



71W22KC - Okanagan Complex

FIRE SIZE/STATUS:

Nk'Mip Creek (K52061) 17, 469 (estimate)	Out of Control
Thomas Creek (K51794): 11,755 ha (estimate)	Out of Control
Brenda Creek (K51924): 871 ha (estimate)	Being Held

THOMAS CREEK WILDFIRE (K51794)

This fire was first discovered on Sunday, July 11, 2021 and is approximately 5 kilometres northeast of Okanagan Falls.

CONDITIONS:

A warm, drying trend has returned to the south Okanagan. Temperatures will increase and humidity will decrease over the coming days. Winds will be from the south west. Fire behaviour is expected to increase on a daily basis.

OBJECTIVES:

Crews will continue to establish machine and contingency guards around the perimeter of the fire in a methodical manner. These guard lines will be reinforced using hand and aerial ignitions when conditions allow.

The fire remains active on the northwest flank in the Derenzy Lake area, and on the northeast flank by Allendale Lake. Favorable winds on August 6th allowed crews to undertake a 300 hectare planned ignition in the Derenzy Lake area. This planned ignition was critical in reinforcing a guard line in an effort to gain containment on the fire. This technique is used to remove unburnt fuels between the guard line and the fire to help further secure the fire perimeter. Crews will continue to mop up hotspots in the area where the planned ignition occurred.

The contingent of Canadian Armed Forces personnel working on this fire has increased significantly today, which will provide a greater overall compliment of valuable ground crews. These personnel will continue to work on fire suppression in alignment with BC Wildfire Service staff.

A BC wildfire Service Incident Management Team is managing the Okanagan Complex, which includes the Thomas Creek (K51794), the Brenda Creek (K51924) and the Nk'Mip Creek (K52061) wildfires. Aircraft and other resources may be reallocated from day to day within the complex as priorities shift.

RESOURCES:

Firefighters — 48 firefighters and 64 Canadian Military personnel.

Heavy Equipment — 25

Helicopters — 3 (assigned)

Support — 39 including a BCWS Incident Management Team

EVACUATION ALERTS, ORDERS & AREA RESTRICTIONS:

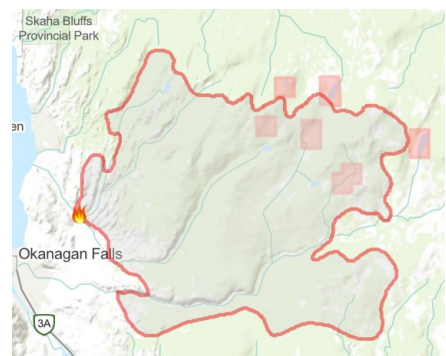
As a result of ongoing suppression efforts and favourable weather conditions, the BC Wildfire Service has recommended changes in evacuation order and alert areas to local governments.

For the Thomas Creek Wildfire, visit the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen website for more details: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/>

An Area Restriction was implemented on July 21, 2021 and further updated on July 24, 2021. More information is available at: www.bcwildfire.bc.ca.



3 days after the August 6 planned ignition on the Thomas Creek fire.



Source: BC Wildfire Dashboard

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Nk'Mip CREEK WILDFIRE (K52001)

This fire was first discovered 6 kilometers north of Osoyoos on July 19, 2021.

CONDITIONS:

A warm, drying trend has returned to the south Okanagan. Temperatures will increase and humidity will decrease over the coming days. Winds will be from the south west. Fire behaviour is expected to increase on a daily basis.

OBJECTIVES:

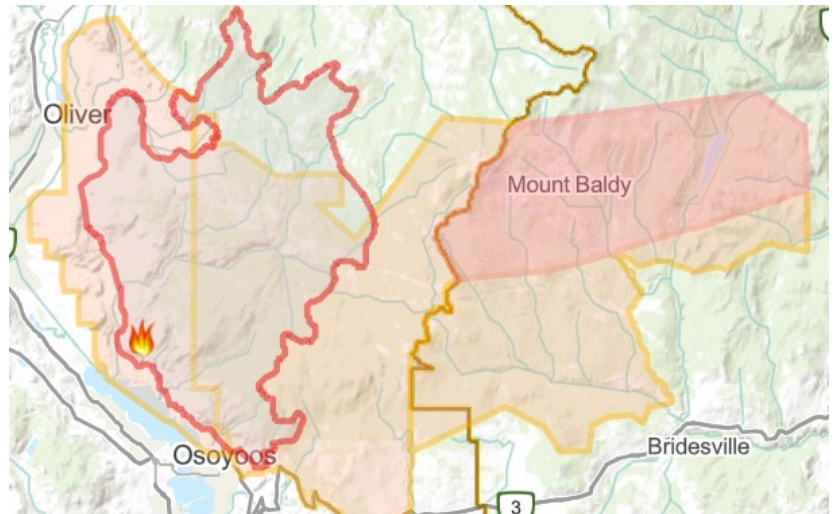
Crews will continue to establish machine and contingency guards around the perimeter of the fire in a methodical manner. These guard lines will be reinforced using hand and aerial ignitions when conditions allow. Today a large contingent of crews and helicopters will focus on the northwest flank of the fire, where steep terrain and increased fire behaviour may challenge suppression efforts. This is being done to keep the fire out of the front country. Firefighters continue to mop-up hot spots along the southern fire perimeter.

A task force of structural protection crews and engines will continue to patrol to protect assets along McKinney Road and in other areas of the fire. Properties near Mt. Baldy are being continually assessed for structural protection needs. Structural protection specialists have demobilized their equipment in the Shrike Community due to decreased fire risk in that area.



Northwest corner of the Nk'Mip fire, which is the main focus of ground crews and aerial resources on August 9.

A contingent of 98 Mexican firefighters arrived on this fire on July 25th. They left for three days of rest on Saturday August 7th and will return to this fire on Wednesday, August 11th. Staff continue to develop plans to effectively utilize the Mexican firefighters within high priority areas of the fire upon their return.



Source: [BC Wildfire Dashboard](#)

RESOURCES:

Firefighters — 122 firefighters

Heavy Equipment — 36

Helicopters — 9 (assigned)

Support — 38 including a BCWS Incident Management Team

Structural Protection: 1 structural protection task force leader, 8 firefighters from 3 fire departments are working on this fire.

EVACUATION ALERTS, ORDERS & AREA RESTRICTIONS:

As a result of ongoing suppression efforts and favourable weather conditions the BC Wildfire Service has recommended changes to local governments on the evacuation orders and alert areas.

For the Nk'Mip Creek Wildfire, visit the following websites for more information on these changes and remaining evacuation details:

- The Osoyoos Indian Band: <http://oib.ca/>
- The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/>
- Kootenay Boundary Regional District: <https://emergency.rdkb.com/Current-Emergencies/nkmip-creek-fire>

In the interest of public and responder safety, an Area Restriction was implemented on July 24 and expanded on August 7. More information is available at: www.bcwildfire.bc.ca.