



White Rock Lake
(K61884)

FIRE SIZE
55,649 hectares (estimate)

FIRE STATUS
Out of Control

This fire was first discovered on Sunday, July 13, 2021 and is approximately 34 kilometres northwest of Vernon.

CONDITIONS:

With the current weather conditions, the fire has mostly stalled with no significant growth in size or direction overnight. There continues to be moderate growth in active areas on the north, northeast, and southeast flanks. Yesterday, there was mostly rank 1 and 2 fire behaviour observed throughout most of the fire. In some areas on the southeast and northeast flank there was more vigorous surface fire with increased rate of spread (rank 3).

Today it will be mainly cloudy, becoming mostly sunny during the afternoon. High temperature will be 25 C and minimum RH near 28%. Winds SW 10-15 km/h in the morning becoming W to NW 15 to 25 with gusts 30 to 40 km/h during the afternoon.

The upper ridge is forecast to strengthen with mainly sunny skies expected. Some gusty winds (a bit lighter than Tuesday) are likely on Wednesday with light speeds forecast on Thursday. Highs in the upper twenties with RH's dropping to the twenties during the afternoon.

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

The structure protection branch consists 138 structure protection personnel from various fire departments. Twenty personnel are remaining on site overnight tonight to ensure 24-hour coverage for Structure Protection. Seven pieces of heavy equipment, two Type 1 Structure Protection Unit (SPU) trailers, four Type 2 SPU trailer, 20 engines, five mass-water delivery systems, and 16 water tenders are also assigned to the structure protection branch.

Structure protection personnel are prepared to defend Westwold, Falkland, Cedar Hills, Pinaus Lake, and communities along Westside Road, including Okanagan Indian Band IR#1. Structure protection personnel worked through the night and continue today with a roving patrol along Westside Road, prepared to defend threatened neighbourhoods. A specialized off-road fire engine is being deployed to the Westside Road area to conduct structure protection on the backside of properties along the east flank of the fire.

RESOURCES:

Wildland Firefighters – 163 (22 who remained on-site overnight)

Heavy Equipment – 53

Danger tree assessors/fallers – five

Helicopters – 14 assigned

Incident Management Team

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Personnel – 138

Structure Protection Unit Trailers— six (two Type 1 and four Type 2)

Equipment – seven pieces of heavy equipment, 20 engines, 16 water tenders, and five mass-water delivery systems. Twenty fire department personnel are remaining on site through the night to provide 24/7 structure protection continuity.

AREA RESTRICTION ORDER:

The BC Wildfire Service has implemented an Area Restriction Order in the vicinity of the White Rock Lake wildfire. The size of the Area Restriction Order reflects the need to protect the public in areas where there are ongoing fire suppression activities. For more information, please review the [White Rock Lake Area Restriction Order](#) information bulletin and [map](#).

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

White Rock Lake Information Section

Telephone: 778-694-0787 | Email: BCWS.WhiteRockInfo@gov.bc.ca



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OBJECTIVES:

There is currently a contingency machine guard being built along the Duck Range Rd, south of Pritchard. There are no ignitions being planned for any part of this guard, at this time. It is a contingency machine guard being put in place should the fire move in this direction. There are no large scale planned ignitions set for ANY part of the fire, in this operational period.

On the west flank, crews and heavy equipment will work on securing the excursion over in the Foley Road area working back towards the Monte-Pratt. Mop-up is occurring on the west side of Douglas Lake Rd and along Grange FSR towards Rock Bluff. Handline is being built in the Monte-Twig area.

On the northern flank, crews will work on establishing containment along Grange FSR to Adelphi Road on the eastern side of the northern finger of the fire perimeter to protect this flank from growing towards Pinaus Lake. Two unit crews are working on either side of the northern tip of the fire to prevent further spread northeast towards Paxton Valley and further. A unit crew is working in the Ingram Road excursion to prevent further spread of the excursion. Machine guard is being built from Biancotto Lake south to existing hand guard. Construction on the Martin FSR contingency line will be completed around August 11. Guard is being constructed in the Paxton Valley by a unit crew and heavy equipment. The potential of a 3km fire break, with a mass water system deployed within, from Pillar Lake northwest is being explored. If feasible, this will act as a large barrier to limit the potential of fire growth towards communities northeast of the fire.

Crews along the southern flank of the fire have completed control lines along the south of the fire perimeter using a combination of Forest Service Roads, lakes, and pre-existing machine guards. Personnel will also be patrolling and, engaging in direct attack, along the fire perimeter. A 50km contingency guard south of the perimeter from Fintry in the east to south of Chapperon Lake in the west is currently being constructed. This will act as a second contingency guard should the fire progress south.

On the east flank, crews and structure protection personnel are working in the Westside Rd area where the fire is close to properties. Where conditions are suitable, crews are continuing along the fire perimeter and direct attacking using water and hand ignitions to tie in lines and secure the perimeter. Line locators are working on a secondary control line from Salmon River FSR to Okanagan Lake. Yesterday, skimmers and bucket ship supported crews in the Nashwito Creek area, which was the most active area of the fire.

The helicopter fleet includes a Sikorsky 64 SkyCrane helicopter, which has a 2,650-gallon tank that is fillable in less than one-minute. There are also four Kamov heavy helicopters in the fleet. Additional air support is available and will be utilized as required, should conditions allow.



Yesterday, skimmers and a bucket machine worked on the Nashwito Creek area on the southeast flank of the fire to provide cooling action. They were able to successfully cool the fire from rank 2 and 3 to rank 1.

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As of 12:00 p.m., August 10, 2021, the following government authorities have implemented Evacuation Alerts and Orders. Please contact the applicable local authority for more details on the Evacuation Alerts and Orders.

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Alerts in place.

[Thompson-Nicola Regional District](#) / 250-377-7188

The Columbia-Shuswap Regional District has Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Alerts in place.

[Columbia-Shuswap Regional District](#) / 250-833-3350

The Regional District of North Okanagan has an Evacuation Order in place.

[Regional District of North Okanagan](#) / 250-550-3700

The Okanagan Indian Band has an Evacuation Alert in place for IR #1.

[Okanagan Indian Band](#) / OKIBEOCInformationOfficer@okanagan.org / 250-241-5809

The Regional District of Central Okanagan has Evacuation Orders and Alerts in place.

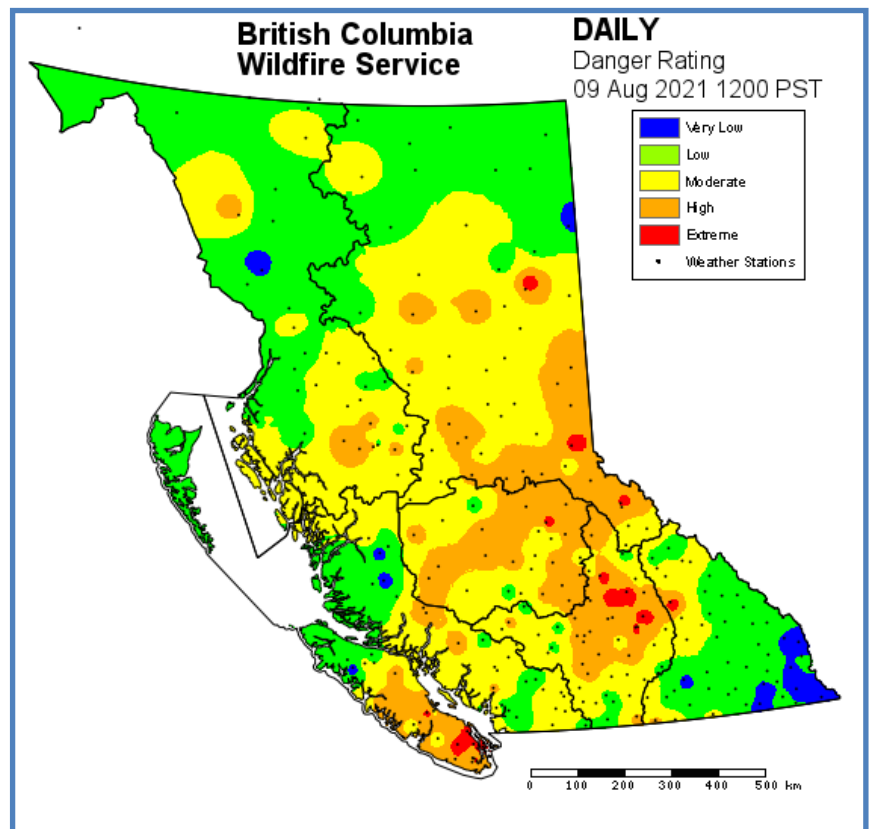
[Regional District of Central Okanagan](#) / 250-469-8490 (local) or 1-877-569-8490 (toll-free)

The Słatsín First Nation has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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The City of Vernon has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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