



SPARKS LAKE
(K21001)

FIRE SIZE:
45,167 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:
Out of Control

CONDITIONS:

Yesterday, July 18, planned ignition operations on Wadley Hill occurred, which helped to secure the control line. This will allow crews to use direct attack methods, applying water directly along the perimeter of the fire from Wadley Hill north towards Frog Lake. Crews completed building the contingency guards around the Wadley Hill area.

OBJECTIVES:

Today, crews will use direct attack methods on the southeastern perimeter around the Sabiston Lake area. Heavy equipment is continuing work along the Sabiston Forest Service Road for planned ignitions set to occur in the in the Sabiston Lake/Mount Uren area to help gain containment on the lower southeastern perimeter. Planned ignitions will occur in the Sabiston Lake area as soon as favorable conditions are met. Fire Behaviour Analysts and Ignition Specialists develop an analysis of the planned ignition, considering many factors including, but not limited to terrain, fuel type, wind speed and direction, temperatures and relative humidities. Crews are working east of Sabiston Lake to establish a water delivery system in the area and are actioning any excursions.

Crews continue to monitor the valley bottom at Deadman and will be assessing terrain in the north of Deadman for equipment control lines. Crews are also working to secure the southwestern flank and tie it into guard to the south.



Planned ignitions on Wadley Hill, north of Red Lake, successfully brought the fire perimeter down to pre-determined control lines to help secure this area of the fire.

RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 131
Heavy Equipment - 52
Helicopters – 11 assigned

EVACUATION ALERTS AND

ORDERS: The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has issued Evacuation Orders for a total of 289 properties. An additional 298 properties remain on Evacuation Alert. More information is available here: [Thompson-Nicola Regional District](https://www.thompson-nicola.ca/evacuation-orders).

The Chief and Council of the [Skeetchestn](https://www.skeetchestn.ca/) Indian Band have implemented an Evacuation Order for their community as of 10 pm, July 2, 2021.

AREA RESTRICTION ORDER:

The Area Restriction Order that the BC Wildfire Service implemented at noon on July 1, 2021 in the vicinity of the Sparks Lake wildfire remains in place. The size of the area restriction reflects the continued need to protect the public in areas where there are ongoing fire suppression activities.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Sparks Lake Information Section

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





FORECAST:

Issued: July 18, 2021 for July 19, 2021

TODAY: A few cloudy periods with a temperature high of 27 degrees and minimum relative humidity of 18%. Winds will be from the south 5 to 15 km/hr. Visibility is affected by smoke in the low-lying areas.

OUTLOOK: Tuesday temperatures will reach 25 degrees and winds from the south will be light to moderate. Wednesday will see cooler temperatures, with south-southwestern winds of 10-15 km/hr. There will be a chance of thunder showers in the northern fire area. Thursday the ridge starts to build back in and temperatures will increase gradually.

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Three SPU crews (total 20 personnel), four Structure Protection Unit Trailers, two Structural Protection Specialists, and additional water tenders with operators are continuing to apply FireSmart principles and triage communities in the Red Lake, North Gisborne and Vidette areas. Operations continues to work closely with the Skeetchestn Fire Department.

YOUNG LAKE WILDFIRE (C41097)

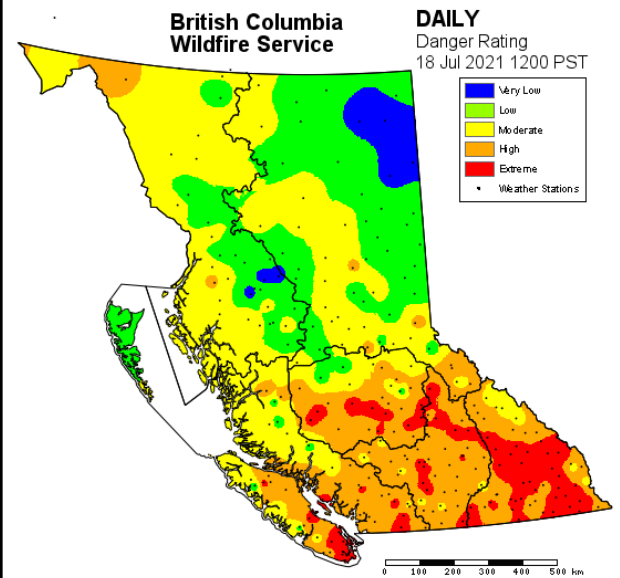
The Young Lake wildfire is estimated to be 846 hectares in size. Yesterday, July 18, minimal fire growth was observed to the west. Crews will be on site today to establish structure protection for values in the vicinity of the wildfire. Predominant fire growth was isolated to the south. On July 15, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) issued an Evacuation Orders for a total of 56 properties. An additional 231 properties in the area remain on Evacuation Alert. More information is available here: [Thompson- Nicola Regional District](#).

In response to current conditions, the BC Wildfire Service will continue to prioritize its efforts to protect our most valuable assets. The top priority is always human life and safety, the second priority is property, the third priority is the protection of areas with high environmental values (community watersheds, habitat for species at risk, etc.), and the fourth priority is resource values (timber harvesting sites, resource extraction sites, etc.)

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The Sparks Lake Incident Management Team is also supporting K21433—5 miles NE of Criss Creek 46 km northwest of Kamloops, which is estimated to be 141 hectares and remains classified as Out of Control. Some increased fire activity was seen on this fire yesterday.

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



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Personalized Communications: Voyent Alert! provides informative communications. Critical information such as the distance and direction from an incident, time of intercept and preferred evacuation routes from your tracked locations.

Track Multiple Locations: Voyent Alert! allows you to create and track multiple locations such as “Kids School” or “Mom’s House”. Any event or communication related to your tracked locations will be forwarded to you along your preferred communication channel.

No Message Fatigue: Voyent Alert’s smart alerting capabilities ensure that you will only get notified when a communication is relevant to you or one of the locations you are tracking.

Communications Your Way: Receive alerts over a wide variety of communication channels including mobile apps, text/SMS alerting, email or voice calling. You can register for all or one of them.

Privacy is Paramount: Registration is anonymous, and no information volunteered or derived is shared or used for marketing or data harvesting purposes. Locational information from your tracked locations is only used to determine its proximity to an alert event and to provide critical context within the communications (such as distance and direction).

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