



FIRE NAME
K21001

FIRE SIZE:
40,267 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:
Out of Control

Conditions:

Objectives:

Sparks Lake (K21001) South Branch:

Starting down Copper Creek Road, crews are continuing to secure the Frog Lake area corner off of Tranquille-Criss Creek Road. Two new structure protection crews will be working in the Red Lake area to orient themselves and provide structural protection continuity. Structure protection operations continue in the Red Lake area, as well as northeast of the area where increased fire behaviour has challenged containment. Heavy equipment is continuing to prepare the Sabiston Forest Service Road for planning ignitions set to occur in the area. Crews are working with heavy equipment to establish control lines on the east side of the Skeetchestn community and monitoring fire activity in the valley bottom where hand guard has been completed from Uren Flats through the Deadman valley bottom. Crews are assessing the terrain north of the Deadman Valley to identify feasible ground for heavy equipment control lines .

Sparks Lake (K21001) North Branch:

On the north end of the branch, heavy equipment is continuing to establish control lines from the eastern branch break (where the Tranquille-Criss Creek Road crosses into the fire) north towards Avery hill. Patrol sections of inactive fire perimeter and support control lines with crews as resources become available. Continue to establish control lines from the Avery Hill west towards Vidette, and south towards the Fatox Lake Forest Service Road. Crews are patrolling sections of inactive fire perimeter and supporting control lines with crews as resources become available .

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 south branch around the Red Lake area.

RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 90 **Support Staff** – 109

Total Personnel including firefighting- 199 persons

Heavy Equipment - 58

Helicopters – 10 assigned

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

Evacuations: The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has issued Evacuation Orders for a total of 170 properties. On July 12, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District issued an Evacuation Order for nine additional addressed properties in Electoral Area J (Copper Desert County), and an additional 110 properties on July 13. An additional 585 properties remain on alert.

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.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Sparks Lake Information Section

Telephone: 778-364-1265 | Email: BCWS.SparksLakeInfo@gov.bc.ca



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The Sparks Lake Incident Management Team is also supporting the Young Lake fires north of the Sparks Lake fire perimeters.

Increased fire behaviour has been observed, but BC Wildfire Service officers are closely monitoring these fires.

- C41097—SE of Young Lake 166 hectares.
- C41412—2.3 km from Young Lake 1.5 hectares.
- C41560— Coal Creek and C41610 (2km south Young Lake have merged) have burned into one fire and are estimated to be 450 hectares in combined size.
- K21433—5 miles NE of Criss Creek 46 km northwest

FORECAST:

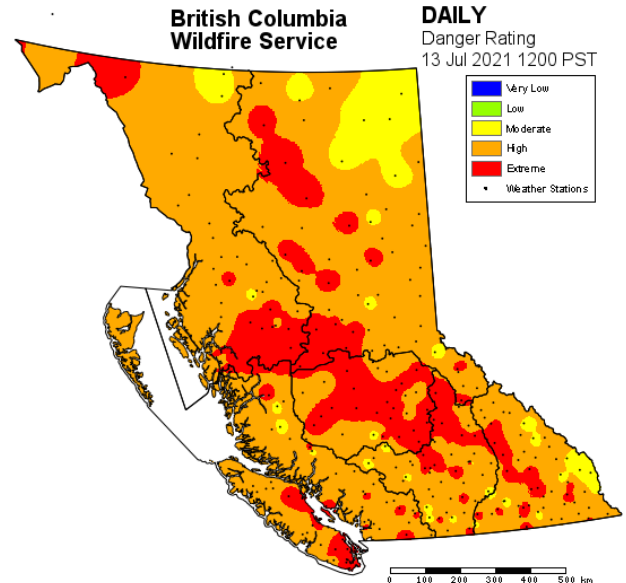
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WEDNESDAY: Sunny with widespread smoke. High temperature of 31 C and minimum relative humidity of 16%. Winds light west in the morning increasing to southwest 10-15 km/h near noon and southwest gusting 25 in the afternoon.

OUTLOOK: The upper ridge will continue its eastward journey and be over the Prairies by Wednesday. The region will be in a dry southwest flow aloft and an upper low in the Gulf of Alaska will start dropping down the coast. This will allow temperatures to gradually cool by a degree or two for Wednesday through Friday. Minimum relative humidities will slowly rise and inflow should persist for all zones in the afternoon hours.



Yesterday C41560 and C41610 merged into one fire in the Coal Creek area north of the Sparks Lake fire



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Structure Protection Units:

When defending structures from a wildfire, an assessment of several factors (including risks to firefighters, fire behaviour, and the availability of resources) will dictate the strategies that will be used.

When the BC Wildfire Service determines that there is a need to defend structures from wildfire threats, firefighters will take appropriate, safe and reasonable tactical actions for which they are properly trained and equipped.

Structure protection specialists prioritize the deployment of structure protection units based on:

- assessing how “defensible” a property is (i.e. whether the SPU would be effective if it’s deployed there)
- determining where the need for SPUs is greatest (based on anticipated fire growth and activity)
- confirming whether SPU resources are available to be deployed in the area.

The safety of first responders and firefighters is a primary focus of the BC Wildfire Service. Other factors that are considered to determine whether a structure will be assessed for a possible SPU deployment include:

- the wildfire’s rate of spread,
- the property’s location,
- how easily firefighters can access the property;
- and the property’s proximity to the wildfire.



Response Priorities:

The BC Wildfire Service prioritizes its response to wildfires to help protect our most valuable assets.

Our top priority is the safety of our responders and life. Our second priority is property, our third priority is critical infrastructure, and fourth priority is resource values.