



Tremont Creek

(K21849)

FIRE SIZE:

12,061 hectares (estimate)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

61 personnel are responding during the day and 8 personnel are continuing to work overnight in conjunction with heavy equipment and the Ashcroft Fire Department. During the day, crews are assisted by seven helicopters, 30 pieces of heavy equipment, an Incident Management Team and fifty eight Structure Protection personnel. Structure protection equipment is established and being monitored in areas of the fire with structures present. Resources are shared within the Sparks Lake Complex.

UPDATES:

July 27: Today, crews are moving along the south and east flank to continue ignition operations in order to bring the fire to the guard. Construction of guard around the head of the fire will also continue as crews mop up spots along the west flank. Last night, at approximately 02:50, Highway 97C was closed from Mesa Vista Dr to Highland Valley Copper Mine for 41km. It was re-opened at 06:00. Due to an increase in fire behaviour along Highway 97C there may be closures with little to no notice. The BC Wildfire Service is working with the RCMP and Ministry of Transportation to ensure safe travel along Highway 97C. For up to date road closure information check [DriveBC](#).

July 26: There continues to be significant fire behaviour, driven by high winds and high temperatures on the southern flank of the fire. Crews have been forced to pull back to safety zones and will continue to work on containment when safe to do so. Due to smoky conditions over the fire, getting an updated perimeter continues to be a challenge. Where possible, crews supported by helicopters and heavy equipment continue to build guard around the growth on the south flank and in the Barnes Lake area. Crews are conducting planned ignitions between the machine guard and the fire perimeter. This has proven highly successful in creating containment lines on this fire and will continue to be a tactic utilized by crews and equipment.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Tremont Creek Information Team | Hours: 0800-2200

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

www.bcwildfire.ca


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Tremont Creek on July 21 during spot ignitions.

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EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued Evacuation Orders and Alerts for Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country) and Evacuation Alerts for Electoral area "J" (Copper Desert Country). The Oregon Jack Creek Indian Band have issued an Evacuation Order. The communities of Ashcroft and Cache Creek, as well as the Ashcroft Band remain on evacuation alert. To see the full list of affected properties, please contact:

TNRD Emergency Operations Centre

Phone: (250) 377-7188

Toll Free: 1-866-377-7188

emergency@tnrd.ca

Ashcroft Indian Band

Phone: (250) 453-9154

Email: info@ashcroftband.ca
ashcroftband.ca
AREA RESTRICTION:

An area restriction is in place as of July 18, 2021 for an area over the Tremont Creek Wildfire area. This is NOT an evacuation alert or order. Under this order and Section 11(2) of the Wildfire Act, a person must not remain in or enter the restricted area without the prior written authorization of an official designated for the purposes of the Wildfire Act, unless the person enters the area only in the course of:

- (a) Travelling as a person acting in an official capacity.
- (b) Travelling for the purpose of supporting wildfire suppression activities.
- (c) Travelling as a person working for Highland Valley Copper Mine to and from the mine site for the purposes of maintaining critical infrastructure at the site.
- (d) Travelling to or from his or her principle residence, that is not under an evacuation order.
- (e) Travelling to or from private or leased property for the purposes of accessing a secondary residence or recreational property, that is not under an evacuation order.
- (f) Engaging and/or participating in agricultural activities pertaining to livestock or agriculture management on private or leased property.
- (g) Using a highway as defined in the Highway Act (e.g. use of travelling along Hwy 97C).

The area restriction in place currently has an expiry date of October 15, 2021. However, once the area is considered safe for entry, the BC Wildfire Service will rescind the order.

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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: www.tnrd.ca

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RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES:

The BC Economic Development Association (BCEDA) has launched a special webpage dedicated to Wildfires 2021— <https://www.bceda.ca/wildfires.php> — which contains a live document where information will be added for business and communities, plus manuals and toolkits dedicated to disaster preparation.

As the Province and others start to roll out support programs, BCEDA will update the live document so that businesses can easily find this information.

Have the BC Wildfires impacted your Business? If so, a short survey has been created. The responses will help distinguish businesses' and communities' short and long-term needs. The BCEDA has pledged to do everything it can to help.

The BCEDA collects this information to share in an aggregate format with provincial, Indigenous, Local and Regional Governments. No confidential information will be shared unless a follow-up call is requested by the business. All information is stored in Canada by Softlanding.

Here is the URL for the survey:

<https://www.executivepulse.ca/bcwildfire2021>

MORE BCEDA RESOURCES:

[Resources for Wildfire Impacted Individuals & Businesses 2021 \(Live Document\)](#) - A document of resources that is constantly being updated as new information and resources are released. Check back in on this document regularly for up-to-date information regarding the wildfires.

[Top 10 Steps to Prepare Your Business for Evacuation](#) - A document that can be made available to businesses in your community to aid in, and encourage, preparation for an evacuation scenario. It highlights the 10 steps necessary to prepare a business for an evacuation.

[Province of BC: Disaster Financial Assistance](#)—Following a disaster, the provincial government may declare the event eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA). Once declared, the DFA program may compensate individuals for essential uninsurable losses and/or reimburse local governments for damaged infrastructure.

[Local Economic Recovery & Restart Toolkit](#) - This toolkit provides a collection of resources developed to assist local councils, organizations and individuals involved in community economic recovery following an emergency such as the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires and floods.

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



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.