



FIRE NAME
K21001

FIRE SIZE:
40,266 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:
Out of Control

Conditions:

- Overall the fire was less active yesterday, July 11th than the day before with no significant change in fire size.
- Fire activity in the Frog Lake area on the east flank picked up, but control lines are currently holding due to fire suppression efforts by the crews.
- Crews continue to establish guard around the southern tip, as well as prepare heavy equipment control lines for planned ignitions that are set to occur in the Mount Uren area.

Objectives:

Sparks Lake (K21001) South Branch:

Crews will be working to establish control lines on the east side of the community, and are building hand guard from Uren Flats through the Deadman valley bottom. Crews will monitor and patrol the burn line south of Red Lake to South Carabine Hill and action any excursions. The Sabiston forest service road contingency control guard will be re-assessed for feasibility. Personnel will also be locating control lines northwest of the Deadman Valley.

Sparks Lake (K21001) North Branch:

On the east flank of the branch, heavy equipment is working from the west flank branch break (where the Deadman-Vidette road crosses into the fire) to Vidette Lake to establish control lines. On the north end of the branch heavy equipment is establishing control lines from Vidette Lake to Duck Lake, and on the west flank of the branch, from Duck Lake to the east flank branch break (where the Tranquille-Criss Creek Road). The north branch is also monitoring the additional six fires in the area (C41097, C41412, C41416, C41610, K21433, C41610) and resourcing them with personnel and helicopter bucketing as required.

Structural Protection:

Six structure protection crews, ten Skeetchestn Fire Department firefighters and water tender, four structure protection unit trailers, two structural protection specialists, and three water tenders with operators. The structure protection branch is continuing to work on triage and protection in the Deadman drainage area, as well as in the north branch.



Fire activity on the Sparks Lake fire yesterday was less with no significant growth seen on the fire

RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 128 **Support Staff** – 94
Total Personnel including firefighting- 222 persons
Heavy Equipment - 60
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:

Sparks Lake Information Section

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The Sparks Lake Fire Incident Management Team is resourcing six additional fires:

- C41097—SE of Young Lake, 166 hectares in size
- 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, 132 hectares in size
- C41560—Coal Creek, 0.30 hectares in size
- C41610 —2km south Young Lake, 0.01 hectares in size

Due to wind change, some growth (approximately 30-50 hectares) was observed on two of the northern Cariboo fires. These additional six fires are not currently threatening structures.

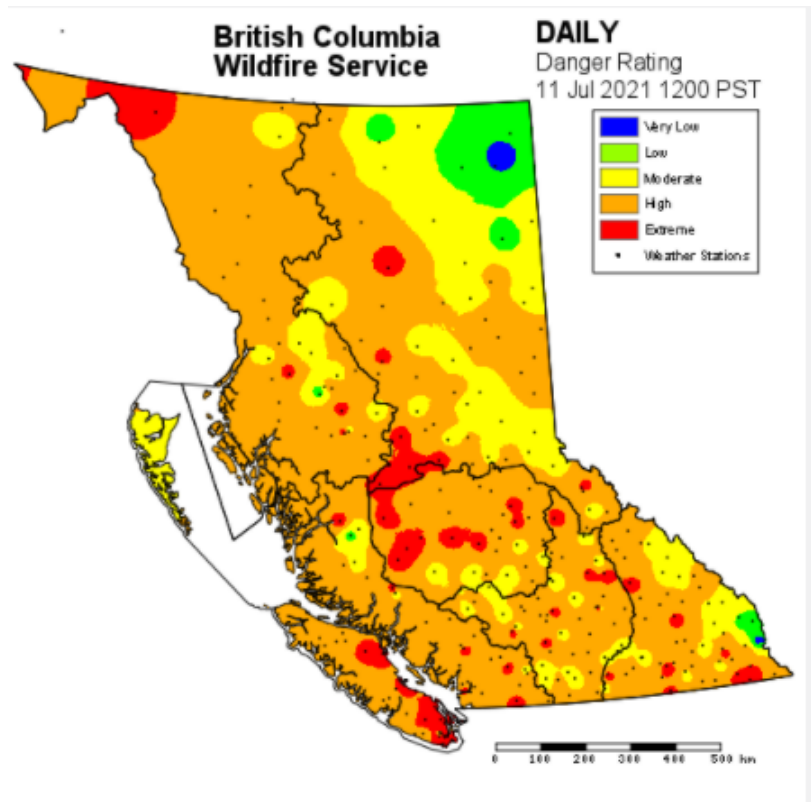
FORECAST:

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SYNOPSIS: An upper ridge moving over BC today and tomorrow will bring hot and dry conditions to the fire centre region. Temperatures today will reach the high twenties this afternoon and near 30 C tomorrow. Relative humidity values will plunge each afternoon to near 20%. Light northwest winds are forecast for today and tomorrow.

TODAY: Mainly sunny. High temperature 30 C and minimum RH 19%. Winds northwest from 5 to 15 kilometres per hour.

OUTLOOK: The upper ridge will continue its eastward journey Monday and Tuesday to be over the Prairies by Wednesday. The region will be in a dry southwest flow and an upper low in the Gulf of Alaska will start dropping down the coast. Monday and Tuesday will see temperatures peaking near 33 C and Wednesday will cool to near 31 C. RH minimums in the teens are forecast Monday and Tuesday and in the low twenties Wednesday. Light winds Monday and Tuesday will become light to moderate southwest for Wednesday. Thursday the low will swing inland through the Northwest fire centre region. Temperatures will cool to near 29 C, minimum RH values will moderate into the thirties and winds will be light to moderate southwest.



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NIGHT OPERATIONS:

Since the date-of-discovery on June 28, the Sparks Lake wildfire has been a 24-hour operation. This operational continuity has allowed for successful planned ignition operations, as well as continual structure protection and triage.

