



EMBLETON MOUNTAIN

(K21644)

FIRE SIZE:

580 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

- 45 firefighters (two 20-person unit crews and a five-person contract crew)
- Two structure protection crews (ten total personnel)
- One helicopter
- Ten pieces of heavy equipment
- Barriere Fire Department, Sun Peaks Fire Rescue and Armstrong Fire Department (11 total personnel, three of which remained on-site overnight)

UPDATES:

Yesterday, the fire successfully backed down slope on the northeast flank along the Lower Heffley-Louis Creek Road where rank 1 and rank 2 fire behaviour was observed. BC Hydro power lines are in the vicinity of the 650-meter portion of the fire perimeter that has reached the Lower Heffley-Louis Creek Road. For the safety of BC Wildfire crews, BC Hydro will be on-site today to complete an assessment of the danger trees in this area and falling danger trees as necessary so that effective firefighting efforts can continue safely in this area. Once BC Hydro has completed their assessment and it is safe for crews to work along that containment line, crews will work on applying water directly to the fire and complete a 100-foot blackline.

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. Crews are establishing hoselay along the machine guard in the northeast corner, south of the switchbacks on the McClure forest service road. A 20-person unit crew will work on building the fuel free guard on the west flank to tie into the machine guard from Whitecroft moving southwest to the gravel pit on the paved road into Whitecroft.

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/>.



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 and helicopters are being utilized to bucket hot spots in problematic areas.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Embleton Mountain Information Section

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www.firesmartbc.ca



FORECAST:

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TODAY: Increasing cloud with bring isolated thunderstorms and convective rainfall from the thunderstorms will be patchy across the area. With increasing widespread smoke, temperatures will be in the low to mid-twenties with a minimum relative humidity of 30%. Winds from the southwest 10 to 20 km/hr with erratic gusts up to 30 km/hr in the afternoon near the thunderstorms.

SATURDAY: Mainly sunny with a high temperature of 22 C, minimum relative humidity of 26%, and southeast winds 5 to 15 km/hr.

OUTLOOK: The region will remain warm and dry with temperatures warming each day to reach the mid to upper-twenties. Light inflow winds from west to southwest will persist through the weekend.

ON-SITE FIRE BEHAVIOUR:

The fire's rate of spread will be slightly less than we have seen in previous days due to a rise in humidity and a slight decrease in temperature. If convective thunderstorms occur, they could bring wind shifts and accelerated wind speeds. Fire behaviour will be greater in wind exposed areas.

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Crews are working with the structure protection specialists to protect properties in Whitecroft, and along the Lower Heffley-Louis Creek Road and the paved road into Whitecroft.

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 structure protection deployment include: the wildfire's rate of spread and intensity; the property's location; how easily firefighters can access the property; and the proximity to the wildfire.

COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY:

Inquiries about compensation for fire suppression damage to private property should be emailed to BCWSClaims@gov.bc.ca.

If you do not have access to email, please direct inquiries to:

"Attention Claims" - BC Wildfire Service, Victoria HQ
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Victoria, BC, V8W 9C1, CANADA

FIRE DANGER RATING:

