BRITISH COLUMBIA | BC Wildfire Service

July 23, 2021

WILDFIRE UPDATE

SPARKS LAKE (K21001)	FIRE SIZE: 56,211 hectares (estimated)	FIRE STATUS: Out of Control

Crews actioning a successful controlled burn on K21001.

OBJECTIVES:

Crews are working to secure 100 feet into the fire perimeter along the east flank from Tranquille Road to Frog Lake. As this line is secured, crews are moving to establish direct line from Frog Lake heading North. South Carbine Hill is being monitored and all excursions south of control lines are being extinguished. Structure protection specialists are working in the Red Lake, North Gisborne, Vidette, Enright Lake, Bonaparte areas to triage structures and set up equipment.

Crews continue to work on patrol and mop-up in the Deadman Valley and will work on establishing containment from Sabiston Lake north towards the fire perimeter. Equipment is continuing work around Mount Uren to build control lines and crews will use direct attack methods from Sabiston Lake, south around Mount Uren. Crews are carrying out direct attack from Smith Camp Road to Steam Shovel Road. Crews will be assessing and planning control lines in the Tobacco Creek area, north of the Deadman. As areas in the south are being secured, crews will move up along the eastern flank to create control lines and direct attack where possible towards the north of the fire.

RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 195
Heavy Equipment - 43
Helicopters – 10 assigned

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

An Evacuation Order was issued on July 20, 2021 by The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) for seven properties in Electoral Area "E" (Bonaparte Plateau) and Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country). Evacuation Orders for an additional 289 properties and Evacuation Alerts for an additional 298 properties remains in place. More information is available here: Thompson- Nicola Regional District.

The Chief and Council of the Skeetchestn Indian Band have implemented an Evacuation Order for their community as of 10 pm, July 2, 2021.

AREA RESTRICTION ORDER:

The BC Wildfire Service has updated the Area Restriction Order in the vicinity of the Sparks Lake wildfire that was implemented July 1, 2021. The updated area no longer includes the Lac du Bois Provincial Park boundary. 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: 778-649-0787 | Email: BCWS.SparksLakeInfo@gov.bc.ca

www.bcwildfire.ca | BC Forest Fire Info | @BCGovFireInfo | **www.firesmartbc.ca**

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FORECAST: Issued: July 22, 2021 for July 23, 2021

TODAY: Morning cloudy periods will become mainly sunny by noon. High temperature of 23 C and minimum Relative Humidity of 25%. Winds southwest 10 to 20 km/h.

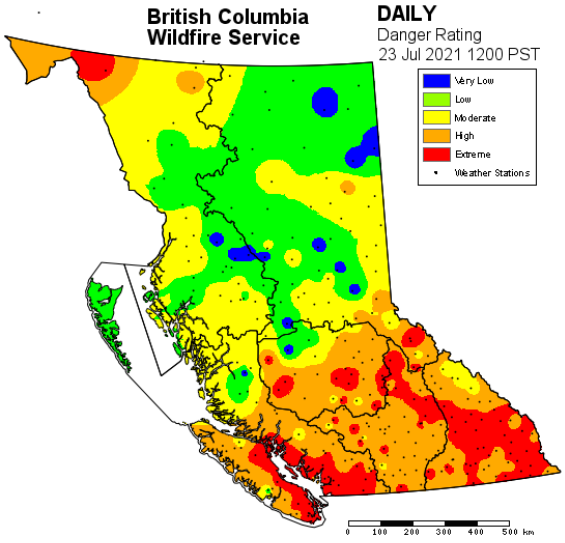
OUTLOOK: A west to southwest flow as the ridge continues to be flat will give mainly sunny skies Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with temperatures reaching 25 C Saturday, 26 C Sunday and 25 C Monday. Winds will be light inflow, possibly light to moderate Sunday and Monday.

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Five SPU crews (total 25 personnel), four Structure Protection Unit Trailers, two Structural Protection Specialists, and additional water tenders with operators are continuing to work with the Skeetchestn Fire Department. Structure Protection crews are continuing to apply FireSmart principles and triage communities as needed.

Air support bucketing.

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

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

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REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has chosen Voyent Alert! to serve the region to provide residents with critical emergency information. Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors during critical events like fires or floods as well as for relevant day-to-day communications. Registration is FREE, simple and totally anonymous. For mobile app alerts, download and install the *Voyent Alert!* app from the Apple or Google Play stores For email, text message, or voice call alerts: https://register.voyent-alert.com

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).

Leaving is Easy: Both mobile applications and web-based accounts provide access to an unsubscribe feature accessed via the menu icon on the top right of the screen/page. If the service isn’t working out simply click on “Unsubscribe” button.

See the full release at: https://www.tnrd.ca/services/emergency-services/emergency-alerts/