



Nk'Mip Creek

(K52061)

FIRE SIZE:

6,800 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

Today, 43 firefighters are on the fireline, receiving assistance from five helicopters and 46 pieces of heavy equipment. An Incident Management Team and other support positions make the total number of personnel on the Nk'Mip Creek wildfire 146. An additional 100 firefighters have arrived in Canada from Mexico and will join suppression efforts on the Nk'Mip Creek wildfire tomorrow.

UPDATES:

Firefighters and heavy equipment continue to work overnight to protect structures in and near Shrike subdivision.

Today, crews are patrolling, looking for hotspots, and continuing structure protection near Shrike, Nk'Mip Rd and along Camp McKinney Rd.

Crews will also continue structure protection near the Anarchist Mountain community. Mop up and patrolling will take place around Spirit Ridge on the fire's southern perimeter.



Crews' morning briefing on July 24

Strategic burnout operations and cat-guards along the west side of the fire have been successful at preventing the fire in that direction. Heavy equipment is working to create guards around an excursion across Camp McKinney Road. Line location and heavy equipment are working on a new machine guard ahead of the fire's east flank that will connect with the south machine guard.

Fire behaviour continues to be aggressive and challenging as conditions remain hot and dry.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Nk'Mip Creek Wildfire Information Team | Hours: 0800—1600

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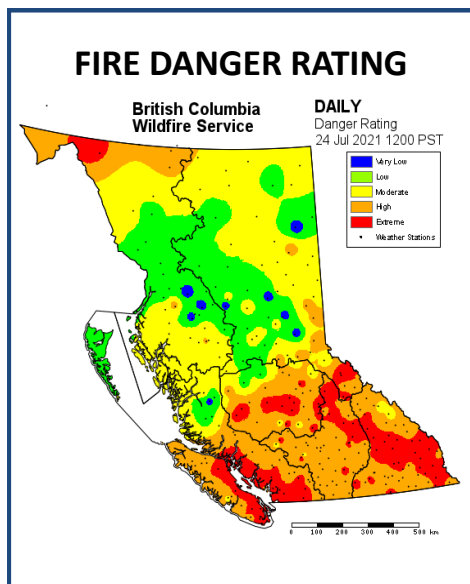


WILDFIRE UPDATE

FORECAST:

Conditions in the Oliver and Osoyoos area remain hot and dry. Temperatures are expected to increase by a degree or two in the coming days. No big wind events are anticipated, but wind will be present and gusting locally.

As a result of persistent high temperatures and no precipitation, relative humidity values are low. Even when things cool down in the evening, the fuels are not able to recover moisture. This means that fire stays active at all hours of the day. Local smoke.

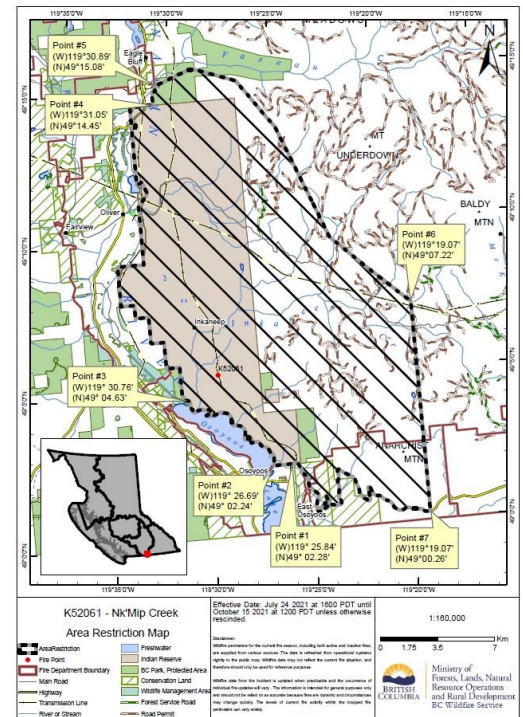


AREA RESTRICTION:

The BC Wildfire Service has implemented an Area Restriction Order for the vicinity of the Nk'Mip Creek wildfire (K52061). This area restriction reflects the continued need to protect the public in areas where ongoing fire suppression activities are taking place and to avoid interference with fire control.

View an enlarged map of the affected area [here](#).

The information bulletin for the area restriction is available [here](#).



EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS:

An Evacuation Order has been issued for numerous properties by the [Osoyoos Indian Band](#). Effective July 22, 2021, at 19:15 the Osoyoos Indian Band expanded the Evacuation Order for numerous properties on Sage Road, Pineridge Drive, Sandpoint Drive and Harmony Crescent. At midnight on July 23, 2021, the Osoyoos Indian Band rescinded the Evacuation Order for some properties near the fire's south perimeter. Please contact them for more information.

The [Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen](#) (RDOS) has issued Evacuation Alerts and Orders for Electoral Area A, C and some areas in the Town of Oliver. The RDOS has expanded the Evacuation Order for Electoral Area A and C. Please contact them for more information. The RDOS has declared a local State of Emergency.

The [Regional District of Kootenay Boundary](#) (RDKB) has issued an Evacuation Order for 122 properties and an Evacuation Alert for an additional 304 properties in the area of the Nk'Mip Creek wildfire. The RDKB has issued an Evacuation Order for Electoral Area E and West Boundary. Please contact them for more information.

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

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- View an interactive map by clicking [here](http://ow.ly/uo2U30oXqzS) or visiting <http://ow.ly/uo2U30oXqzS>
- **Road Closures:** DriveBC | dial 1-800-550-4997 | <https://www.drivebc.ca/>
- **Drifting Smoke:** www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html
- **Smoke Health Concerns:** HealthLink BC | dial 8-1-1 | www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp
- For info on **Community Support Services**, click [here](https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/) or visit <https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/>
- For **damage** to private property and Reserve Lands, please email BCWSClaims2019@gov.bc.ca.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES			
BC Wildfire Service	Emergency Management BC	Local municipalities and regional districts	First Nations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BCWS's jurisdiction covers all BC Parks, Crown and private lands, but does not include the boundaries of local governments that have forest fire prevention bylaws and are serviced by a fire department. - BCWS speaks directly about wildfires (i.e. fire status, operations, etc.) and is responsible for disseminating wildfire updates to local governments, stakeholders, First Nations and the public. - BCWS does <u>not</u> announce Strategic Evacuation Orders or Alerts. - BCWS <u>does</u> announce Tactical Evacuations. - In the event of an imminent threat to public safety, BCWS can authorize an immediate Tactical Evacuation of the affected area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EMBC coordinates communication across all agencies and stakeholders to support communities. - EMBC provides advice to evacuees and support to communities regarding Emergency Operations Centres and Emergency Support Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Municipalities and Regional Districts speak directly about Strategic Evacuation Orders and Alerts in their respective jurisdictions. - Local Municipalities and Regional Districts <u>do not</u> speak about the status of a wildfire unless the fire occurs within their jurisdiction. For example, if a wildfire <u>starts</u> within the boundaries of a local government, BCWS will often assist the local fire department with suppression efforts. If the fire spreads into Crown land to become a wildfire, BCWS will often assume control. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On IR lands, Evacuation Orders and Alerts are implemented by a Band Council Resolution or other. - A designated person(s) from the respective First Nations community will speak to Evacuation Orders and Alerts on IR lands.

ACCESSING INFORMATION					
BC Wildfire Service Online Communications		EmergencyInfoBC EMBC Online Communications		PreparednessBC EMBC Online Communications	
	@BCGovFireInfo		@EmergencyInfoBC		@PreparedBC
	www.bcwildfire.ca		www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca		www.gov.bc.ca/preparedBC
	BC Wildfire Service				PreparedBC

FIRE STAGES OF CONTROL:

Out of Control	Describes a wildfire that is not responding (or only responding on a limited basis) to suppression action, such that the perimeter spread is not being contained.
Being Held	Indicates that (with the resources currently committed to the fire) sufficient suppression action has been taken that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions.
Under Control	The fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.

WILDFIRE RANKS:

Rank	Description
1	<p>Characteristics: Smouldering ground fire, no open flame, white smoke, slow (i.e. creeping) rate of fire spread.</p> <p>Firefighting tactics: Direct attack with ground crews using hand tools and water delivery systems (i.e. pumps and hose).</p>
2	<p>Characteristics: Surface fire, visible, open flame, unorganised or inconsistent flame front, slow rate of spread.</p> <p>Firefighting tactics: Direct attack with ground crews using hand tools, water delivery systems, or heavy equipment. Hand constructed control lines and lines that have been cleared of combustible material will likely be successful.</p>
3	<p>Characteristics: Organised flame front – fire progressing in organised manner, occasional candling may be observed along the perimeter and/or within the fire, moderate rate of spread.</p> <p>Firefighting tactics: Hand constructed control lines alone are likely to be challenged, ground crews conducting direct attack may require air support from fixed-wing air tankers, skimmers or helicopters conducting bucketing or tanking operations. Control lines constructed by heavy equipment will generally be effective</p>
4	<p>Characteristics: Grey to black smoke, organised surface flame front, moderate to fast rate of spread on the ground, short aerial bursts through the forest canopy, short-range spotting.</p> <p>Firefighting tactics: Ground operations may not be successful at the head of the fire, indirect tactics may be required to bring the head of the fire under control. Parallel attack may be used along the flanks of the fire to direct the head into favourable ground or fuels. Air operations may be required to support ground personnel.</p>
5	<p>Characteristics: Black to copper smoke, organised crown fire front, moderate to long-range spotting and spot fire growth.</p> <p>Firefighting tactics: The limited options available include indirect attack and planned ignitions to remove fuel in the path of this type of fire behaviour. Ground operations are often restricted to fighting the least active sections of the fire or conducting ground ignition operations from secure control lines with readily available escape routes and safety zones.</p>
6	<p>Characteristics: Organised crown fire front, long-range spotting and independent spot fire growth, possible fireballs and whirls, violent fire behaviour probable, a dominant smoke column may develop which influences fire behaviour.</p> <p>Firefighting tactics: Firefighting under these conditions is extremely dangerous. Suppression efforts will be well away from active fire behaviour and may include preparing structure protection measures or conducting indirect large-scale ignition operations in an attempt to steer the fire. Often, the safest and most prudent strategy is to pull resources back to safe areas, ensure that personnel and the general public are safe, and wait for fire behaviour to lessen before re-engaging in fire suppression operations.</p>



RANK 1

RANK 2

RANK 3

RANK 4

RANK 5

RANK 6