



EMBLETON MOUNTAIN

(K21644)

FIRE SIZE:

516 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

Currently, 25 firefighters (20-person unit crew and a five-person contract crew), two structure protection crews (ten total personnel), one helicopter, and ten pieces of heavy equipment are on-site. Crews are also being assisted by the Barrier Fire Department, Sun Peaks Fire Rescue and the Armstrong Fire Department (11 total personnel). Three personnel from the Sun Peaks Fire Rescue remained on-site overnight.

UPDATES:

Yesterday (July 14) operations went well. There was minimal growth in the past 24-hours with only light winds observed on-site. The fire is burning in difficult and steep terrain. Unstable slopes and rockslides pose risk to the safety of our crews. Inoperable areas are being monitored closely by helicopter and problematic hot spots are being tampered down by water buckets. Crews are working with the structure protection unit to protect properties and working along the Lower Heffley-Louis Creek Road to fuel manage the area. Heavy equipment is continuing to work with line locators to complete machine guard from Whitecroft moving southwest to the gravel pit on the paved road into Whitecroft. Heavy equipment is continuing to build guard in the northeast corner to keep the fire south of the switchbacks on the McClure Forest Service Road and crews are working to establish hoselay along this guard. The McClure Forest Service Road (northeast of the fire) and the Mount Embleton trail (southwest of the fire) are being assessed for control line feasibility. An incoming 20-person Unit Crew will continue the fuel modification work along the Heffley-Louis Creek Road.



Crews have been working to complete machine guard south of the switchbacks on the McClure Forest Service Road (northeast of the fire).

ROAD CLOSURE:

The Heffley-Louis Creek Road is only open to residents, employees, and property owners traveling to or from their residence that is not under evacuation order.

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued an Evacuation Order for 132 properties and an Alert for 170 properties in Electoral Area "P" (Rivers and the Peaks). Please contact the Thompson-Nicola Regional District for more information <https://www.tnrd.ca/>.

The Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality has issued an Evacuation Alert for all properties within the Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality. For more information, please visit <http://sunpeaksmunicipality.ca/>.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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WILDFIRE UPDATE

FORECAST:

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TODAY: Sunny with widespread smoke. High temperature 28 C and minimum RH 21%. Winds SW 8-15 km/h in the morning increasing to SW 15-20 g25 in the afternoon.

FRIDAY: Expect the southwestern flow to continue. An upper low of the Gulf of Alaska will allow temperatures to gradually cool by a degree or two. Min RHs will slowly rise. Winds look stronger than previous day .

OUTLOOK: The upper low is expected to remain off the north coast, but it will spit a trough east on Friday night brushing the northern section of the Kamloops region with possible showers or thundershowers in the north Thompson.

EMBLETON MOUNTAIN RESPONSE:

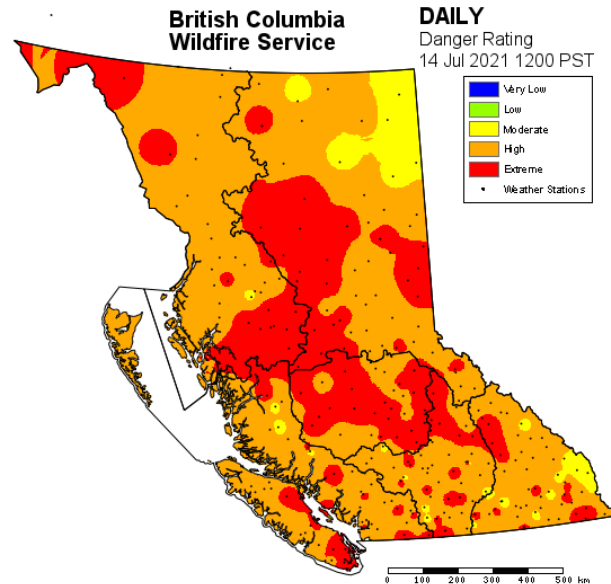
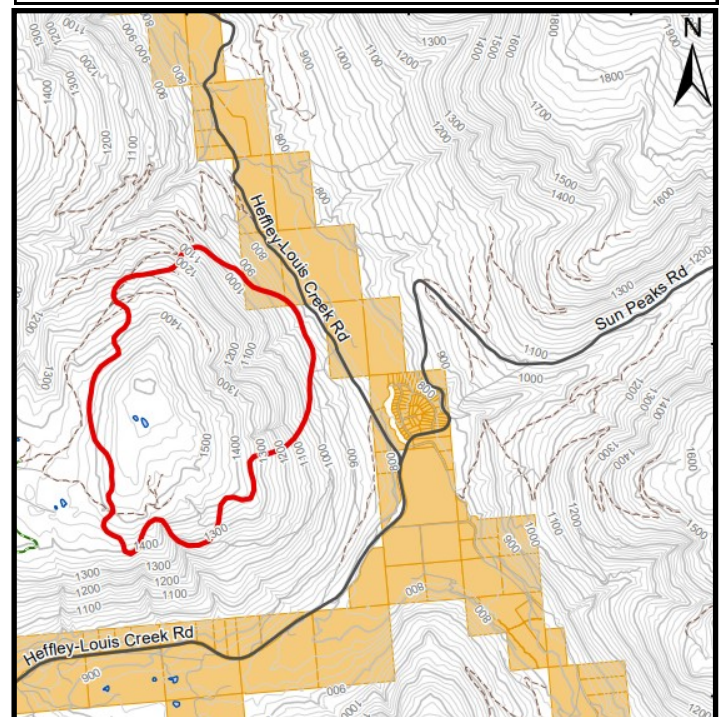
BC Wildfire Service officers assess the response strategy based on, but not limited to: challenges to crew safety, distance from communities, and inoperable terrain.

The Embleton Mountain Fire is burning in difficult and steep terrain with some areas of unstable slopes that would pose a risk to the safety of our crews.

The current burning conditions have allowed crews to make good progress on building machine guard from Whitecroft to the gravel pit west of Whitecroft and south of the McClure Forest Service Road (north of the fire). Fuel modification along the Lower Heffley-Louis Creek Forest Service Road will allow for a low-intensity surface fire as the fire slowly backs downslope towards pre-determined containment lines on the northeast flank.

Given the terrain, allowing the fire to slowly creep downslope will allow crews to safely and effective apply water directly to the water's edge once it reaches these pre-determined containment lines.

FIRE DANGER RATING



Fire perimeter map on July 13, 2021

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