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Ministry of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

Public Service Announcement

DATES: Please use from Aug. 20 until further notice

The Province of British Columbia is asking the public to avoid all non-essential travel into backcountry and forested areas in the Southern Interior and South Coast areas. This advisory is in place until further notice due to the extreme risk of forest fires.

This advisory covers areas south of Prince George to the U.S. border, and from southern and central Vancouver Island to the Alberta border.

For tourism information, travellers should call 1-800-hellobc or a local Visitor Information Centre. For the latest road conditions, visit the Ministry of Transportation web site.