



SPARKS LAKE
(K21001)

FIRE SIZE:
65,484 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:
Out of Control

OBJECTIVES:

The fire remains extremely active along the northern flank. With forecast high temperatures and low relative humidity, fire activity will increase along the northern and northeast flank. The remaining planned ignitions in the Mount Uren were successfully completed, yesterday. Containment lines from Mt Uren to Gisborne Lake are established and will be patrolled for hotspots in the coming days. Crews will be focusing on securing the remaining line on the southeast flank in order to free up gear and resources that are currently along that flank. Crews are working in the Tobacco Creek drainage supported by helicopters. As areas in the south are being secured, crews will move up along the eastern and western flank to create control lines and direct attack where possible towards the north of the fire.



Fire burning from the guard inward on July 27, 2021.

RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 90
Heavy Equipment - 38
Helicopters – 9 assigned

EVACUATION ALERTS AND

ORDERS: The TNRD downgraded and Order to an Alert for the Alpine Valley area, however, an Order remains for properties west of the Alpine Valley. Details and a map is included in this update. More information is available here: [Thompson-Nicola Regional District](https://www.thompson-nicola.ca/region/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 26, 2021. The size of the area restriction reflects the continued need to protect the public in areas where there are ongoing fire suppression activities. Find the map here: <http://ow.ly/auCv30rP3sY>

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Sparks Lake Information Section

Telephone: 778-649-0787 | Email: BCWS.SparksLakeInfo@gov.bc.ca





FORECAST: Issued: July 27, 2021 for July 28, 2021

TODAY: Mainly sunny. High temperature 31 C and minimum RH 16%. Winds NW 5 to 10 becoming SW 10-15 in the afternoon and increasing to 15-20 by the evening.

OUTLOOK: The ridge remains in place through the week while strengthening allowing temperatures to steadily climb and RHs to fall. As the ridge shifts east and the upper flow turns more southerly, bits of subtropical moisture could approach the region beginning Thursday night through the weekend. This supports an increasing risk of high-based thunderstorms. Currently, the highest risk is Saturday and Sunday evenings. Confidence will increase as we approach the weekend.

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Five SPU crews (total 27 personnel), five Structure Protection Unit Trailers, one 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.

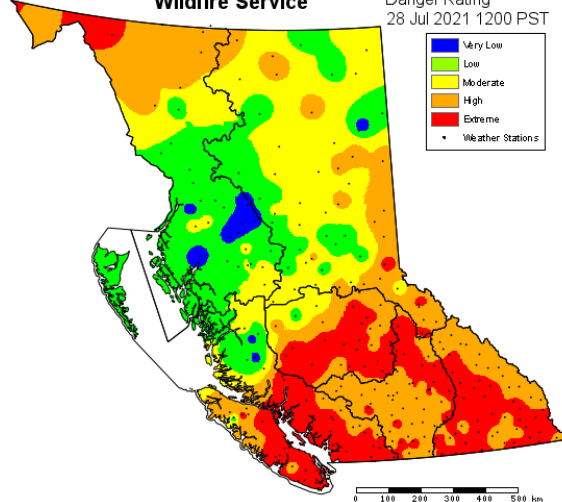


Sparks Lake (K21001) July 24, 2021.

FIRE DANGER RATING

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DAILY
Danger Rating
28 Jul 2021 1200 PST

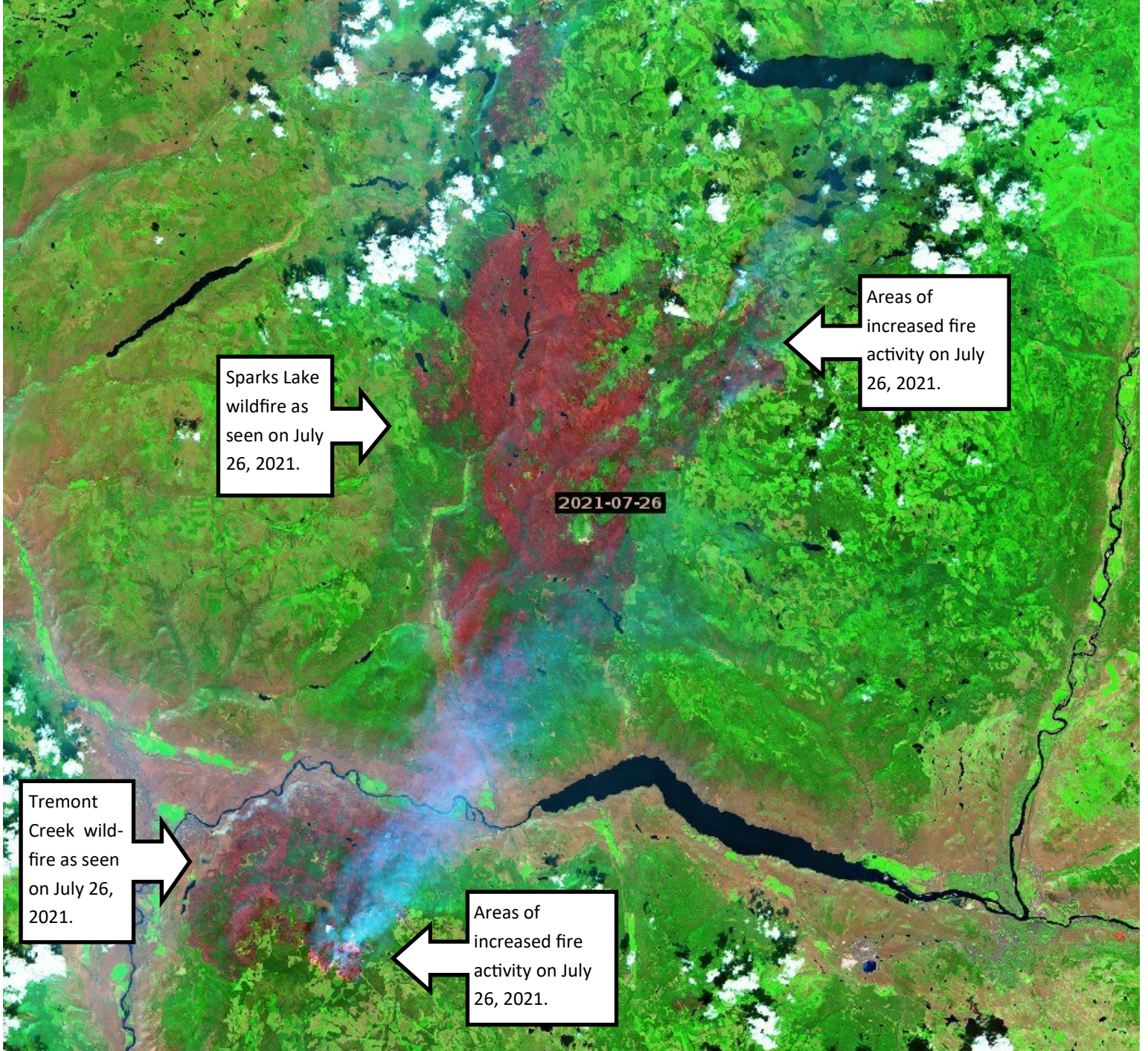


COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY:

Inquiries about compensation for fire suppression damage to private property should be emailed to BCWSClaims@gov.bc.ca.

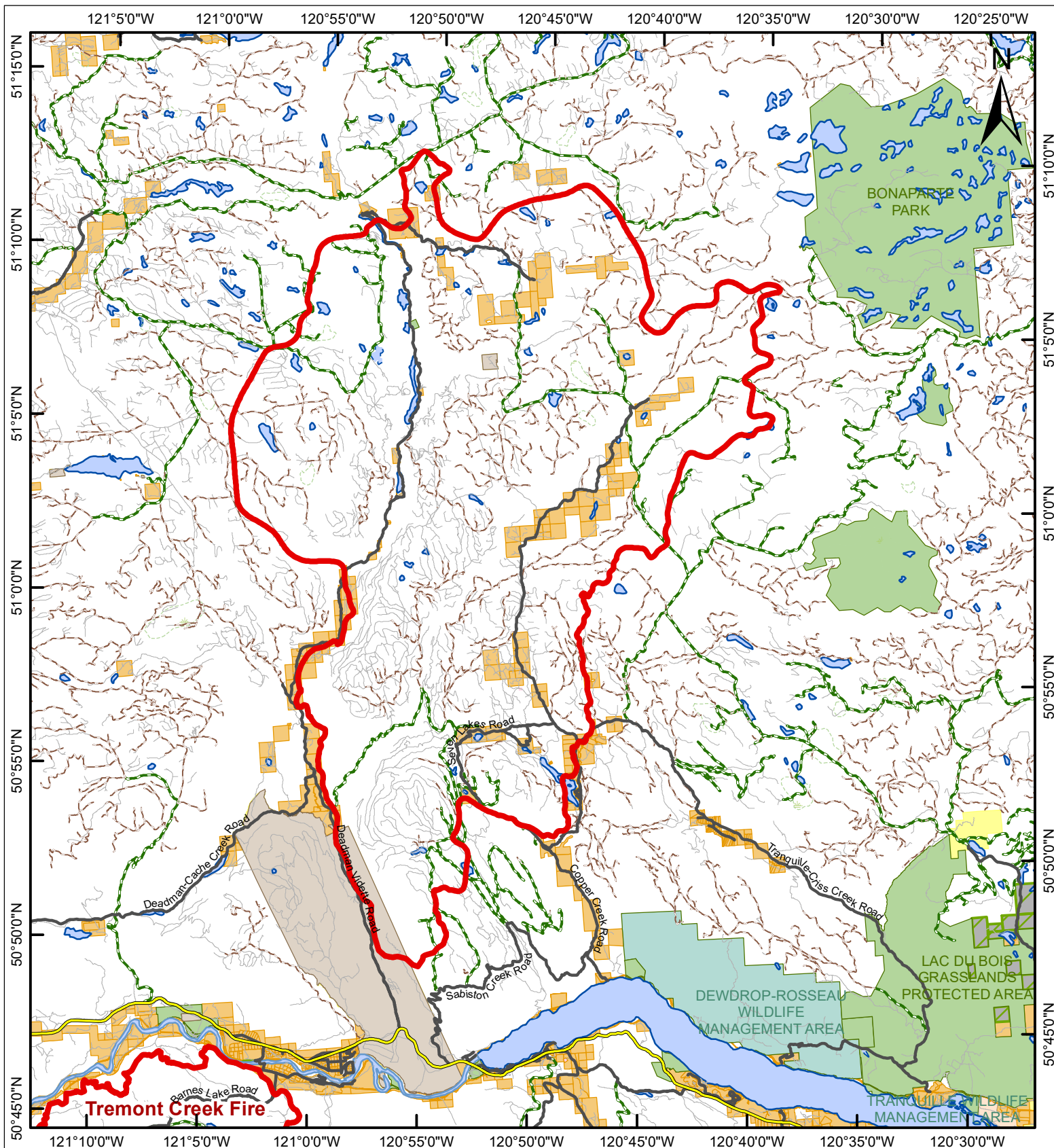
If you do not have access to email, please direct inquiries to:

"Attention Claims" - BC Wildfire Service, Victoria HQ
2957 Jutland Road
PO Box 9502 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC, V8W 9C1, CANADA



Satellite imagery of the Sparks Lake Wildfire and the Tremont Creek wildfire on July 26, 2021. This image is sourced from [Sentinel Hub](#).

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



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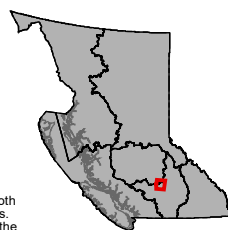
PUBLIC INFORMATION MAP

Perimeter Date: 2021-07-27
Hectares: 65484 ha

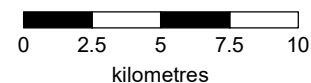
- ▬ Fire Perimeter
- ▬ Highway
- ▬ Primary Road
- ▬ Forest Service Road
- ▬ Road Permit
- ▬ Road

Disclaimer:
Wildfire perimeters for the current fire season, including both active and inactive fires, are supplied from various sources. The data is refreshed from operational systems nightly to the public map. Wildfire data may not reflect the current fire situation, and therefore should only be used for reference purposes.

Wildfire data from the incident is updated when practicable and the occurrence of individual fire updates will vary. The information is intended for general purposes only and should not be relied on as accurate because fires are dynamic and circumstances may change quickly. The levels of current fire activity within the mapped fire perimeters can vary widely.



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**THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT
ELECTORAL AREA "J" (COPPER DESERT COUNTRY)**

**SPARKS LAKE WILDFIRE
EVACUATION ORDER**

Pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the BC *Emergency Program Act*, an **Evacuation Order** has been issued by Chair Ken Gillis from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in Kamloops.

A wildfire event located in the vicinity of Sparks Lake is threatening structures and the safety of residents in Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country).

Because of the potential danger to life and safety, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued an evacuation order for the **area west of Alpine Valley as identified on the attached map.**

If you are in the described area, you must leave immediately.

The following **110** addressed properties in the communities known as Alpine Valley and Frederick remain on alert:

- **3037 and 3040 Dale Rd;**
- **6304 to 6436 Frederick Rd;**
- **9552 to 9596 Harbridge Dr;**
- **9620 to 9792 Meadow Rd;**
- **9540 to 10070 Tranquille-Criss Creek Rd; and**
- **any other properties identified on the attached map.**



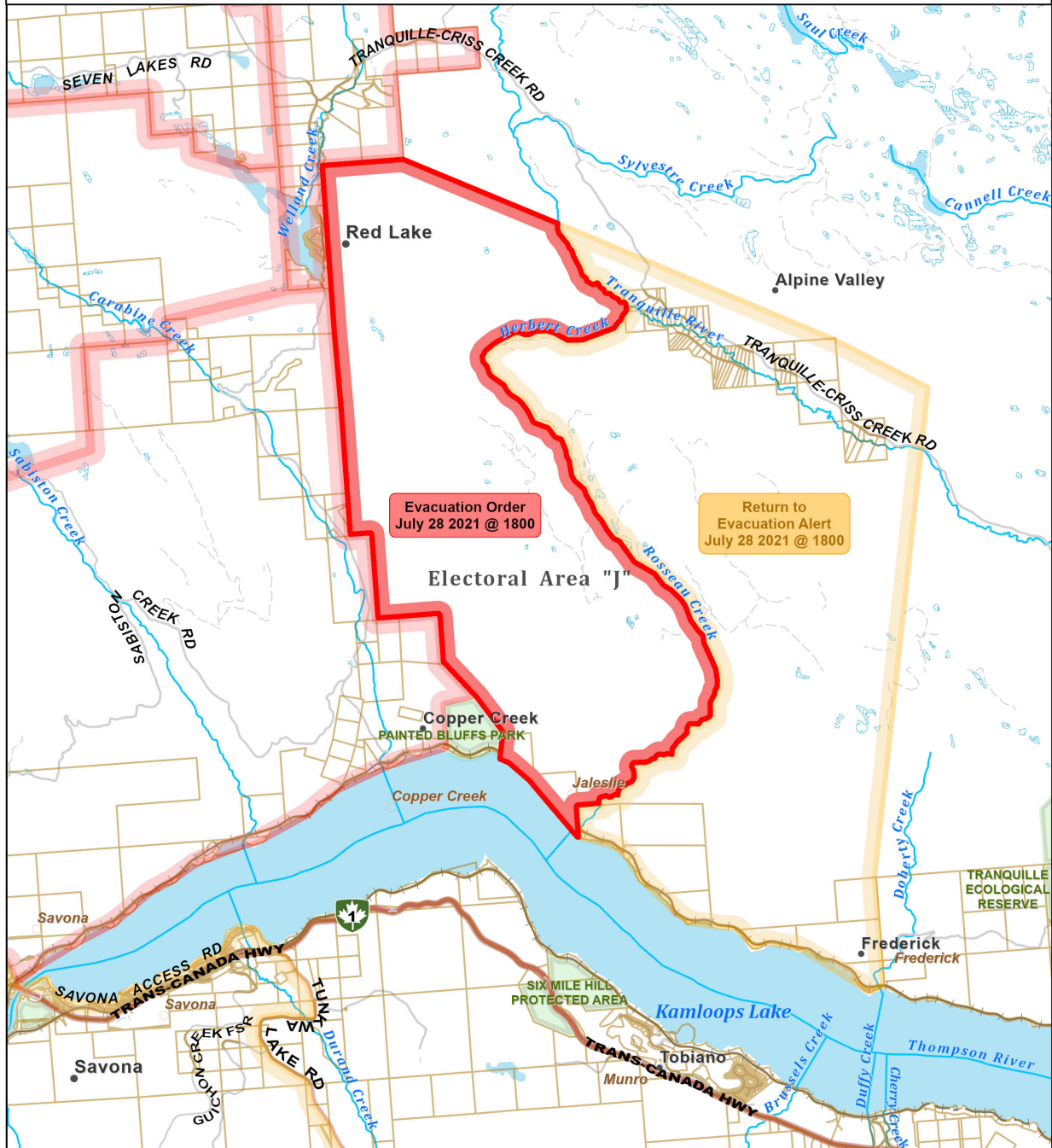
Ken Gillis,
Chair of the Board of Directors
Signed at **1800 hrs** on **July 28, 2021**.

For more information contact: TNRD Emergency Operations Centre
Phone: (250) 377-7188
Toll Free: 1-866-377-7188
emergency@tnrd.ca

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Kamloops, BC – July 28, 2021, 1800 hrs



Thompson-Nicola Regional District
Sparks Lake Wildfire
EVACUATION ORDER
07/28/2021 at 1800 hours



Evacuation Type

- Order
- Alert
- All Clear

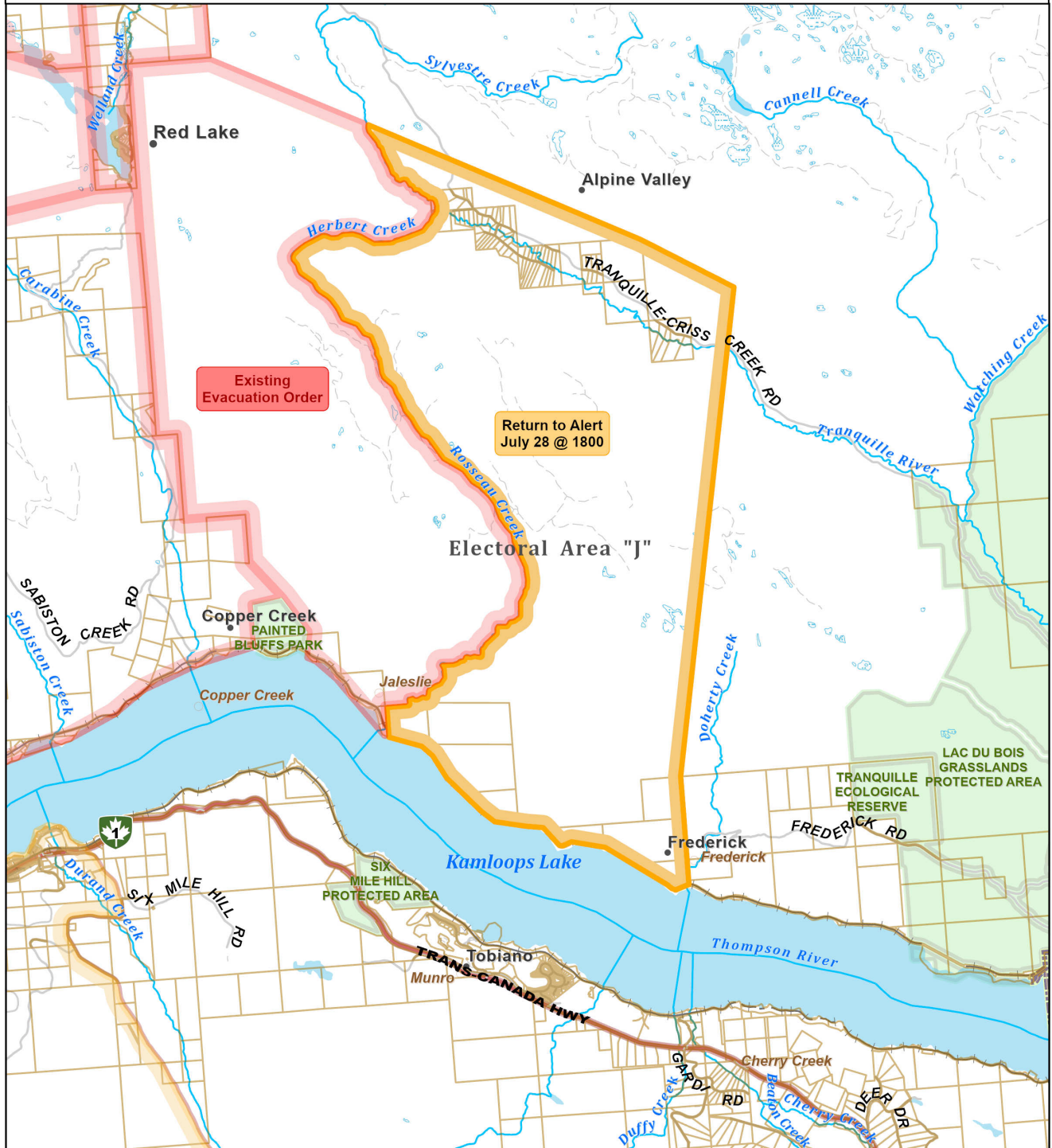


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Sparks Lake Wildfire
EVACUATION ALERT
07/28/2021 at 1800 hours



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Map Scale: 1:100,000
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