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**Subject:** No MDEC Today

Good afternoon. Please be advised that there will be no MDEC call today. For your information, please find attached the Daily Wildfire Situation Report and the highway closures map.

Take care,  
Allison

**Allison Lenz**

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# DAILY WILDFIRE SITUATION REPORT

**DATE:** July 31, 2017

**TIME:** 1300 hrs

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

All new information is printed in red.

## SUMMARY

- There are currently 149 wildfires burning.
- To date, there have been 825 fires, burning 426,023 hectares.
- Predominantly sunny and hot conditions are expected throughout this week, with temperatures in the south reaching the high 30s (possibly low 40s in some spots) by mid-week.
- Windy conditions are expected in the southern half of the province tomorrow and Wednesday.
- Firefighting efforts remain focused on public safety and keeping highways that serve as evacuation routes open.
- We currently have 3,716 personnel working across the province, including 556 people who have come from out-of-province.
- We have approximately 198 aircraft deployed, providing support to our ground crews.

## FIRES OF NOTE

### KAMLOOPS FIRE CENTRE

**Elephant Hill (K20637), Kamloops Fire Centre**

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

Status: 78,548 hectares (estimated), 30% contained, Out of Control

**Elephant Hill (K20637), Kamloops Fire Centre**

Location: Elephant Hill

Status: 78,548 hectares (estimated), 30% contained, Out of Control

Cause: Under investigation

Resources: 359 firefighters (including 162 BCWS, 126 out of province, and 71 contract), an incident management team, 90 structural protection personnel, 86 support staff, 20 helicopters, and 69 pieces of heavy equipment. IMT Murdoch took over the fire July 30<sup>th</sup> at 1600. A Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) is in place over the fire and the airstrip in Cache Creek.

Fire Camp in place: Yes – Clinton base camp is moving to 100 Mile House, Cache Creek camp remains in place. The Incident Command Post is relocating to camp at 100 Mile House.

Objectives: Aggressive fire behaviour has been occurring on the west and north/northeast flanks due to extreme fire weather: sustained hot, dry conditions and gusty winds. The fire spotted across the Bonaparte River on the west flank in the northeast and northwest corners, east of Clinton prompting

evacuation orders for the Village of Clinton and north through to 70 Mile House and the Green Lake area. Highway 97 is closed from 70 Mile House to the Highway 99 junction by Cache Creek. The fire is moving northeast, though gusty winds from a variety of directions continue to create unpredictable fire behaviour. Night crews are working to assist the Office of the Fire Commissioner and structural protection specialists in the Mound area of NE Clinton to protect values. Crews also continue to focus on the additional priorities of the Hihium and Loon Lake areas, working to construct guard around Hihium Lake with heavy equipment and wrap around the pipeline on the northeast corner of the fire. When weather conditions allow crews will conduct controlled burns throughout crucial parts of the fire to anchor the guard lines. Crews in Division D (Loon Lake area) continue with constructing and reinforcing guard above the lake, and initial attack crews extinguish hot spots within 200 feet of structures (transported by conservation officers via boat to the south shore). Crews in Division B continue to reinforce guard with controlled burns when safe to do so in order to protect properties above Cache Creek. Structural protection crews are conducting assessments, protecting values, and are establishing sprinkler systems on properties. Specialists continue with assessing danger trees, and ground crews continue with mop-up in Division A and C. An area restriction has been put in place, in an effort to keep crews and the public safe, and to allow the BC Wildfire Service to continue suppression efforts in an efficient manner.

Evacuations: The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued evacuations alerts and orders for various areas in the vicinity of this fire. See details at [TNRD.ca](http://TNRD.ca).

**Princeton (K60643), Kamloops Fire Centre**

Location: 10 km north of Princeton

Status: 3278 Ha, 100% containment - Being Held

Cause: Suspected Human-caused, under investigation.

Resources: 61 personnel on the fire, 1 rotary-wing aircraft, 3 water tenders and heavy equipment on standby if required. The incident has now been turned back over to the Merritt Zone.

Fire camp in place: Yes

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

Evacuations: As of 1830hrs July 26 all Evacuation Orders have been lifted. All residents can return to their homes. For more information go to: [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca)

Other: The Summers creek road is now open to all traffic. Please obey speed limits and drive to conditions. Residents and motorist in the area may see smoke around the fire area at time however fire crews continue working on extinguishing hot spots.

**Martin Mountain (K21375), Kamloops Fire Centre**

Location: Approx. 0.5km North of Monte Lake

Status: 150 hectares (estimated), 90% contained and Being Held

Cause: The cause of this fire is currently under investigation.

Resources: Today, 75 firefighters, water tenders and heavy equipment are assigned to this fire. Air support will be sent if needed today.

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Hose has been laid around the perimeter of the fire. Crews continue to look for and cool hot spots.

Evacuations: Evacuation alerts and orders have been issued within the vicinity of the fire. For more information on the evacuations or impacted structures, please contact the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

Other: None

**Little Fort Complex, Kamloops Fire Centre**

Location: Little Fort/Clearwater area

Status: 3,600 hectares combined (estimated), 2 fires are 100% contained and 1 fire Being Held at 90% contained.

Cause: Under investigation.

Resources: 18 personnel, one water tender, one helicopter and a 5-member Incident Management Team.

Fire camp in place: No

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

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

Evacuations: The top priority is to ensure public safety. A rescind for all evacuation orders was issued Sunday July 30th 2017 for the following areas: Hallamore Lake, McCarthy Lake, Dunn Lake, East of Little Fort, Little Fort South. An extended forest area closure has been issued to ensure the safety of crews and residents in the area. Please visit the TNRD and District of Clearwater's websites for more information.

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

**CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE****Gustafsen (C40621), Cariboo Fire Centre**

Status: 5,700 hectares, 100 % contained, status UNDER CONTROL

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 62 firefighters

- 1 helicopter (assigned to 40621 & 41367), 14 (6) standby pieces of equipment

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

Objectives :

- Search and destroy scan results.
- Patrol previously worked areas.
- Demob & return equipment to camp where possible.

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

**Jim Lake (C41367), Cariboo Fire Centre**

Status: 40.8 hectares, BEING HELD

Cause: LIGHTNING

Resources: 54 firefighters (1 helicopter assigned to 40621 & 41367), 4 pieces of equipment

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

Objectives :

- Establish hose lay along road into fire's interior.
- Continue blackline 100 ft around perimeter.
- Continue DTA/DTF moving into the interior of fire as needed.

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

**CENTRAL CARIBOO AREA COMMAND – July 31, 2017****Overview information for the area command:**

Firefighters 477

Helicopters (16) Heavy 2, Medium 5, Intermediate 7, Light 2

Equipment 133

A fire camp is set up at the Williams Lake airport

Objectives: Continue building tight line machine guard, complete mop up from established control lines and work to establish pump sites. Eliminate hot spots picked up by scans and continue DTA/DTF where crews are working. Build guard and continue peat bog suppression with sprinklers. For burn off operations, widen guards and prep lines. Complete demob and retrieval of equipment on burnt out lines.

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

**Wildwood Fire (C20729), Cariboo Fire Centre**

Location: East of Williams Lake, from the 150 Mile area to the Wildwood area

Status: 12,987 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

**Soda Creek (C20738), Cariboo Fire Centre**

Location: NW of Williams Lake

Status: 251 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

**Spokin Lake (C20645), Cariboo Fire Centre**

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 3,731 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

**White Lake - EAST (C20735E), Cariboo Fire Centre**

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

Status: 4,028 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

**Big Lake C20906**

**There are no resources on this fire.**

**Fire C30870 – UBC Research**

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 220 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

**Fire C30887 – Gavin Lake**

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 160 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

**Fire C20906 – Big Lake**

Location: NE of Williams Lake  
Status: 45 hectares (estimated)  
Cause: Under Investigation

**Fire C31005 – SW End of Antoine Lake**

Location: NE of Williams Lake  
Status: 195 hectares (estimated)  
Cause: Under Investigation

**QUESNEL FIRE ZONE****Green Mountain Fire (C10683), Cariboo Fire Centre**

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

Status: Estimated 590 hectares

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 25 personnel, 3 pieces of heavy equipment,

Fire camp in place: no – at Quesnel East

Objectives: Complete mopping up in the north west corner and identify hot spots with aerial scan.

Evacuations: No

Other: Crews are confident with the perimeter of the fire, with the exception of the North West corner. They will continue to focus their efforts in that corner. Crews will identify hot spots and extinguish. An aerial scan of the area is planned in the coming days.

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

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

Status: Estimated 5,875 hectares,

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 80 personnel, 8 pieces of heavy equipment

Fire camp in place: no – at Quesnel East

Objectives: To secure the perimeter and extinguish any hot spots.

Evacuations: No – downgraded to Alert

Other: The fire has currently not moved any closer to the Alexandria IR 3 and IR 1. Crews continue to make good progress with this fire. Not many hot spots detected in the north, they have a 50 foot containment line along the southern tail of the fire. Crews will use heavy equipment to ensure the perimeter on the western side is secure. An aerial scan to detect hot spots is planned in the coming days.

**Tautri Complex (C50784), Cariboo Fire Centre**

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

Status: Estimated 53,860 hectares,

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 74 firefighters and 6 pieces of heavy equipment and helicopters

Fire camp in place: yes

Objectives: Protect structures in the area, secure perimeter and investigate possible ignition spots.

Evacuations: Yes

Other: Heavy equipment and crews continue to work on establishing guard on the flanks and tie into pre-existing roads and natural land features. Crews have installed water sources and are continuing to secure the perimeter. Perimeter grew in the north eastern side, but the south held up well. The fire increased in size in the south west corner. Crews will assess this perimeter growth and work to implement strategies to prevent further growth..

**Wentworth Creek (C11053)**

Location: Just east of the Nazko River approximately 80km northwest of Williams Lake

Status: 1,811 hectares (estimated)

Resources: 40 personnel and 14 pieces of heavy equipment

Cause: Under investigation

Fire camp in place: no – at Quesnel East

Objectives: Continue to create a guard and work on the securing the perimeter.

Evacuations: No

Other: An ignition burn earlier in the week has mostly kept the fire spreading to the north, however, crews conducted further ignitions last night to secure this perimeter. A guard on the southern perimeter will provide protection from northerly winds.

**Sovereign Lakes wildfire (C10764)**

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

Status: Estimated 97 hectares (the fire size reduced after better mapping). CONTAINED - Monitoring only.

Cause: Under Investigation,

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Monitor fireground when necessary.

Evacuations: No

**West Fraser Road Complex (C10701), Cariboo Fire Centre**

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

Status: Estimated 127 hectares. CONTAINED – monitoring only.

Cause: Under Investigation

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Monitor fireground when necessary.

Evacuations: Yes – Downgraded to Alert.

**West Quesnel Complex Fires (C10812, C10830, C10970, C11058, C10966):**

**Resources are being shared across all identified fires. Fires have been prioritized and all resources will be committed as needed and as resources are available.**

**Shared Resources: 11 helicopters, 23 pieces of heavy equipment**

**Firecamp established in Nazko, BC**



**C10812 – 4 km North of Baezaeko River**

Location: 4 Km north of Baezaeko River, approximately 110 km west of Quesnel.

Status: Estimated at 35,980 hectares – Out of Control

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 33 firefighters and 20 pieces of heavy equipment

Objectives: Operations will be reassessing this fire concentrating on protecting the eastern flank and looking for burn opportunities.

Evacuations: Yes. Evacuation Order/Alerts have been implemented/expanded.

For map indicating area of expansion go to: <http://cariboord.bc.ca>

Other: SE of Kluskus Reserve.

**C10830 – Bishop Bluff**

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

Status: Estimated 2,525 hectares, 80% contained – Out of Control

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 28 firefighters, 1 water tender

Objectives: Mop up along north flank. Assess burn opportunities along north cat guard. Mop-up or southeast corner.

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

**C10970 – Kluskoil Lake #1**

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

Status: Estimated 3195 hectares, 0% contained – Out of Control

The fire jumped the river to the south of the Blackwater River. Crews will action tomorrow with the objective to keep all fire on the north side of the river.

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: Helicopter bucketing and values protection equipment.

Objectives: Monitor Only.

Evacuations: No

Other: Park representatives have been contacted. Strategic values protection is setup in the area on some cabins, sprinklers are set-up and will be turned on if it becomes necessary. Operations as per park fire management plan.

**C11058 – Swede Creek**

Location: Approximately 12 km southwest of Titetown

Status: Estimated at 144 hectares, 70% contained – Being Held

Cause: Under investigation

Resources: 21 firefighters

Evacuations: No

Objectives: Fire crews continue to run hoselay on two spots. Spots found on the northeast and northwest flanks. Danger Tree Fallers/Assessors to complete safe zone, helipads and safe trails around fire edge.

**C10966 – Kluskoil Lake #2**

Location: On the northern edge of Kluskoil Lake Park



Status: Estimated 279 hectares, 70% contained – Being Held

Resources: 18 firefighters and 1 piece of heavy equipment

Evacuations: No

Objectives: Continue to establish hoselay along the west and north flanks. Water tenders assigned to Northwest corner. Looking to demob equipment. A spot was found on the west along the perimeter.

#### **CHILCOTIN FIRE ZONE:**

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

Location: Approximately 60 km southwest of Williams Lake

Status: Estimated 134,000 hectares

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 346 fire fighters (119 out of Province, 45 local FN EFF, 114 contract and 68 BC), 53 pieces of heavy equipment, 14 helicopters an IMT and support staff.

Fire camp in place: Yes – crews are currently based in the two camps at Riske Creek.

Objectives:

Riske Branch – continue to mop up and patrol within this branch. The afternoon winds continue to challenge us. Ongoing burn operations and ground crews have kept the fire within control lines.

Hanceville branch – Crews continue to work on constructing control lines. The afternoon winds continue to challenge us and the fire jumped control lines around the Fletcher Lake area. The large size of this fire and resource shortages are causing operations to be directed at high priority areas only.

Evacuations: Yes

Other: Our district range liaison is talking with the local ranchers on a daily basis. Discussions are focussed on cattle location and burn out operations. The IMT continues to have daily communication with Tl'elinqox (Anaham) band members. These meetings have been well received and the flow of information is on-going throughout the day.

##### **White Lake (C20735), Cariboo Fire Centre - West side of the Fraser**

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

Status: 9,100 hectares on the west side (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 66 firefighters, 15 pieces of equipment, 4 helicopters, an IMT and support staff.

Fire camp in place: crews working on this side of the fire are based out of the camp at Riske Creek

Objectives: Mop up on the southwest flank. To increase the black line between the perimeter of the fire and the control lines. It is 35% contained.

Evacuations: No

Other:

##### **Kleena Kleene (C50744), Cariboo Fire Centre**

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

Status: 5,300 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 72 firefighters, 10 pieces of equipment, 8 helicopters (assigned to Puntzi), an IMT and support staff.

Fire camp in place: Yes, at Puntzi

Objectives: Successful burn out operations were conducted yesterday and will continue as weather conditions allow. Efforts have been focussed on deepening containment by creating a burnt out edge to

the containment guard, in order to prevent fire escapes. No property is currently under immediate threat. Smoke is expected to be visible as pockets of fire burnt out in interior of the burn area.

Evacuations: No

Other:

**Chezacut (C50952), Cariboo Fire Centre**

Location: Approximately 140 km northwest of Williams Lake

Status: 12,000 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: 46 firefighters, equipment, 8 helicopters (assigned to Puntzi), an IMT and support staff.

Fire camp in place: Yes, at Puntzi

Objectives: Progress has been made along the southern and western containment of the fire by strengthening guards and conducting localized burn out operations. SPU have been working to establish protection on nearby cabins as a precaution. The fire continues to burn towards the north east in remote terrain. No structures or grazing meadows are under immediate threat. It is expected fire activity will increase in coming days.

Evacuations: No

Other:

**SOUTHEAST FIRE CENTRE**

**Rapid Creek (N71320), Southeast Fire Centre**

Location: 27 km northwest of Meadow Creek

Status: 300 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Lightning

Resources: Modified response, flying this fire and planning guard construction

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Closely monitoring this fire and creating guard plan.

Evacuations: An Evacuation Alert has been issued by the Regional District of Central Kootenay for the Poplar Creek area. More information is available here: <http://www.rdck.ca/>

Other: The fire is very visible burning in high elevation. It is located in difficult terrain.

**Harrop Creek (N71382), Southeast Fire Centre**

Location: located approximately 10 kilometers south of the communities of Harrop and Procter

Status: 150 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 20 person unit crew and 1 helicopter are working this fire today

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: n/a

Evacuations: No

Other: Crews are working this fire today with the help of one heli. Heavy equipment is coming to this fire.

**Glacier Creek (N71000), Southeast Fire Centre**

Location: approximately 26 kilometers northeast of Copper Creek

Status: 70 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Lightning

Resources: Modified response, flying this fire

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Closely monitoring this fire.

Evacuations: no

Other: FSR Restriction, near Macbeth Icefields turnoff. Map is coming.

**Island Pond (N21451), Southeast Fire Centre**

Location: approximately 17 kilometers southeast of Canal Flats

Status: 150 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Unknown

Resources: 26 crew members, 3 officers, 1 heli, 5 pieces of heavy equipment

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: n/a

Evacuations: No

Other: White –Middle Fork FSR is restricted starting at 45.5km mark. Highly visible from HWY 93 and 95.

**Ward Bloom (N11347), Southeast Fire Centre**

Location: approximately 34 kilometers southwest of Baynes Lake

Status: 39 hectares (estimated), being held

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 2 contract crews, 1 medic and 1 heli

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: n/a

Evacuations: no

Other: Crews are mopping up and patrolling

**PRINCE GEORGE FIRE CENTRE**

**Sutherland Road Fire (G40691)**

Location: 10 km North of Fort Fraser

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

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 17 firefighters, helicopters and heavy equipment are available on standby if required.

Fire camp in place: No

Objectives: Action hot spots from mid-level scan and continue with mop-up and patrol of the whole fire.

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

Other: This will be the last update for this fire and will be removed from the Wildfires of Note page tomorrow.

**Tatelkuz Lake Wildfire (G40664), Prince George Fire Centre**

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

Status: 1271 Ha estimated, Under control 100% contained

Cause: Lightning

Resources: Crew will continue with patrol on this fire.

Fire camp in place: No

**Objectives:** Continue Patrols and action hotspots/clusters from mid-level scan.

**Evacuations:** An evacuation alert was issued on July 11, 2017. For more information go to [www.cariboord.bc.ca](http://www.cariboord.bc.ca)

**Big Bend Creek (G40837), Prince George Fire Centre**

**Location:** 75km on the Kluskus FSR

**Status:** 2062 ha estimated, Under Control, 100% contained

**Cause:** lightning

**Resources:** 14 firefighters, 2 pieces heavy equipment

**Fire camp in place:** No

**Objectives:** Crews made great progress on this fire over the weekend and it is now under control 100% contained. Crews today will continue with mop up and patrol activities from a small number of hotspots found during the last scan.

**Evacuations:** An evacuation alert was issued June 9, 2017 for the Finger and Tatuk Lake area. For more information go to: <http://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

**Other:** SPU units are being removed from the 17 structures in close proximity to the fire.

**COASTAL FIRE CENTRE**

**Precipice Creek Fire (VA0778), Coastal Fire Centre**

**Location:** 52 Km east of Bella Coala

**Status:** 2500 hectares (estimated), 10% contained This fire still remains out of control.

**Cause:** Lightning

**Resources:** 23 firefighters, 11 single resources, 9 helicopters, 1 Structural Protection Unit (SPU), 4 danger tree assessors/fallers, and support staff.

**Fire Camp in place:** No

**Objectives:** Crews continue to work to strengthen existing control lines where possible.

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| <b>Fires Currently Burning</b> | <b>149</b> (101 lightning-caused / 27 human-caused)*<br><small>* Subtotals may not add up to the total; fires not classified as "lightning-caused" or "human-caused" are still under investigation</small> |
| <b>New Fires Yesterday</b>     | <b>7</b>   |

|                               | <b>This Season (Since April 1<sup>st</sup>)</b> | <b>Last Year (2016)</b> | <b>10 Year Average (2007-2016)</b> |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Fires to Date</b>    | 825   | 647                     | 915                                |
| <b>Total Hectares to Date</b> | 426,023   | 93,668                  | 72,951                             |

**PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

| <b>CAMPFIRES AND OPEN BURNING ARE NOW PROHIBITED IN ALL SIX FIRE CENTRES (except Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone)</b> |  |                                       |  |
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|  | <b>Category 3</b>                                | <b>Category 2</b>                     | <b>Campfires</b>                                 |
| <b>COASTAL</b>   | July 6, 2017 (excludes Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone) | X (excludes Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone) | July 6, 2017 (excludes Haida Gwaii and Fog Zone) |

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| <b>NORTHWEST</b>         | X | X | X |
| <b>PRINCE<br/>GEORGE</b> | X | X | X |
| <b>KAMLOOPS</b>          | X | X | X |
| <b>SOUTHEAST</b>         | X | X | X |
| <b>CARIBOO</b>           | X | X | X |

#### RESOURCE SUMMARY

| Resources                        | Amount | Comments   |
|----------------------------------|--------|--|
| <b>Total Personnel</b>           | 3,716  |  |
| <b>Out-of-Province Personnel</b> | 556    | Includes 50 personnel from Australia   |
| <b>Contract Personnel</b>        | 1,433  |  |
| <b>Aircraft</b>                  | 198    | This includes an Electra group from Alberta, as well as an Electra group from the Yukon. |

#### WEATHER FORECAST

**Summary:** Predominantly sunny and hot conditions are expected throughout this week, with temperatures in the south reaching the high 30s (possibly low 40s in some spots) by mid-week. Windy conditions are expected in the southern half of the province tomorrow and Wednesday.

**Today:** Dry and sunny conditions are forecast for most of the province, with some local sprinkles possible in some areas. In the far north, cloudy conditions with scattered showers and lightning is expected. Notably smoky conditions are expected in many parts of BC. Temperature highs will range from the mid 20s in the Cariboo to the low-to-mid 30s in the south. There is a 30% chance of lightning in the northeast.

**Tomorrow:** Hot and dry conditions are forecast for most of the province. A risk of dry lightning is expected in the southeast. Winds in the southern half of BC are forecast to reach 20 km/h, gusting 30 km/h. Highs will range from the high 20s in the Cariboo to the mid 30s in the south.

**Wednesday:** Once again, hot and dry conditions are expected. Highs are forecast to reach the low 30s in the Cariboo and mid-to-upper 30s in the south (with some pockets reaching the low 40s). Winds in the south are expected to reach 15 km/h, gusting 25 km/h. Stronger winds are expected in the southeast.

**Thursday onward:** More of the same hot and dry weather is expected. By the weekend, a breakdown with some instability is expected, but the timing and intensity of this is still to be determined.

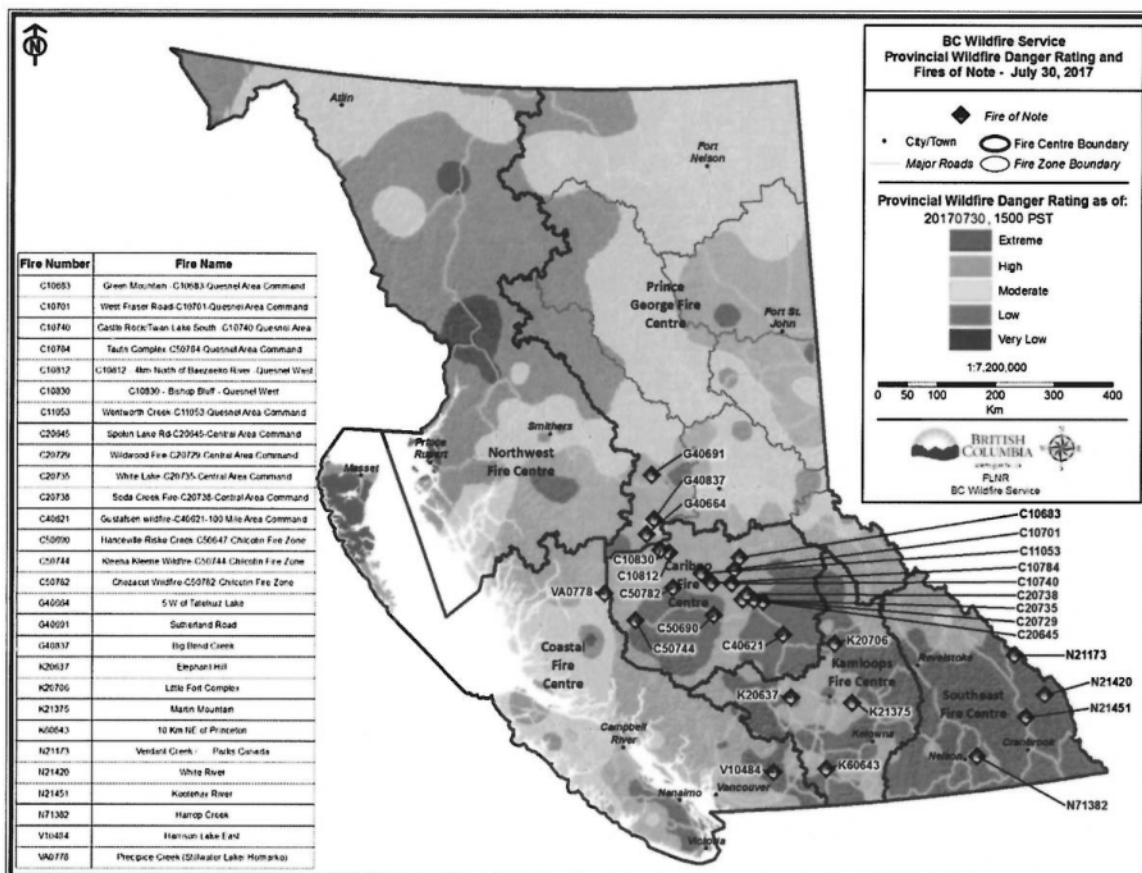
#### PREVENTION MESSAGING:

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

1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on your mobile phone.

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

## FIRE DANGER RATING



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