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July 10, 2021

WILDFIRE UPDATE

FIRE NAME	FIRE SIZE:	FIRE STATUS:
K21001	40,267 hectares (estimated)	Out of Control

Conditions:

- In the morning, along the Deadman Vidette drainage, helicopter bucketing and ground crews addressed a few initial attack targets that emerged over the evening from lighting strikes.
- A few initial attack spot fires, inaccessible to ground resources were assessed on the east flank during the day.
- Minimal activity north of Criss Creek.
- Outer perimeter guards will be complete in the next few days, construction has been easier on the on the west side of the fire, more challenging on the east.
- Limited guard is anticipated on the north end of the fire due to existing control lines but will be required along the northeast flank.

Handguard build in the Deadman Valley where equipment cannot access.

Objectives:

- Other Fires (C41094, C41412, C41416, K21433, C41560, & C41610): Monitor and bucket as required on these other fires with further action when resources become available.
- Sparks Lake (K21001) South Branch:
  - The completion of the 200ha planned ignition west of Red Lake was successful with no spots outside the guard. Crews will remain in place patrolling the line and mopping up. 10 firefighters will monitor the burn throughout the evening.
  - Hand guard construction from Uren Flast to the Deadman valley bottom.
  - Tie in small box guard construction Steam Shovel, tying into Sedge Lake.
  - Big box guard being built up the Sabiston FSR.
- Sparks Lake (K21001) North Branch:
  - Increase in fire activity (rank 1-2), guard all the way to Criss Creek in the north east should be complete tomorrow or next day.
  - Avery Hill (northeast finger on the north flank) is wrapped.

Structural Protection: 6 SPU crews, 10 Skeetchestn Fire Department firefighters, 4 SPU trailers, 3 Structural Protection Specialists, and 5 water tenders with operators. Red Lake in South Branch was secured yesterday, supporting the planned ignition. Units will shift to Vidette area in North Branch.

RESOURCES

Fire fighters—145

Total Personnel including fire-fighting—234 persons

Heavy Equipment—57

Helicopters—10 assigned

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

Evacuations: The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has issued Evacuation Orders for a total of 170 properties and Evacuation Alerts for 704 properties.

More information is available here: Thompson- Nicola Regional District.

The Chief and Council of the Skeetchestn Indian Band have implemented an Evacuation Order for their community as of 10 pm, July 2, 2021.

Area Restriction: An Area Restriction for the Sparks Lake Fire is in effect as of July 1, 2021, at 12 noon PST. For a map of the effected area go here.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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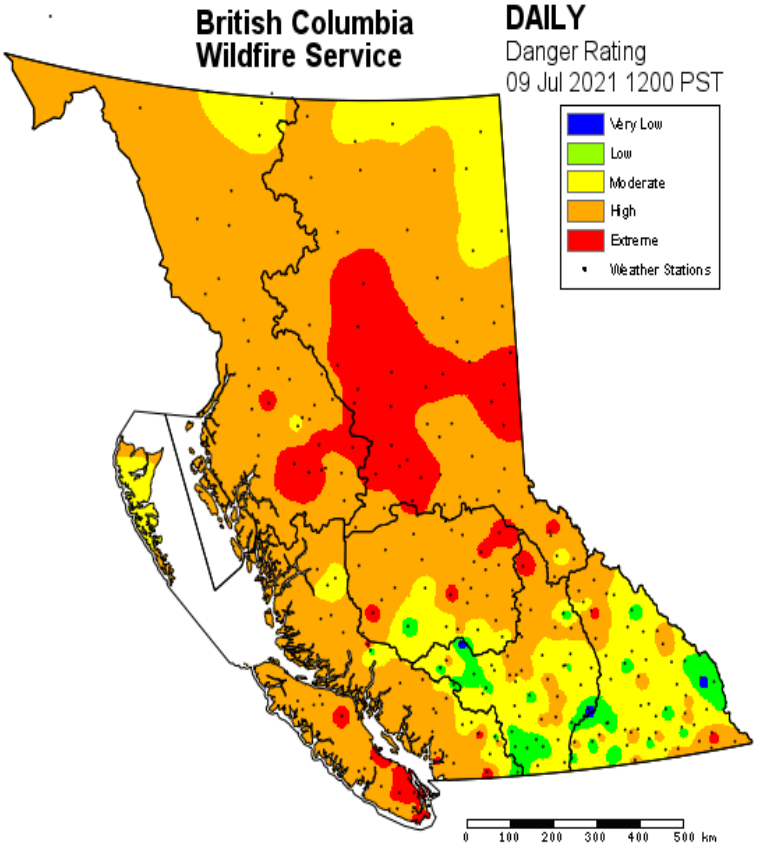
The Sparks Lake Fire Incident Management Team is Resourcing 7 Fires.

- K21001 (Sparks Lake) - a 40,267 ha Wildfire of Note, 15 km north of Kamloops Lake.
- C41097—SE of Young Lake. 166 hectares. Currently listed as 'Being Held' on www.bcwildfire.ca but status may change to due to a recent reassessment.
- C41412—2.3 km from Young Lake. 1.5 hectares in size.
- C41416—2.3 km east of Young Lake. 13 hectares in size.
- K21433 - 5 miles NE of Criss Creek. 46 km northwest of Kamloops, 7 km southwest of Bonaparte Lake. 141 hectares in size.
- C41560—Coal Creek. 0.30 hectares in size.
- C41610 —2km south Young Lake . 0.01 hectares in size.



FORECAST:

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SYNOPSIS An upper low will be tracking from southwest to northeast south of the fire centre region today (8th) bringing isolated showers or thunderstorms starting this afternoon and which will dissipate this evening. Light winds are expected to prevail and temperatures will cooler than yesterday. Tomorrow (9th) in a light westerly flow conditions will be drier with only a slight risk of a thunderstorm.

TODAY Mainly sunny with a slight risk of a thunderstorm. High temperature 30 C and minimum RH 20%. Winds S 10 -20 km/h.

OUTLOOK: A shortwave trough will be tracking north of the region Saturday which may bring some convection to the northernmost sections of the fire area. Elsewhere the day will be mainly sunny. Temperatures will reach near 30 C and winds will be light to moderate southwest. In a westerly flow Sunday will be mainly sunny with temperatures cooling to near 28 C. Winds will be light northwest. Monday will see a weak ridge start to build with sunny skies, light west to northwest winds and temperatures peaking near 32 C.

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The Sparks Lake Wildfire is now at 40,267 hectares.

Picture on the left was taken after the planned Ignition.

Aerial shot of the planned ignition.

July 9 successful planning ignition to reduce fuel load between more aggressive fire front and guard.