



71W22KC - Okanagan Complex

FIRE SIZE:

Thomas Creek (K51794): 6558 ha (estimate)
Brenda Creek (K51924): 450 ha (estimate)
White Rock Lake (K61844) 7401 (estimate)

FIRE STATUS:
Out of Control

THOMAS CREEK WILDFIRE (K51794)

This fire was first discovered on Sunday, July 11, 2021 and is approximately 5 kilometres northeast of Okanagan Falls.

CONDITIONS:

Fire growth was minimal yesterday. An increase in winds are predicted for today, which may result in elevated fire behaviour and additional fire growth. Yesterday, the fire was most active in the heavier timber to the north. Significant growth occurred to the north east through out the day yesterday. The south east flank was also active late in the day. This morning, increased winds from the northwest have been observed.

OBJECTIVES:

The protection of life and property along the south flank will continue as the main priority. Work on contingency guard will continue to the north and west. A contingency guard is now complete on the southeast flank.

Crews made good progress yesterday on reinforcing the south flank guard line above properties along the highway. Crews were successful in defending a wooden bridge at 17 kilometers on the 201 road. This fire is being managed by a BC Wildfire Service incident management team as part of the Okanagan Complex. Aircraft and other resources may be reallocated from day to day within the complex as priorities shift.

AREA RESTRICTION :

In the interest of public and responder safety, a new Area Restriction was implemented for the Thomas Creek Wildfire area on July 21, 2021 @ noon. More information is available, including a map at: www.bcwildfire.bc.ca



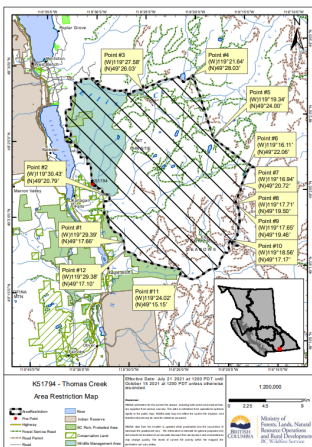
Source: BC Wildfire Dashboard

RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 29
Heavy Equipment - 19
Helicopters – 5 assigned

EVACUATION ALERTS & ORDERS:

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) has issued an Evacuation Alert for 704 properties in Electoral Area "D." More information is available here: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/>



ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

71W22KC - Okanagan Complex Information Section

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BRENDA CREEK WILDFIRE (K51924)

This fire was first discovered on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 and is an interface fire.

CONDITIONS:

Winds were calmer than expected yesterday, and growth was minimal. A heavy helicopter was used to bucket water on to hotspots and to support guard line reinforcement.

OBJECTIVES:

Structural protection remains in place on high value resources. Good progress continues to be made on guard line reinforcement. Crews will reinforce these guard lines with small, planned hand ignitions over the next few days, if conditions allow. Staff are working to identify and build contingency lines on active flanks of the fire.

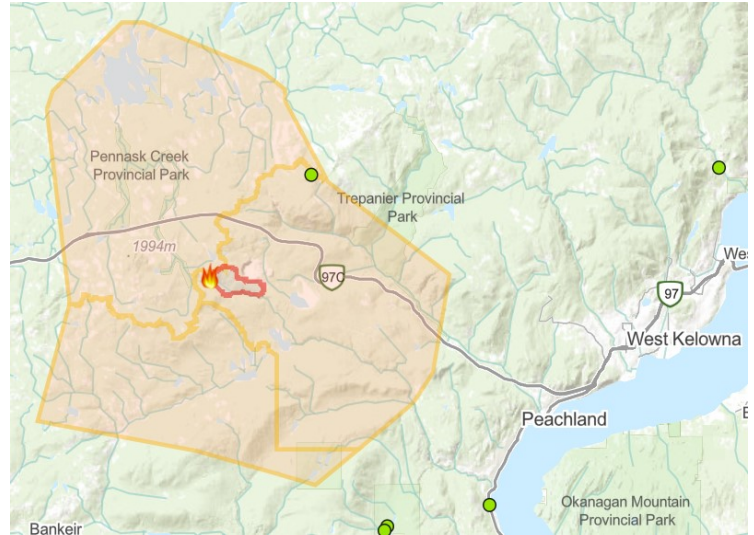
A mass water delivery system is now in place to protect the section of the transmission line within the fire perimeter. This delivery system consists of a 4-inch hose line that supplies a series of larger sprinklers. A specialized high-volume pump supplies water to the line, which can be turned on quickly if the threat to the transmission line increases due to increased fire activity.

STRUCTURAL PROTECTION:

1 task force leader, 1 structure protection unit (5 crew), 2 mass water delivery units, with 1 on homes and 1 on the powerline (3 crew) and 1 structure protection trailer are on site. They are supported by 16 firefighters from 4 different local fire departments, who are making good progress on extinguishing fire along the power line.



Northwest side of the Brenda Creek Fire (K51924) on July 20



The Brenda Creek Wildfire is approximately 40 kilometers west of West Kelowna, south of the Okanagan Connector.

Source: [BC Wildfire Dashboard](#)

RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 39

Heavy Equipment - 14

Helicopters – 3 assigned

EVACUATION ALERTS, ORDERS & AREA RESTRICTIONS:

The [Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen](#) (RDOS) has issued an Evacuation Order for 43 properties. An Evacuation Alert has also been issued for Eneas Lakes Provincial Park.

The [Thompson-Nicola Regional District](#) (TNRD) has issued an Evacuation Alert for three properties located in Electoral Area "M."

The Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) has issued an Evacuation Alert for properties, three recreational camping areas and Crown land within West Electoral Area, south of Highway 97C and northwest of Peachland. Please contact the [Regional District Central Okanagan](#) for more information.

An Area Restriction is in effect as of noon on July 17, 2021. More information is available, including a map at: www.bc.wildfire.ca

WHITE ROCK LAKE WILDFIRE (K61844)

This fire was first discovered on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 and is an interface fire.

CONDITIONS:

Significant growth occurred to the north east through out the day yesterday. The south east flank was also active late in the day. This morning, increased winds from the northwest have been observed.

Crews and resources may be challenged by an increase in fire behaviour today due to an increase in winds.

OBJECTIVES:

BC Wildfire Service personnel continue to work with industry partners on site to establish and reinforce guard lines, and to protect critical infrastructure. A structural protection specialist is on site, assessing and prioritizing critical infrastructure and properties. Crews will be patrolling the fire tonight.

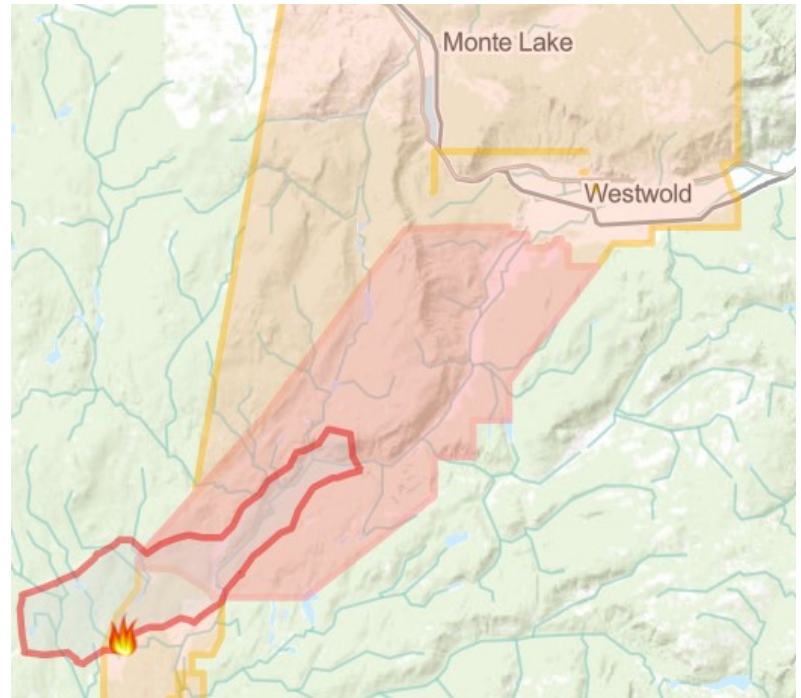
The use of airtankers has been hampered by high winds, heavy smoke and steep terrain. The BC Wildfire service will continue to re-evaluate the opportunity for airtanker support, and airtankers may be used to apply retardant to the fire if conditions allow.

Additional ground crews are expected to arrive on this fire over the next few days.

There have been smoke impacts to the hydro line in the area, with multiple outages occurring due to the smoke.



Aerial view of White Rock Lake Fire (K61844) on July 20



The White Rock Lake Wildfire is approximately 56 kilometers northeast of Merritt.

RESOURCES:

Fire Fighters – 19 (partnering with fire departments and the RCMP)

Heavy Equipment - 22

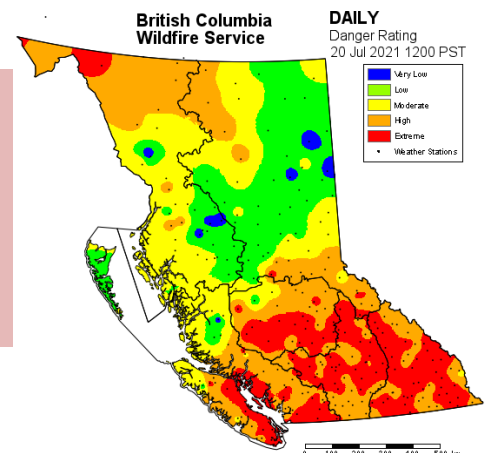
Helicopters – 2 assigned

Structural Protection Units—1

EVACUATION ALERTS, ORDERS & AREA RESTRICTIONS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has implemented multiple Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Alerts for properties in the area. Please contact the Thompson-Nicola Regional District for more information: <https://www.tnrd.ca/>

FIRE DANGER RATING



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