructure or support gaps. Longer term infrastructure support will be contingent on the vision for the future state of the community.
- Governance – A Ministerial Order to cancel the August 7th by-election was issued on July 30, 2021. MUNI staff continues to engage with Lytton's corporate consultant on processes for re-creating bylaws destroyed in the fire (e.g., building, procedure bylaws, etc). Lytton hired Urban Systems last week as a communications consultant (early action includes updated social media, and daily information posts). Work also continues with Local Government Management Association and Union of BC Municipalities to establish and provide support for Lytton staff/mayor and council relations/communications. s.13

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- Planning – MUNI has provided input regarding planning support either directly to the Village or through the FBC. Longer term, MUNI will provide support and expertise as required for planning a "new community," considering modern community design and land use planning principles.

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Various coordination activities are underway, both across ministries (e.g., EMBC's ADMs Recovery Committee) and internally (e.g., MUNI staff internal team to coordinate issues management and support for the Village in its recovery and rebuilding). This team is expected to transition to providing sector level coordination as work moves substantially into the recovery phases.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

It is anticipated that significant provincial and federal government supports will be needed to support recovery and rebuilding efforts over a number of years. EMBC will coordinate all Treasury Board Submissions pertaining to recovery and rebuilding.

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Thanks,

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**Joint Information Centre
Communications Sit Report Daily Summary
Wildfires 2021**

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

Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:

The wildfire situation is continually evolving, and the information below is current as of 7 p.m. (Pacific time) on Friday, August 6, 2021.

For real-time updates on evacuation alerts and orders, visit: <https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC>

For the latest wildfire information, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

Fires:

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 291
- Since April 1, 2021:
 - 1,425 wildfires
 - 608,178 hectares burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
 - Cariboo: 47
 - Coastal: 21
 - Kamloops: 84
 - Northwest: 7
 - Prince George: 65
 - Southeast: 67

Resources:

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,530
- Out-of-province firefighters: 609
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 281

Evacuations:

- Evacuation Orders: 67 (+7)
- Evacuation Alerts: 114 (+7)
- Properties:
 - Number of properties on Order: 5,650 (+1,136)
 - Number of properties on Alert: 24,944 (+3,884)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
 - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 0 Orders 1 (+1) Alerts
 - Northwest: 0 Orders 2 Alert
 - Northeast: 5 Order 13 (-3) Alerts
 - Central: 55 (+6) Order 85 (+9) Alerts
 - Southeast: 4 Orders 10 Alerts
 - Southwest: 3 (+1) Orders 3 Alerts

Evacuation Orders, Alerts

For updated information go to: <https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/>

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- [Bulkley-Nechako Regional District](#)
- [Bridge River Indian Band \(Evacuation Alert\)](#)
- [Cariboo Regional District](#)
- [Columbia Shuswap Regional District](#)
- [Cook's Ferry Indian Band \(Evacuation Order\) \(Facebook page\)](#)
- [District of Logan Lake](#)
- [District of 100 Mile House](#)
- [Fraser Valley Regional District](#)
- [Nooaitch First Nation \(Evacuation Alert\)](#)
- [Northern Rockies Regional Municipality](#)
- [Okanagan Indian Band](#)
- [Osoyoos Indian Band \(Evacuation Alert\)](#)
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- [Shackan Indian Band \(Evacuation Order\) \(Facebook page\)](#)
- [Skeetchestn Indian Band \(Facebook page\)](#)
- [Thompson-Nicola Regional District](#)
- [Village of Ashcroft](#)
- [Village of Chase \(Facebook\)](#)
- [Village of Lytton](#)

Visit [EmergencyMapBC](#) to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

BC Wildfire Daily Summary

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,412 wildfires, resulting in nearly 583,942 hectares of area burned. About six per cent of the 303 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 71 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining 23 per cent have yet to be determined. There are currently 33 of which are Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre. For more information visit the [Wildfires of Note webpage](#).

Weather Forecast

Scattered showers across much of the province, cooler conditions, and higher relative humidities. Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast remain dry and warm. Strong, gusty westerly winds across interior BC in the wake of a sweeping cold front. Risk of thunderstorms persists for Prince George Fire Centre, Vanjam, and Bulkley. Slight risk for the Southeast. Tonight, showers along the coast, rockies, and rain over Fort Nelson. Still dry across the south. A chance of overnight thunderstorms in the Peace. Good recoveries across the province. Winds remain elevated above ~ 1,500m across the southern Interior overnight.

Key Facts

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b>

For information on wildfires of note: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp>

All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner

Jordan gave an update about the White Rock lake fire and shared that there will be a press conference at 12:30 pm.

RCMP – All is going well and more resources have been sent to support Vernon and Kamloops. For the most part people are willing to evacuate. There have been rotating road closures due to smoke.

BC Hydro – The fire tripped the Monte Lake substation causing damage and cutting off power. It will be looked at today to evaluate damage and see if there are any issues. Any power lines on the highway have been cleared.

Red Cross – The new in-person registration centre in Abbotsford opened this morning.

BC Wildfire Service – White Rock Lake remains the fire of concern today. There are more strong winds in the west, elevating concerns for Chase. There are challenges with misinformation spreading online – will be working to put out safe guard messaging.

Jordan: Next call will take place on Monday.

Communication Activities:

- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required.
- Responded to media requests throughout the day
- Distributed media advisory
- Coordinated presser for Minister Mike Farnworth

Key Messages:

We will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.

Key Messages

- Emergency Management BC (EMBC) is leading the coordination of this recovery across provincial agencies, including BC Housing, as well as with outside parties and the federal government.
- EMBC is supporting displaced residents with Emergency Support Services (ESS), including accommodation and food.
- EMBC is working directly with the leadership of Lytton to identify temporary housing options for residents while the community rebuilds.
- The focus over the next few months will be ensuring the residents of Lytton have temporary accommodation and their immediate needs are met.
- There will also be opportunities for the community to convene with their leadership and define the vision for the rebuild of Lytton.
- We'll keep listening to the community to determine how we can best support them moving forward through recovery and rebuilding.

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- 1. What role is EMBC playing in terms of planning for the creation of temporary housing for residents of Lytton to live over the next two years, while the permanent rebuild of Lytton takes place?**
 - Emergency Management BC (EMBC) is leading the coordination across all of the provincial agencies, including BC Housing, as well as with outside parties and the federal government, including recovery.
 - EMBC is supporting displaced residents with Emergency Support Services (ESS), including accommodation and food.
 - EMBC is working directly with the leadership of Lytton to identify temporary housing options for residents while the community rebuilds.
- 2. What is the plan? How many units of housing, where located, when available and who will pay costs?**
 - The focus over the next few months will be ensuring the residents of Lytton have temporary accommodation and their immediate needs are met.
 - There will also be opportunities for the community to convene with their leadership and define the vision for the rebuild of Lytton.
 - Funding for the rebuild of Lytton will come from various sources, including provincial and federal partners, corporate donations and homeowners' insurance.
 - Last Friday, the Province announced additional immediate supports for all Lytton evacuees.
 - We'll keep listening to the community to determine how we can best support them moving forward through recovery and rebuilding.
- 3. Who else is working with EMBC on these plans? (Is there a committee/organization/other ministries/local governments? Who are its members?)**
 - EMBC is coordinating with other provincial ministries and the federal government to provide recovery support to Lytton.
 - This is in accordance with the Interim Provincial Disaster Recovery Framework, which is available online: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/local-government/provincial_disaster_recovery_framework.pdf
 - The Village of Lytton has also engaged the Fraser Basin Council in a scope of work related to recovery, and the Village has engaged other partners to support their Emergency Operations Centre and Resiliency Centres.
- 4. How many residents have been allowed to return to the village to assess damage? Are residents permitted to stay in Lytton or must they leave after a certain number of hours/days? When were they given the green light to return?**
 - The Ministry of Environment continues to conduct damage assessments and has not cleared the site for re-entry.

- An evacuation order was downgraded to an alert for the following areas on July 23rd:
 - Ponderosa Heights
 - Loring Way
 - Lytton Fire Base
 - Kent Road
 - Highway 1
- We recommend reaching out to the TNRD or the Village of Lytton for more information about resident access to the Village of Lytton, as they are responsible for the decisions around Evacuation Orders and Alerts.

5. Is there currently an evacuation order(s) in effect for the area?

- Yes, there is an evacuation order for most of the Village of Lytton. For details, see the Village of Lytton's website: <https://lytton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Amended-Evacuation-Order-23-July-2021.pdf>

Emergency Info BC Messaging:

Here is a snapshot of today's tweets on [@EmergencyInfoBC](#):

Messaging about leaving immediately during an Evac Order, and knowing the definitions of Order vs Alert, has been shared on PreparedBC's social media channels ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)), EmergencyInfoBC's [twitter feed](#) and added to [EmergencyInfoBC.ca](#) We will continue to share throughout the weekend.

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Good morning,
Please find attached daily report for the Minister and PS Rice.

Thank you,

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OPERATIONAL UPDATE: EMBC REGIONAL OPERATIONS

August 10, 2021

Information current as of August 9, 2021 at 17:00

DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY:

- Firefighters: approx. 3,549 (-34) total personnel (including 1,266 (-36) contactors, and 364 (-18) out of province resources) and 209 (-5) aircraft
- Active wildfires: 271 (-8)
- Wildfires of note: 31 (0)
- New wildfires in last 24 hours: 12 (0)
- PREOC Activations: 3 (0) (Northeast, South, Southwest)
- Evacuations:

	As of Aug 9, 17:00	Overnight Update**
States of local emergency	38 (+1)	-
Band Council resolutions	10 (0)	-
Evacuation orders	63 (-3)	-
Approx. properties on order	6,219 (-373)	-
Evacuation alerts	108 (+2)	-
Approx. properties on alert	31,903 (-628)	-

NOTES:

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

Overnight Updates **no new Orders or Alerts issued

White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884): Regional District Central Okanagan/Columbia-Shuswap Regional District/Thompson-Nicola Regional District (RDCO/CSRD/TNRD) - CTL Region

- TNRD partially downgraded an Order to an Evacuation Alert for 76 properties in EA "L".
- TNRD modified an Evacuation Alert boundary and 353 properties are now/remain on Evacuation Alert in EA "L".
- TNRD rescinded an Order and three Alerts in EA "L". 307 properties are All Clear.
- RDCO partially downgraded an Order to an Evacuation Alert for La Casa Lakeside Resort, Fintry, Upper Fintry and Shalal Road.
- RDCO rescinded an Evacuation Alert for Westside Road communities.
- CSRD partially downgraded an Order to an Evacuation Alert in the Falkland area.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Reception centres: 14 (-1)
 - 100 Mile House, Chilliwack, Coldstream, Kelowna, Merritt, Oliver, Penticton, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Seabird Island First Nation (near Agassiz), Sts'ailes First Nation, Williams Lake, Vernon.
- Evacuees Registered Total: 14,163 (+1,398)
- Group Lodging Facilities Total: 4 (0) – max. capacity ~800 beds (540 Central/260 Southwest)
- Evacuees in Group Lodging: 87 (+12) – change in number reconciles previous error in data entry

NOTES:

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

OVERVIEW:

- EMBC is receiving an increasing number of requests for assistance and support from First Nations, local authorities, evacuated communities, the agricultural sector and other impacted groups in response to wildfires, heat and smoke as well as recovery.
- Fire activity yesterday was relatively stable, concern is now focussed on the windy and increasingly hot weather expected across the province over the coming week.
- EMBC is proactively revising evacuation plans to ensure operational readiness as the situation evolves.

Weather Outlook and Alerts Update

- Tuesday: Gusty Westerly winds are expected in the North and South. Gusting 40km/h in the Prince George Fire Centre, wind warning in place for the South Klondike area. Winds will decrease as the ridge intensifies through Thursday, and air quality will likely decrease with widespread smoke expected in the South once again. Daytime highs reaching high 20's to mid-30's throughout the week.
- Outlook: A warming trend with temperatures rising into the high 20s and mid 30s for BC regions south of Mackenzie is forecast by midweek. Temperatures could reach the mid-30s in the Thompson-Okanagan, Boundary and Fraser Canyon. The Okanagan is likely to reach a few degrees higher on Friday and Saturday.
- **Air quality statement** (Smoky Skies bulletin): Wildfire smoke will affect 100 Mile, Arrow Lakes – Slocan Lake, Boundary, East Columbia, East Kootenay, Elk Valley, Fraser Canyon, Kinbasket, Kootenay Lake, Nicola, North Columbia, North Thompson, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, West Columbia, West Kootenay and Yoho Park – Kootenay Park.

- **Special Weather statement** (heat): Central Coast – inland sections, East Vancouver Island, Fraser Canyon, Fraser Valley, Greater Victoria, Howe Sound, Inland Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver, Nicola, North Coast – inland sections, Okanagan Valley, Shuswap, Similkameen, South Thompson, Southern Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast, Whistler.
- **Weather Warning** (wind): South Klondike Highway – Carcross to White Pass

New Evacuations

Central Region

Okanagan Indian Band activated - White Rock Lake Wildfire (K61884).

- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for areas north of Louis Estates
- Band Council Resolution issued for a State of Local Emergency for the area known as Okanagan Indian Band IR#1

Splatsin First Nation - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884).

- Evacuation Alert issued for IR#1 Salmon River

Regional District of Columbia Shuswap (CSR)

- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for Electoral Area F
- Evacuation Order downgraded to Evacuation Alert for Electoral Area E – Three Valley Lake

Regional District Central Okanagan (RDCO) - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)

- Evacuation Order issued for Valley of the Sun for the properties of Alpine Rd, Attenborough Rd, Balsam Rd, Briarwood Rd, Firwood Rd, Wood Rd, Westside Rd (8 properties), Westside Rd N (6 properties)
- Evacuation Alert issued for all properties accessed from Westside Road located between 6409 Westside road (South of La Casa) and the southern boundary of Valley of the Sun
- Evacuation Order rescinded for Valley of the Sun, Fintry, and La Casa
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for all properties accessed from Westside Road located between Westshore Estates and Bear Forest Service Road (north of Traders Cove), and all public lands generally located north of Bear and Esperon Forest Service Road

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)

- SOLE for Electoral Area “A” extended until August 17

Town of Osoyoos - Nk'Mip Fire (K52061)

- State of Local Emergency rescinded August 3, 2021
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for all properties N of Highway 3, East of Cottonwood Drive and West of 45th Street

Village of Chase - White Rock Lake Fire (K61884)

- Evacuation Alert rescinded

Northeast Region

Tsq'escen (Canim Lake Band) - Canim Lake Complex (C41100)

- Evacuation Alert rescinded for Canim Lake Band IR#1, 2 and 3

100 Mile House - Deka Lake Fire Complex (C41102), Canim Lake Fire (C41100), and Flat Lake Fire (C41602).

- ESS Reception Center is now at the Community Hall on standby and ready to go

Cariboo Regional District (CRD)

- Evacuation Alert rescinded for the 108 Mile Ranch West Area
- Evacuation Alert rescinded for portion of the Flat Lake North Area

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

- Evacuation Alert partially rescinded for the southern portion of Electoral Area A

*Southwest Region***Boothroyd Band - Mowhokam Creek Fire (V11669)**

- Evacuation Alert issued in conjunction with the Fraser Valley Regional District (39 properties)

Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD)

- Evacuation Alert issued in Electoral Area A (77 properties) and for Boothroyd Indian Band in response to the Mowhokam Creek Fire

WILDFIRE SUPPORTS*Evacuation Support*

- EMBC is in the process of developing and drafting potential Provincial Orders including to secure commercial accommodation and stand up a provincial fire department, if necessary.
- EMBC representative has been embedded in White Rock Lake BCWS IMT. First time this structure has been adopted; proving invaluable for advanced planning and response.
- EMBC is actively working on the development of an evacuation plan for the White Rock Lake Fire. On advice of Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC) seeking to minimize evacuations to Kelowna and/or use of group lodging due to concerns around COVID-19.
- Interior Health Authority has already taken steps to transfer acute patients from Vernon to the Lower Mainland in response to the threat posed by the White Rock Lake Fire.
- Cultural Safety and Humility based approaches have been applied to Mass Evacuation Plans and are being implemented at commercial lodging facilities. In addition, EMBC is working to expedite the hiring of dedicated Indigenous ESS

support staff. Several staff with lived experience have been embedded in the PECC.

- EMBC is working to finalize contingency provincial mass evacuation strategy and operational plan, in coordination with PREOCs and partners including Alberta.
- Ongoing issues have been experienced with the evacuee registration system, ERAA (i.e, slow processing speed/capacity), Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is engaged.
- Emergency Support Services (ESS) launched the virtual, out-of-hours reception (call) centre Aug 8 to respond to evacuations while helping to alleviate volunteer fatigue. Currently operating 17:00 to midnight each day. Plan is to extend hours overnight from 17:00-08:00 by the end of the week.

Donations

- ADRA's physical donations management facility is fully operational. Truck loads of donations are being collected and delivered almost daily. Items are then sorted, inventoried and distributed to meet needs determined in collaboration with First Nations, Local Authorities, PREOCs and PECC.
- Commencing procurement plan for long term physical donations management services.

Partnerships

- Coldwater Indian Band (Chief Spahan) has expressed concerns regarding lack of communication between EMBC, BCWS and the Band. Central PREOC is working to engage Chief Spahan in face-to-face meeting and facilitate aerial tour of land.
- Over 260 volunteers have come forward in response to the City of Kamloops' appeal for volunteers.
- EMBC has met with Canadian Red Cross to explore potential for CRC to provide ESS supports at Sun Peaks.
- 323 (-18) fire department personnel are currently deployed to support wildfire response, plus the following resources:

SUMMARY of DEPLOYED RESOURCES	
Structure Protection Units -Type 1	6
Structure Protection Units -Type 2	33 (-4)
Structure Protection Units -BCWS Urban Response Unit	1
SPU Crew (SPC)	28 (-3)
Engine	20 (-1)
Tenders	22 (+4)
Wildland Trucks	11 (-1)

- The Office of the Fire Commissioner, EMBC and BCWS are finalizing a new process for recording and reporting structure loss.
- EMBC has started to reach out to government employees who responded to Deputy Minister Wanamaker's email (~150 of whom 60 have already been identified for potential deployment). Staff will be shared between BCWS and EMBC.

Agriculture

- Information on the Range Rider Program is being disseminated to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (AFF) EM Responders, Local Authority EOCs, First Nation EOCs, and EMBC PREOCs.
- It is anticipated that the Emergency Hay Program will be reviewed and approved today (Aug 10).
- A total of 6 AFF staff are providing direct support to the EMBC Provincial Emergency Coordination Center (PECC) and activated PREOCs.
- Concerns have been raised by producers and a First Nations chief regarding the lack of contact from and/or inability of some local authorities to respond to requests in a timely manner, especially on the White Rock Lake Fire. AFF staff have offered to provide support for Local Authorities who are understaffed or are unsure of how to best support agricultural producers; and, to assist them in identifying potential contractor support with agricultural expertise to fill these roles moving forward.
- Estimated number of livestock in B.C. currently impacted by evacuations orders and alerts.

Status*	Beef	Dairy	Horses	Sheep	Swine	Goats	Poultry	Other
Total Under Order	12,055	535	560	1,541	694	205	7,657	619
Total Under Alert	45,834	2,098	1,435	2,631	1,113	14,014	977,277	511

*Approximate numbers based on information available

Utilities

- BC Hydro outages are affecting 2,598 customers in the Central Region due to wildfire: North of Tranquille Criss Creek Road near Kamloops (6 customers), Falkland (844 customers), Westwold (188 customers), East of Barnhartvale Rd, North-South-West of HWY 97 (311 customers), North-South-East-West of HWY 97 (188 customers), North-South-East of Westside Road, West of Okanagan Landing (1061 customers).
- Telus home services disrupted due to power outages and cable damage in:
 - Vernon: may result in customers being unable to access the internet, watch television, or make/receive calls
 - Kamloops: may result in customers being unable to make/receive calls.

Transportation

- Highway 8 closed in both directions, assessment is complete. The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure has requested that it be reopened (provides alternative emergency route for Highway 1) however the Shackan Indian Band

remains under evacuation order. Coordinating with Shackan Indian Band over security concerns with respect to reopening.

- Highway 97 between Kamloops and Vernon is closed in both directions due to wildfire.
- Travel advisories in place on Highway 3, Highway 5 (Coquihalla), Highway 97, Highway 97C due to limited visibility with smoke.
- Several other roads closed due to wildfire or landslide.

Recovery

- EMBC is awaiting damage assessment from Monte Lake fire to determine next steps for recovery.
- EMBC Community Recovery Unit preparing strategic staffing to ensure coverage of recovery needs across the Province, including advance planning for potential upcoming impacts.

Lytton

- EMBC met with Village of Lytton staff and senior Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations staff with a focus on economic recovery.
- EMBC is continuing work with the Canadian Red Cross to understand and improve information sharing with the Village of Lytton in support of individual recovery/case management.
- EMBC is, at the request of the Village of Lytton, developing and assessing options for long term (1-2 year) interim accommodations for Lytton residents. Tour of modular housing units in Kamloops organized for Aug 11.
- Fire loss in Lytton First Nation is currently estimated at \$19.5M and in the Village of Lytton \$85.1M based on aerial survey by Office of the Fire Commissioner of structures lost. Estimate does not include possessions, vehicles.

Landslide

- Swift Creek landslide: active - 3km from Valemount northern boundary, and being monitored. No significant change in past 24 hours.
- Evacuation alert remains in place for 40 properties (15 in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 25 in Valemount).
- A seniors' care home is one of several structures that may be at risk, pending assessment.

Heat Warnings and Drought

Heat

- Special weather statements have been issued for regions in the South of the province. High daytime and overnight temperatures are forecast between Wednesday/Thursday to Saturday/Sunday (East/West, respectively).
- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation has approved request from BC Aboriginal Friendship Centres for air conditioning units, so that Centres can act as cooling centres.

- Southwest PREOC held heat coordination call for local authorities on Aug 9. Fraser Valley Regional District has indicated that it may not be able to resource cooling centres, if needed.
- Public information on heat-related illness and how to prevent it, can be found on the FNHA (First Nations Health Authority), HealthLinkBC and BCCDC websites.

Drought

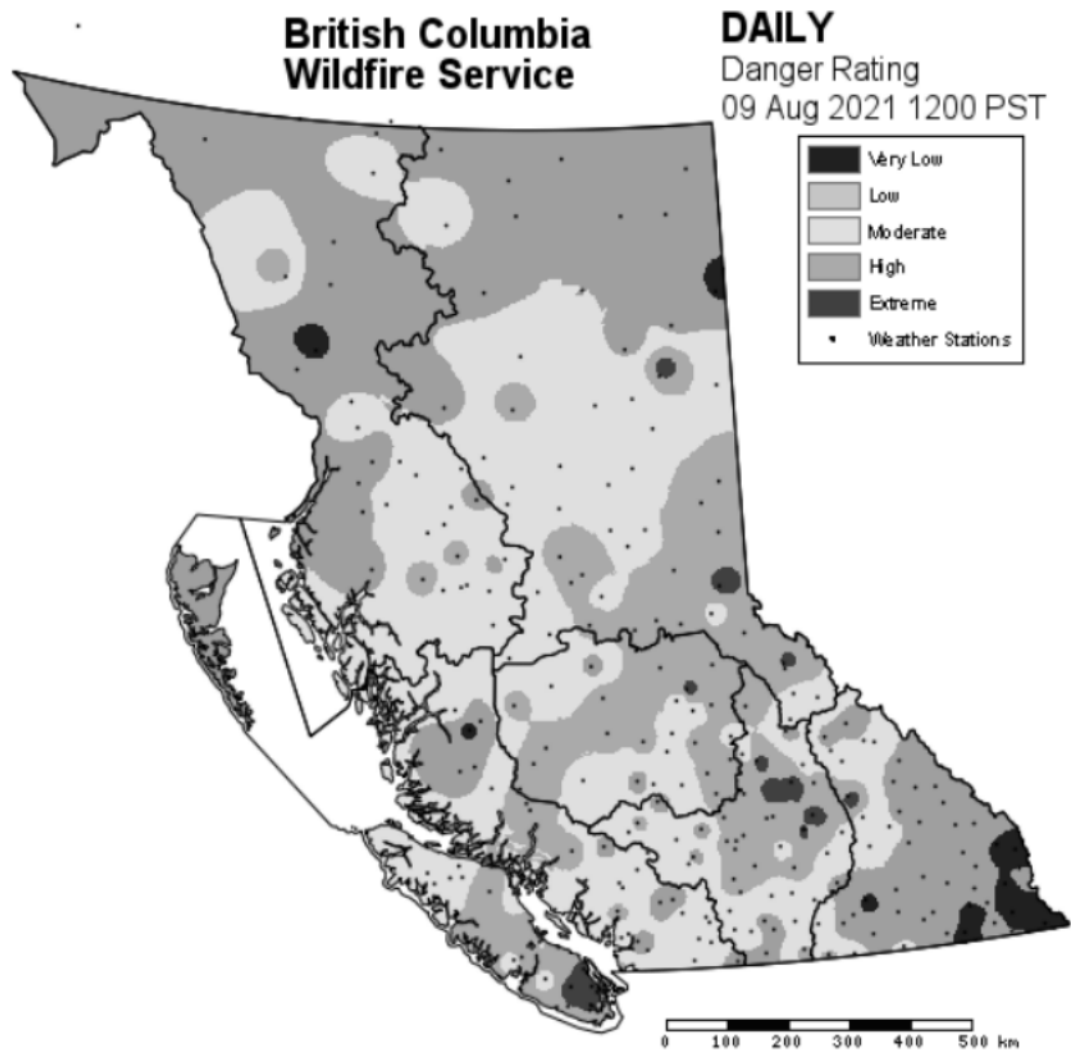
- The long-range forecast from Environment Canada has indicated no significant precipitation is expected in the South until mid to late September.
- Across government, ministries including EMBC, FLNORD and AFF, are monitoring and considering appropriate supports in response to the ongoing drought in the Province.

COVID-19

- A COVID-19 outbreak has been reported at the Boston Bar First Nation (5 people, across 2 households). Some members from Lytton First Nation are being accommodated in group lodging at Boston Bar. Situation is being monitored. First Nations Health Authority and Fraser Health Authority are engaged.
- On Aug 6, it was reported that the outbreak in the Central Okanagan tripled from around 300 cases to roughly 1,200 in a week. The highly transmissible delta variant accounts for 80 per cent of cases.
- A Medical Health Officer Order for mandatory face coverings and limits on the number of people allowed to gather together (both indoors and outdoors), is in place for the Central Okanagan and applies to all residents, workplaces, and visitors of the Central Okanagan.
- There is also a non-essential travel restriction in place for the Central Okanagan, unless people are fully vaccinated (i.e. 7+ days after their second dose). Any travel in and out of the area should be for essential reasons only; if people are not fully vaccinated, they are asked to not travel. Ongoing discussions on this topic are taking place within the Ministry of Health to support communication to the public.

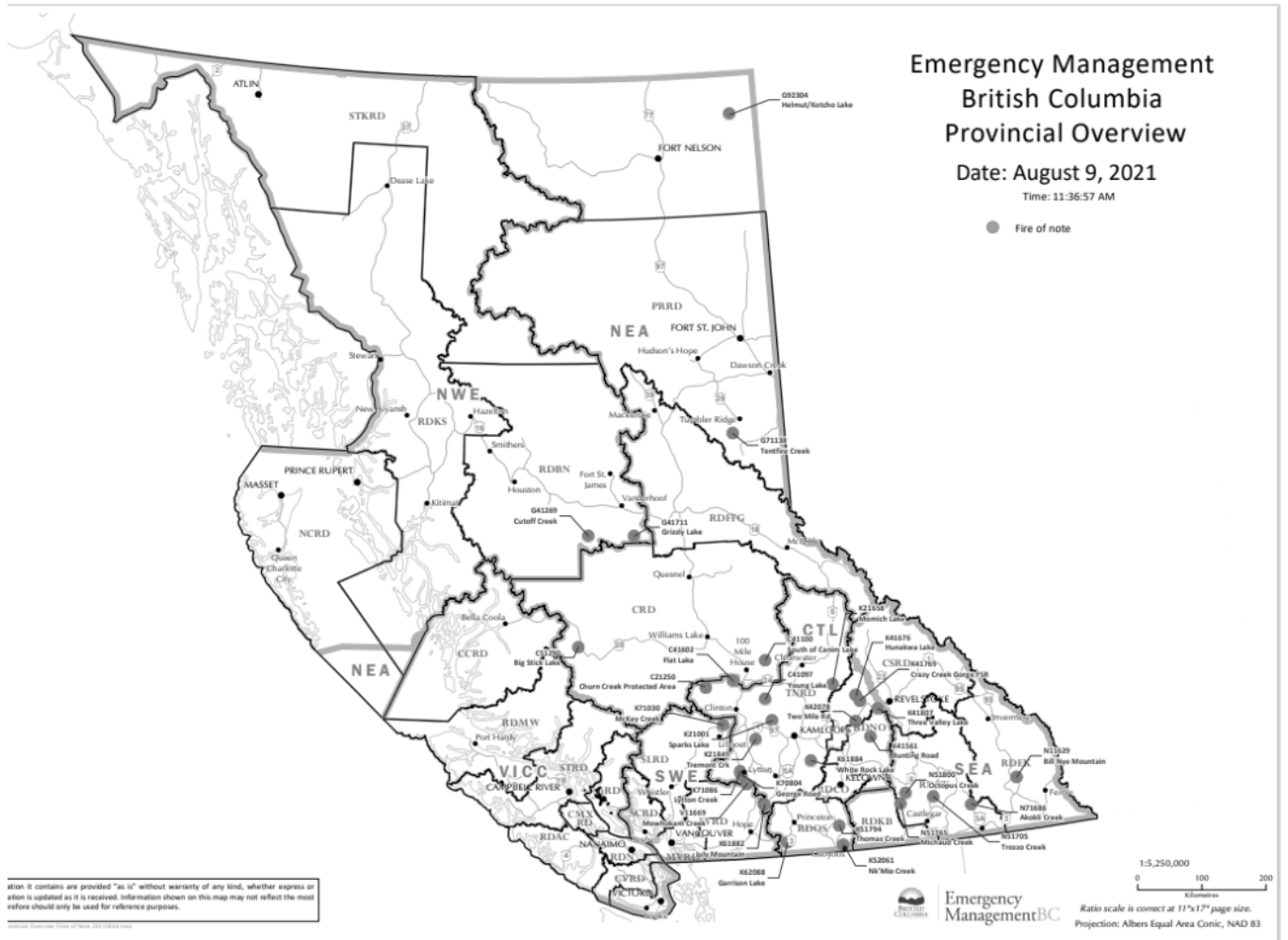
FIRE DANGER RATING MAP:

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EMBC PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW MAP:

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Hi all,

Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Aug. 10.

Thanks,

Jordan Turner

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Releases:

- **Ministry of Agriculture**

- Financial support, emergency feed available for B.C. farmers, ranchers
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AFF0052-001574>

- **Interior Health**

- Interior Health begins returning Chase evacuees:
<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/MediaCentre/NewsReleases/Documents/Interior%20Health%20begins%20returning%20Chase%20evacuees.pdf>

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

Info going out in tomorrow's 6am IB:

FIRES

- Wildfires currently burning in B.C.: 260
- Since April 1, 2021:
 - 1,454 wildfires
 - 655,934 hectares of area burned
- Active fires by fire centre:
 - Cariboo: 33
 - Coastal: 21
 - Kamloops: 80
 - Northwest: 6
 - Prince George: 57
 - Southeast: 63

RESOURCES

- Firefighters and other personnel currently fighting the fires: 3,633
- Out-of-province firefighters: 341
- Helicopters and planes supporting ground crews: 203

EVACUATIONS

- Evacuation Orders: 60 (-3)
- Evacuation Alerts: 105 (-3)
- Properties:
 - Number of properties on Order: 5,392 (-827)
 - Number of properties on Alert: 30,899 (-1,004)
- Orders and Alerts by Emergency Management BC region:
 - Vancouver Island Central Coast: 1 Orders 0 Alerts
 - Northwest: 0 Orders 1 (-1) Alert
 - Northeast: 5 Orders 7 Alerts
 - Central: 49 (-3) Orders 85 (-1) Alerts
 - Southeast: 2 Orders 9 (-1) Alerts
 - Southwest: 3 Orders 3 Alerts

Evacuation Orders, Alerts

For updated information go to: <https://www.emergencyinfo.bc.ca/wildfires-2021/>

Evacuation Orders and/or Alerts have been issued in the following areas:

- Boothroyd Indian Band ([Facebook](#))
- Bridge River Indian Band ([Evacuation Alert](#))
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Cariboo Regional District
- City of Vernon
- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Coldwater Indian Band ([Evacuation Alert](#))
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band ([Evacuation Order](#)) ([Facebook page](#))
- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- District of Logan Lake
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- Nooaitch First Nation ([Evacuation Alert](#))
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- Okanagan Indian Band
- Osoyoos Indian Band ([Evacuation Alert](#))

- [Regional District of Central Kootenay](#)
- [Regional District of East Kootenay](#)
- [Regional District of Fraser-Fort George](#)
- [Regional District of Kootenay Boundary](#)
- [Regional District of North Okanagan](#)
- [Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen](#)
- [Shackan Indian Band \(Evacuation Order\) \(Facebook page\)](#)
- [Skeetchestn Indian Band \(Facebook page\)](#)
- [Thompson-Nicola Regional District](#)
- [Village of Chase \(Facebook\)](#)
- [Village of Lytton](#)

Visit [EmergencyMapBC](#) to view the locations of current wildfire activity, evacuation orders and alerts.

BC Wildfire Daily Summary

Since April 1, 2021, the BC Wildfire Service has responded to 1,453 wildfires, resulting in nearly 652,738 hectares of area burned. About five per cent of the 262 wildfires that are currently burning are attributed to human activity, and 70 per cent have been sparked by natural causes. The remaining per centage has yet to be determined. There are currently 31 Wildfires of Note, 16 of which are in the Kamloops Fire Centre.

Weather Forecast

An upper ridge builds from the west today. Variable cloudiness will occur throughout the province. Dry conditions will prevail except for scattered showers in the Northwest Fire Centre and along the Rockies. In the south and central parts of the province, temperatures will reach a high in the mid twenties to lower thirties. Upper teens to low twenties will reach the north. Gusty winds will persist in the north while remaining lighter to the south with gusts in some areas during the afternoon.

Key Facts

For most current wildfire information go to the BC Wildfire dashboard at:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b>

For information on wildfires of note: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp>

All-Agency Coordination Call – 11:30 a.m.

Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre – Jordan Turner

- White Rock Lake Fire continues to be our biggest challenge – operationally and arising issues around it.
- Many of the evac orders and alerts have been lifted in the past few days due to favourable weather including lifting evac alerts for larger communities like parts of Kamloops, Vernon and Chase
- Federal government has issued another weather statement or heat warning for bottom quarter of the province so keeping an eye on that
- Will lead to more difficult fire behaviour
- Main issues are making sure we get ahead of misinformation about fire response and accommodations for evacuees
- With that we're trying to address some of the more pressing issues on today's 2pm media avail, which will feature Rick Manwaring, DM, Forests and Minister Conroy

Health

- Interior Health – they are returning care home evacuees back to Chase and community care clients that were evacuated proactively

Agriculture

- NR went out a few minutes ago announcing financial support for ranchers and livestock owners in the province who can access feed, and change to annual programs that will improve cash flow for this year
- Jordan – can your team put together a coles notes version to put on our support website?
- Yes, we'll get something to you

FLNRO

- Working on a possible media avail in Vernon fire camp – don't have all the details but would take place on Thursday.
- Jordan – what time of day? Let me know once it's a go
- We're looking roughly at 10am but not confirmed yet

RCMP

- We'll be on the call later and all we'll say is that we're recognizing that there is some lack of patience of people getting through check stops and with people at heck stops
- They aren't police and asking people to be patience. We understand if there is an evac order or alert but they need to do it in an orderly manner and respect the people that are doing the job there

BC Hydro

- Just starting to rebuild our structures around community of Monte Lake

TACS

- We did a tourism call this morning and some of the RDMOs mentioned they're hearing that some hotels were providing much higher pricing to customer
- Emphasized on the call to have people go through ESS to book hotels because it's high season so they have a different rack rate
- Don't have any data to back it up but heard it anecdotally through our networks
- If you can re-emphasize going through ESS that would be helpful
- Jordan – there's probably going to be a bigger push on people avoiding areas that are fire impacted – around Kamloops, Vernon, Okanagan Lake. We're hearing it from PHO but also due to the fire issues and will be repeated for often on our end

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Communication Activities:

- Monitored MLA line
- Provided current key messaging to senior EMBC staff as required
- Responded to media requests throughout the day

Key Messages:

Vernon/hotels

- We always try to keep evacuees as close to home as possible but at this time, accommodation is extremely limited.
- Emergency Management BC (EMBC) is booking blocks in commercial accommodation through to September to accommodate evacuees through this challenging wildfire season.
- Local Government Emergency Support Services (ESS) teams book rooms based off availability at the time. Sometimes, these may only be for a couple of days, in which case an evacuee would have to move.
- We encourage people in wildfire-affected communities to plan their accommodations in advance in the event of an evacuation order, and stay with friends and family when possible.
- Emergency officials have appreciated significant cooperation from hotels and expect them to continue to help house people in this difficult time.

Travel guidance

- Travelers to the Vernon area should be aware that hotel space is needed for evacuees and to consider traveling to another area of the province or seeking alternate accommodation.
- Destination BC's Know Before You Go page is regularly updated and serves as a one-stop shop for visitors looking to access key information resources such as DriveBC, the BC Wildfire Service, Emergency Management BC, and more.
- If the area you were planning to travel to is impacted by wildfires, or under an evacuation alert or order, please connect with a local visitor centre to rebook your trip to another area of the province. British Columbia is a very large and diverse province, and there are many areas that are not directly impacted and are open for business.
- There are plenty of options if your plans need to change. BC's network of community Visitor Centres is a great resource for info on local conditions, and activity and accommodation suggestions, should you wish to modify your plans.

- Accommodation, transportation, and experience provider listings can also be found at ExploreBC.com/Book. Visit ExploreBC.com/TravelUpdates for key travel information and resources.

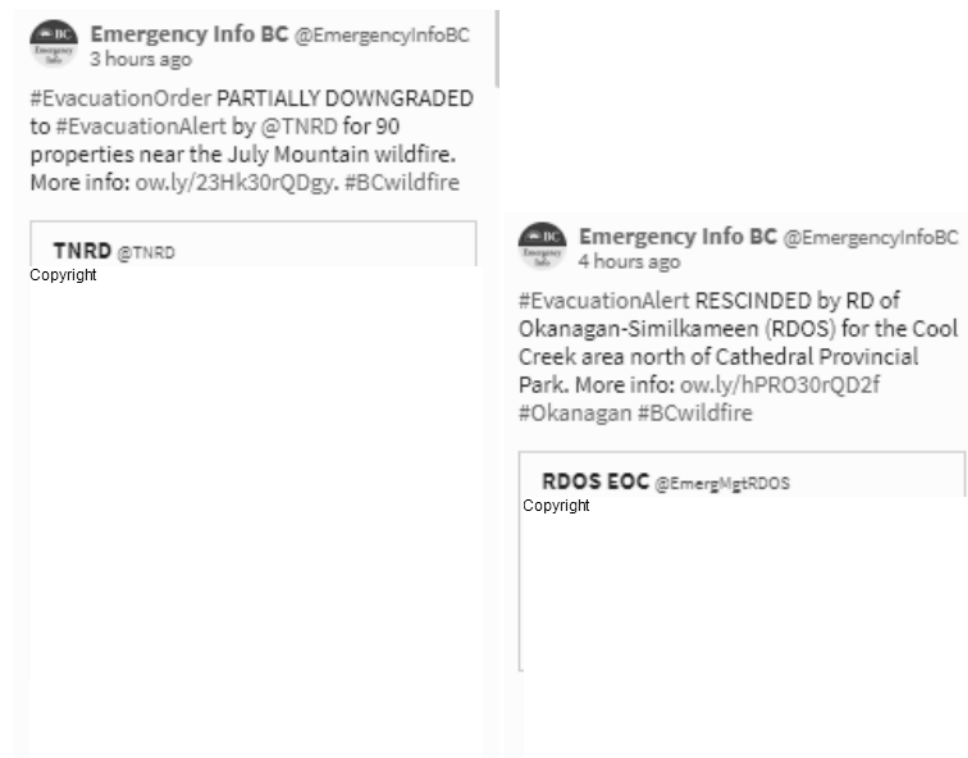
COVID-19 measure in reception centres

- We continue to battle COVID-19, and additional steps need to be taken to protect our health.
- Being fully vaccinated remains our first line of defense against COVID-19.
- There have not been any COVID-19 outbreaks in reception centres.
- Interior Health recently issued a series of new measures in the central Okanagan due to an outbreak in the region, which covers the District of Peachland, City of West Kelowna, City of Kelowna, District of Lake Country and the Regional District of Central Okanagan.
- Prior to the fire season, the Province provided detailed guidelines to First Nations and local governments on how to operate Emergency Support Services (ESS) safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The guidelines were developed with information with the Provincial Health Officer, BCCDC and EMBC.
- ESS reception centres are encouraged to use these best practices to provide services to evacuees.
- Some reception centres are offering remote and virtual services to minimize physical contact between volunteers and evacuees.
- For those centres where virtual delivery isn't possible, the following practices are recommended:
 - Encourage evacuees to utilize the COVID-19 BC Support App and Self-Assessment Tool: <https://bc.thrive.health/>
 - Maintain physical distancing of at least two metres or six feet.
 - Discourage the sharing of paperwork or other supplies such as pens between individuals
 - Provide hand sanitizer at each table for both the evacuee and responder
 - Ensure frequent cleaning of workspaces

Emergency Info BC Messaging:

This afternoon we relaunched the heat wave content and list of Cooling Centres on the web at EmergencyInfoBC.gov.bc.ca.

Also, here is a snapshot of today's tweets on [@EmergencyInfoBC](https://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC):



We also amplified the following heat wave messaging via retweet:

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#EvacuationAlert RESCINDED by RD of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) for the Cool Creek area north of Cathedral Provincial Park. More info: ow.ly/hPRO30rQD2f
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#EvacuationOrder **PARTIALLY DOWNGRADED**
to #EvacuationAlert by @TNRD for 90
properties near the July Mountain wildfire.
More info: ow.ly/23Hk30rQDgy. #BCwildfire

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NEWS RELEASE

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2021HLTH0052-001583
Aug. 11, 2021

Ministry of Health

B.C. prepares for heat wave, thanks people for taking steps to help

VICTORIA – The Province is reaffirming to British Columbians that the health authorities, Emergency Management BC (EMBC) and BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) remain geared up and ready to help people through another heat wave.

Temperatures are again expected to rise in the next 24 to 48 hours, lasting until Sunday, Aug. 15.

In this extraordinary heat, British Columbians should continue to take steps to keep cool and stay safe from smoke. Many parts of the province will continue to experience poor air quality from wildfires.

Those who are unable to move to cooling centres (the elderly, people who live alone or have impaired mobility) are at greatest risk. Check with friends and family who may need assistance in managing a heat wave.

“I’ve seen how British Columbians have been reaching out to take care of each other through the COVID-19 pandemic, this summer’s heat waves and wildfire emergencies across the province,” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. “As we look toward another few days of extreme heat, we’re kicking our response into high gear again. We’re encouraging British Columbians to keep helping each other out like they have been and ensuring that emergency services will be there for anyone who needs them.”

Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer, said: “Following all health guidelines during a period of rising temperatures is crucially important for vulnerable populations, like older adults, people with chronic health conditions, infants and young children. We can be extra vigilant for those people who are most at risk by reaching out to remind them of the actions that will help us all get through another heat wave safely, such as limiting physical activity outdoors, taking shelter in a cool, air-conditioned place and staying hydrated.”

Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, said: “The Province is working closely with local governments and First Nations to provide support to people and communities in getting through this heat wave. We’re reminding people to follow local weather advisories, make a plan to check on friends and neighbours, and get to know local resources, like the locations of nearby cooling stations where you can seek shelter from the heat if needed.”

As a reminder of the work undertaken to keep people and communities protected from the heat and smoke, the Province, health authorities and local governments have ensured that:

- BCEHS staff are redeployed where needed to assist people in need during this heat wave. Managers have stepped up to work at hospital ERs to assist with offload delays and keep

- paramedics on the road.
- BCEHS staff will be prepared for the hotter weather with support from the chief ambulance officer, as well as paramedic and dispatch leaders.
- BCEHS provincial and regional emergency operations centres will remain active.
- Further BCEHS supports include increased clinical support in dispatch centres 24/7 for supporting 911 calls and increased support from managers for front-line operations.
- EMBC is continuing to work with local communities and First Nations and has made supports available to them, including reimbursements for:
 - opening cooling centres. To locate a cooling centre, residents are urged to check the websites or social media of their local government, regional district or area First Nations;
 - transportation to and from cooling centres in communities where no scheduled public or reasonable transportation exists;
 - staff wages and overtime to open a civic facility that would otherwise not be open; and
 - water for distribution within the facility.
- HealthLink BC is planning/staffing for increased call volumes through the weekend.
- Health authorities are working to keep people cool and are continuing to co-ordinate proactive services for more vulnerable people who may be at risk during the heat wave, including sharing tips for staying cool and advice for vulnerable community members when communicating heat warnings within their regions.
- Patients within the Interior Health region, who are being proactively relocated due to wildfire alerts, are receiving the same operational supports built into Interior Health's heat safety protocols.
- First Nations Health Authority is continuing to offer heat response supports for First Nations communities and individuals affected by heat and wildfire smoke.

To stay safe through another heat wave, people should continue to drink plenty of water, limit physical activity outdoors, stay indoors in an air-conditioned place and check in with loved ones, especially those most at risk. High indoor temperatures can be particularly dangerous for older adults and those with chronic health conditions, especially if they live alone. Use public splash pools, water parks or pools or take a cool bath or shower or use wet towels or a cool water mist to cool down. If a person has mild heat exhaustion, they should move to a cooler environment, apply wet towels or take a cool bath or shower, drink plenty of cool, non-alcoholic fluids and rest. If urgent medical support is needed, call 911 without delay.

British Columbians are encouraged to remain attentive to their needs and the needs of their loved ones. Make sure that older family members, neighbours and friends are alright. Reach out to those who are unable to leave their homes and people with emotional or mental-health challenges whose judgment may be impaired. Look out for the warning signs of heat-related illness and adjust your behaviours to reduce the risk of exposure. To ask about heat-related illness, call HealthLink BC (811), follow health advice and call for emergency help if needed.

People throughout B.C. may also be at risk of smoke-related illness through exposure to smoke caused by ongoing wildfires.

People are encouraged to reduce their exposure and seek cleaner air by using a portable HEPA air filter in homes, visit public spaces such as community centres or libraries that will have cleaner, cooler indoor air, and take it easy on smoky days. The harder a person breathes, the

more smoke they inhale. As with hot weather, drinking plenty of cool water can help reduce inflammation and help a person cope with heat and smoke.

Elevated heat also increases the risk of wildfire, and British Columbians are being urged to do their part to prevent human-caused wildfires and help keep communities safe. To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555, toll-free, or *5555 on a cellphone.

Learn More:

For tips on how to stay safe during a heat wave, visit:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0136-001486>

Environment Canada Public Weather Alerts for B.C.:

https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=bc

HealthLinkBC online resources about beating the heat:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/beat-the-heat>

And heat-related illness: www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/heat-related-illness

And heat stroke symptoms: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/sig245455>

And warm weather safety in a time of COVID-19: <http://www.bccdc.ca/about/news-stories/stories/2020/warm-weather-safety-in-a-time-of-covid-19>

Preparing for dangerous heat with the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC):

<http://www.bccdc.ca/about/news-stories/stories/2021/preparing-for-dangerous-heat>

Preparing for wildfire smoke with BCCDC: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/prevention-public-health/wildfire-smoke>

To ask about heat-related illness, call HealthLinkBC at 811.

BC Wildfire Service: www.bcwildfire.ca

Fire restrictions and bans: <https://www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans>

FireSmart program: www.firesmartbc.ca

PreparedBC: www.preparedbc.ca/wildfires

WorkSafeBC: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/hazards-exposures/heat-stress?origin=s&returnurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.worksafebc.com%2Fen%2Fsearch%23sort%3DRelevancy%26q%3Dheat%2520stress%26f%3Alanguage-facet%3D%5BEnglish%5D&highlight=heat%20stress>

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Heat wave NR - 11:15

From: Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX <Jordan.Turner@gov.bc.ca>
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Attachments: 2021HLTH0052-001583.pdf
Attached

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lindstein, Sarah GCPE:EX" <Sarah.Lindstein@gov.bc.ca>
Date: August 11, 2021 at 11:10:34 AM PDT
To: "SoroChan, Craig GCPE:EX" <Craig.SoroChan@gov.bc.ca>, "EMBC CTL PREOC Public Information 1 EMBC:EX" <preoc3.pio1@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX" <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>, "Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX" <Jordan.Turner@gov.bc.ca>, "Harper, Aimee GCPE:EX" <Aimee.Harper@gov.bc.ca>, "Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX" <Lisa.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: heat wave KMs

Hi folks, here is the NR. Going out at 11:15am.

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From: Sanderson, Melanie ECC:EX
Sent: August 6, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Fraser, Agnes EMBC:EX
Cc: Maartman, William PSSG:EX; Douglas, Andrew PSSG:EX; Newton, Sam PSSG:EX; Hembree, Sara PSSG:EX; Roe, Sandra FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Monday call

Yep that works, thanks.

From: Fraser, Agnes EMBC:EX <Agnes.Fraser@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 6, 2021 3:35 PM
To: Sanderson, Melanie PSSG:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Maartman, William PSSG:EX <William.Maartman@gov.bc.ca>; Douglas, Andrew PSSG:EX <Andrew.Douglas@gov.bc.ca>; Newton, Sam PSSG:EX <Sam.Newton@gov.bc.ca>; Hembree, Sara PSSG:EX <Sara.Hembree@gov.bc.ca>; Roe, Sandra EMBC:EX <Sandra.Roe@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Monday call

Hi Melanie,
Could we arrange for 1:30pm on Monday, August 9th.

Thank you
Agnes

From: Sanderson, Melanie PSSG:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 6, 2021 3:31 PM
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Subject: Monday call

Hi Sandra,

Wondering if we could set-up some time on Monday with Tara, Dave and our MO (no MMF) to talk more about Lytton recovery and some of the medium-term issues around housing, etc.

Thanks,
Melanie

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