



FIRE NAME
K21001

FIRE SIZE:
39,251 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:
Out of Control

Conditions:

- The rain received on July 7, 2021, reduced yesterday's fire behaviour. Crews made progress on guards and started work on contingency lines.
- Along the Deadman Vidette drainage, helicopter bucketing increased relative humidity to help crews build hand guards today on steep slopes.
- In the area west of Red Lake, in the vicinity of the previous planned ignition, a burn is planned when conditions allow to remove an additional 200 ha. of fuel. This area was part of the original burn plan and was shut down on July 5 and rescheduled when site conditions shifted.

Objectives:

- Crews continue to use heavy equipment to build guards on the east flank.
- A tight control line has been constructed around the southern protruding flank and tying into Sedge Lake.
- A large box contingency line will be completed outside of this up to Sabiston Road.
- On the north flank, control lines are being established from the branch break to Vidette Lake, from Vidette Lake to Duck Lake and from Duck Lake to the branch break.
- All fires north of Sparks Lake continue to be monitored and will be actioned, as needed.

Structural Protection:

6 SPU crews, 10 Skeetchestn Fire Department firefighters, 4 SPU trailers, single resources and 5 water tenders with operators. concentrating work in the southwest.



Chief Darrel Draney doing an aerial assessment on July 8 on the impacts of the fire on the Skeetchstn Indian Band territory.



Sparks Lake Fire @ 6 p.m. on July 8 which sums up fire activity for most of the day, tempered by 3 mm of moisture received on July 7.

RESOURCES

Fire fighters—168
Personnel—203 persons
Heavy Equipment—47
Helicopters—14 assigned

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

Evacuations: The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has issued Evacuation Orders for a total of 170 properties and Evacuation Alerts for 704 properties.

More information is available here: [Thompson- Nicola Regional 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: An Area Restriction for the Sparks Lake Fire is in effect as of July 1, 2021, at 12 noon PST. For a map of the effected area go [here](#).

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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The Sparks Lake Fire Incident Management Team is Resourcing Five Fires.

- K21001 (Sparks Lake) - a 39,251 ha Wildfire of Note, 15 km north of Kamloops Lake.
- C41097—SE of Young Lake. 166 hectares. Currently listed as 'Being Held' on www.bcwildfire.ca but status may change to due to a recent reassessment.
- C41412—2.3 km from Young Lake. 1.5 hectares in size.
- C41416—2.3 km East of Young Lake. 13 hectares in size.
- K21433 - 5 miles NE of Criss Creek. 46 km north west of Kamloops, 7 km south west of Bonaparte Lake. 132 hectares in size.

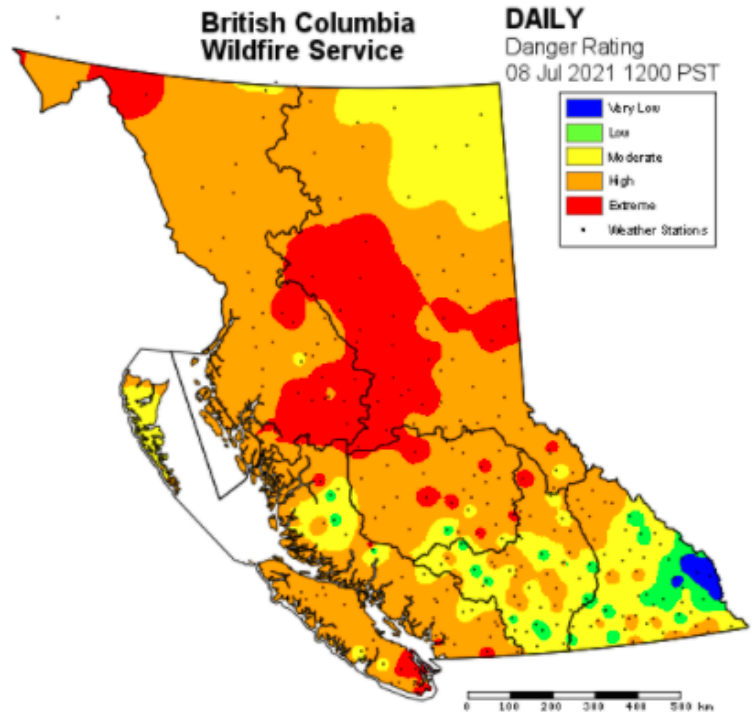
FORECAST:

Issued: July 8, 2021 for July 9, 2021

SYNOPSIS An upper low will be tracking from southwest to northeast south of the fire centre region today (8th) bringing isolated showers or thunderstorms starting this afternoon and which will dissipate this evening. Light winds are expected to prevail and temperatures will cooler than yesterday. Tomorrow (9th) in a light westerly flow conditions will be drier with only a slight risk of a thunderstorm.

TODAY Mainly sunny with a slight risk of a thunderstorm. High temperature 30 C and minimum RH 20%. Winds S 10-20 km/h.

OUTLOOK: A shortwave trough will be tracking north of the region Saturday which may bring some convection to the northernmost sections of the fire area. Elsewhere the day will be mainly sunny. Temperatures will reach near 30 C and winds will be light to moderate southwest. In a westerly flow Sunday will be mainly sunny with temperatures cooling to near 28 C. Winds will be light northwest. Monday will see a weak ridge start to build with sunny skies, light west to northwest winds and temperatures peaking near 32 C



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July 8 Operational Briefing at Skeetchestn School showing multiple agencies coming together for a common goal.



Planned ignition adjacent to the Deadman Vidette Road on July 5. On the left are unburned ground fuels that need to be reduced.

On the right, the black area, is a successfully abated portion.

In the centre is a candling Juniper shrub that burns quickly due high levels of flammable resins. Crew members are out of shot and on site to pre-wet adjacent areas and mop up before relocating to the planned ignition area.

Small operations like this are a routine method of straightening out fire lines to make them easier to manage.