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WILDFIRE UPDATE

Young Lake	FIRE SIZE:	FIRE STATUS:
(C41097)	4,937 ha (estimated)	Out of Control

RESOURCES:

Currently, there are 48 firefighters, 1 helicopter, a Structure Protection Unit and 15 pieces of heavy equipment on site.

UPDATES:

The Young Lake wildfire is estimated at 4,937 hectares and is classified as Out of Control.

Aerial ignitions were completed on the eastern flank of the fire yesterday. This operation was conducted to remove the unburnt fuel between the containment lines and the fire.

Heavy equipment continues to widen and re-enforce containment lines along the eastern flank moving south.

Crews have begun mop up operations along the east flank in area where planned ignitions occurred to ensure these areas are secured. If conditions permit, planned ignitions will occur on the eastern flank today.

These ignitions will be supported by firefighters and helicopters that will provide cooling action.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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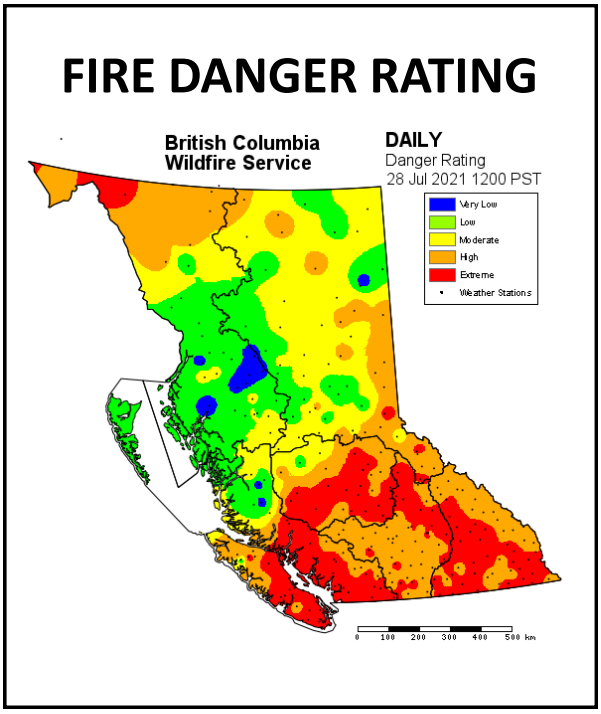
FORECAST

The basic pattern is an upper low off the B.C. North Coast with a building upper ridge over eastern B.C. Then a weak thermal trough across the fire centre vicinity the Fraser. The upper ridge is tending to retrograde thus spreading the warmth northward through our fire centre. Satellite imagery is showing 2 weak moisture feeds. One over SE B.C. drifting eastwards. The other across the North Coast and just clipping the northwest parts of the fire centre. Also showing lots of smoke for the eastern sections of the 100 Mile Zone. Mainly sunny and smoky today. Some late day convective concerns over NW parts of the Chilcotin and Quesnel Zone. Risk of a stray thunderstorm In the Quesnel Zone and over western sections of the Chilcotin. The same pattern for Thursday with some warming as the ridge still builds. Convective chances in the same areas tomorrow. Winds generally light but brief windier possibilities near any convective cells that manage to occur in this dry environment. Any of the spotty developments would likely give a risk for dry lightning. With warm air aloft smoke will continue to be a concern especially for the morning.



EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

On July 21, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) expanded the Evacuation Order for a total of 103 properties. An additional 231 properties in the area remain on Evacuation Alert. Please contact the Thompson-Nicola Regional District / 250-377-7188 for more information regarding the Evacuation Orders and Alerts.

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