



EMBLETON MOUNTAIN

(K21644)

FIRE SIZE:

604 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 (eleven total personnel)
- One helicopter
- Nine 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)
- Four danger tree fallers/assessors

UPDATES:

Yesterday, July 16, fire activity increased in the afternoon and southwest winds challenged containment lines in the northeast. Two helicopters worked in the afternoon to assist crews hold the line with water buckets and, as a result, none of the containment lines were crossed.

BC Hydro has completed their initial danger tree assessment along the upper east flank and will be on-site today with a utility arborist to complete danger tree falling. Once complete, crews will set up a water delivery system and work to complete a 100-foot blackline along this flank of the fire.

Unstable slopes and rockslides continue to pose safety risks. In areas where heavy equipment is unable to operate, crews are working to complete fuel free guards to support containment efforts. Today, crews are working to complete a fuel free guard on the west flank that ties into the machine guard to the south. The machine guard in the northeast, south of the McClure switchbacks, has been completed and crews are continuing to establish hose lay along this containment line. Helicopter support will continue to be utilized to bucket hot spots in problematic areas.

Structure protection personnel are continuing to monitor the structure protection units that have been set-up throughout the community.



In areas where heavy equipment is unable to operate, due to steep and unstable terrain, crews are working to establish fuel free buffer zones as an alternative means of containment. The fuel free buffer zone shown here will tie into the machine guards on the south and west flanks of the fire perimeter.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Embleton Mountain Information Section

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FORECAST:

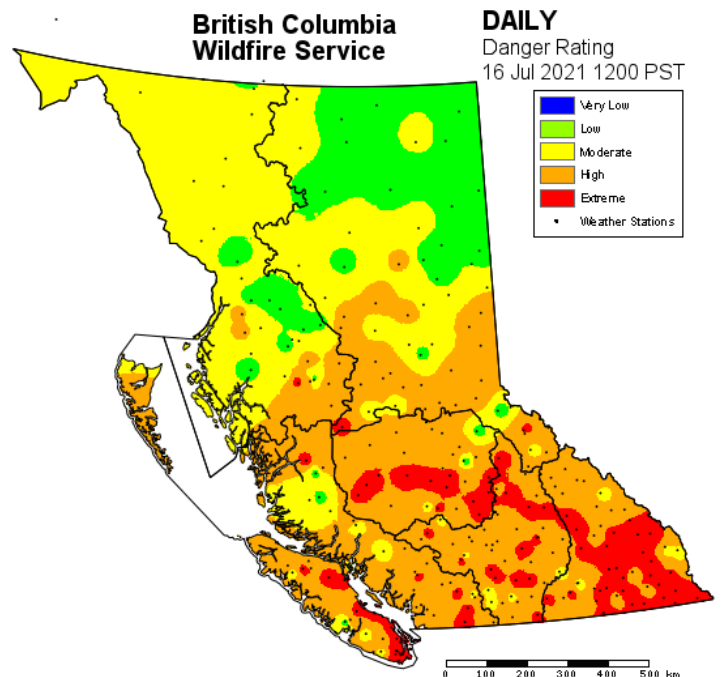
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TODAY: Fire behaviour should be slightly lower than we have seen in previous days with variable clouds, light south winds 5 to 15 km/hr, and a temperature high of 22 C.

SUNDAY: Mainly sunny with a temperature high of 26 C, minimum relative humidity of 21%, and light south winds 5 to 15 km/hr.

OUTLOOK: The region will remain warm and dry with temperatures warming each day to reach temperatures near 28 C on Monday and 25 C on Tuesday. Light south winds will persist through Monday, possibly picking up light to moderate on Tuesday.

FIRE DANGER RATING:



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
2957 Jutland Road
PO Box 9502 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC, V8W 9C1, CANADA

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/>.

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