



EMBLETON MOUNTAIN

(K21644)

FIRE SIZE:

604 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

- 40 firefighters (two 20-person unit crews)
- Two structure protection crews (eleven total personnel)
- One helicopter (additional helicopters will be utilized, as required)
- Fourteen pieces of heavy equipment
- Sun Peaks Fire Rescue and Armstrong Fire Department (eight total personnel, three of which remained on-site overnight)
- Four danger tree fallers/assessors

UPDATES:

Yesterday, July 17, crews made good progress on the fuel free buffer zone southwest of the fire perimeter and began direct attack efforts along the Lower Louis Creek Road (east of the fire perimeter). The fire is continuing to successfully back downslope, however no major growth was observed yesterday.

A utility arborist from BC Hydro has completed danger tree work along the Lower Louis Creek Road. Today, crews are working to complete a 100-foot blackline along Lower Louis Creek Road where the fire perimeter has reached the containment line. Crews are continuing to build a fuel free buffer zone west of the fire perimeter to tie into the machine guard to the south. The machine guard in the northeast, south of the McClure switchbacks, has been completed and crews are working to establish a water delivery system and hose lay along this containment line.

Structure protection personnel are continuing to monitor the structure protection units that have been set-up throughout the community. Threat to structures will continue to be monitored and the structure protection systems in place will be activated if required.



As shown here (July 17), the machine guard south of the McClure switchbacks (northeast of the fire perimeter) has been completed and crews are working to establish a water delivery system and hose lay along this containment line.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFOR-

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WILDFIRE UPDATE

FORECAST:

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TODAY: Visibility may be reduced today, especially in low areas where smoke may linger. Expect cloudy periods throughout the day with temperature highs of 31 degrees and relative humidity down to 22%. This afternoon, fire behaviour will likely increase as temperatures rise and light winds pick up from the southwest 5 to 15 km/hr.

OUTLOOK: There will be a risk of thunderstorms with dry lightning on Monday and Tuesday. Temperatures will stay in the low 30's on Monday with light southwest winds. Tuesday will cool slightly to a temperature high of 28 degrees with light winds from the south.

ROAD CLOSURE:

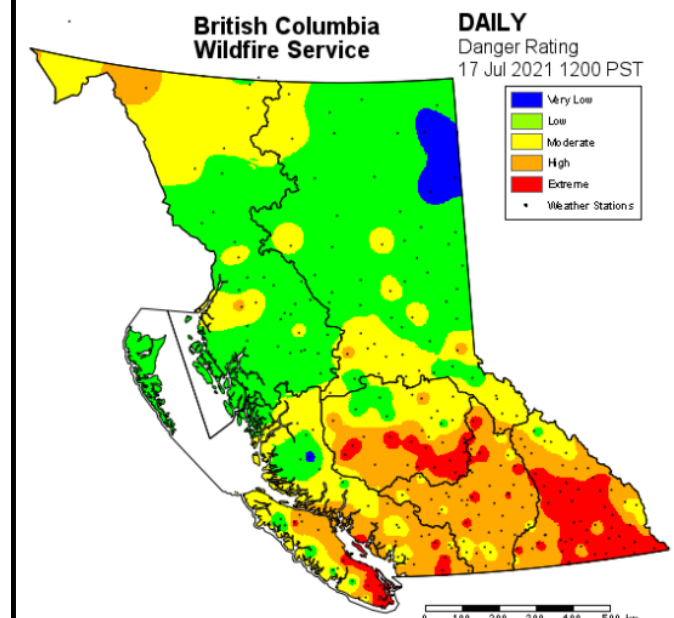
The Heffley-Louis Creek Road is only open to residents, employees, and property owners traveling to or from properties that are not under evacuation order. The Evacuation Order for 132 properties in Electoral Area "P" (Rivers and Peaks), implemented by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District remains in place. If travelling through this area please ensure the safety of first responders by following all posted speeds. Interference from members of the public can halt suppression efforts, and pose safety risks both to the public and to responders who are working on this fire.

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/>.

FIRE DANGER RATING:



As shown here, the fire perimeter is continuing to successfully back downslope towards pre-determined containment lines. This photo was taken yesterday, July 17, from Whitecroft looking west.

Spot a wildfire, smoke or illegal fire activity? Call 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on your cellphone.