



FIRE NAME
K21001

FIRE SIZE:
31,000 hectares
(estimated)

FIRE STATUS:
Out of Control

CONDITIONS:

- The Skeetchestn Indian Band have implemented an Evacuation Order for their community as of 10 pm, July 2, 2021.
- The most active area of the fire yesterday was in the Criss Creek Drainage.
- On the southeast flank, near Frog Lake the fire ran into some regen and fire behaviour dropped significantly. The fire may 'wick' through if it hits pockets of fuel but is currently holding well.
- Crews will work to establish control line Carabine Hill south end from Red Lake to Criss Creek and establish an equipment line from Coyote Flats to Deadman Valley.
- Equipment task teams have been established and will be assigned to crews to support their efforts. Equipment has been divided into day and night shifts to support 24 hour operations.
- Crews are concentrated on priority areas on the south/southwest flank of the fire where fire behaviour is most active.
- Objectives set out yesterday (July 2, 2021) for the Structure Protection Branch in the upcoming days is to triage and set up protection on values; Red Lake, Criss Creek, Seven Lakes, Deadman Valley, Vidette Lake and all properties in between. Structural Protection Units completed work in the Red Lake and Seven Lakes area on July 2, 2021.
- Active enforcement continues throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre. Please remain out of the Area Restriction perimeter and the Evacuation Order area.



Criss Creek Drainage, July 2, 2021

RESOURCES

Fire fighters—135
Personnel—181 persons
Heavy Equipment—31
Helicopters—18 assigned

AREA ALERT

An Area Alert has been enacted for the area around and including the Sparks Lake Fire. For a map of the area included go [here](#).

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has issued an Evacuation Order for a total of 163 properties. The TNRD has also issued an Evacuation Alert for 298 homes on the North Shore of Loon Lake and 287 Electoral Areas "E" (Bonaparte Plateau) and "O" (Lower North Thompson).

Please contact the [Thompson- Nicola Regional District](#) Thompson-Nicola Regional District for more information regarding the Evacuation Order or Alert for the Sparks Lake wildfire.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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WILDFIRE UPDATE

FORECAST:

SYNOPSIS: A weak upper low embedded in a trough is over the region this morning and moving eastward as it dissipates during the day. This will leave the region in a weak west-southwest flow. Patchy moisture will give a slight risk of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Dry lightning is possible with the storms. The pattern for today will be similar and isolated thunderstorms are again forecast. Precipitation amounts will be minimal both days. Light northwest winds are forecast for today and tomorrow. Variable cloud with a slight risk of afternoon thunderstorms with dry lightning. High temperature 29 C and minimum RH 16%. Winds NW 20 km/h.

TODAY: Variable cloud with isolated thunderstorms in the vicinity. High temperature 30 C and minimum RH 18%. Winds NW 10-20 km/h.

OUTLOOK: The west to southwest flow Sunday through Tuesday remains weak and disorganized with patchy moisture that may give isolated showers or thunderstorms. Temperatures will remain in the high twenties and winds will be light and variable each day.



Near the Criss Creek Drainage—July 2, 2021

Fire Danger Rating is updated everyday between noon and 2pm. To view the map go [here](#).

Sun 07/04	Mon 07/05	Tue 07/06	Wed 07/07	Thu 07/08	Fri 07/09	Sat 07/10
Risk of a thunderstorm	Risk of a thunderstorm	Mainly sunny	A Few showers	Mainly sunny	Sunny	Mainly sunny
						
32°	31°	34°	27°	33°	35°	37°

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 BCWSClaims@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