



**White Rock Lake**  
(K61884)

**FIRE SIZE**  
56,500 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:

A finger of fire in the Naswhito drainage moved several hundred metres east last night. All other control lines held on the eastern perimeter last night and there was no further growth east from the main east flank of the fire. Throughout the rest of the fire, Rank 1 - 3 fire was observed. There was no growth outside existing control lines for the entire fire, except for the Naswhito Creek drainage. Helicopters were bucketing active areas of the fire all day, yesterday.

Today we are expecting sunny skies with a few cloudy periods. High temperature will be 29 C and minimum relative humidity (RH) near 25%. Winds NW 10-15 km/h in the morning becoming NW 15 to 20 with gusts to 35 km/h during the afternoon.

On Thursday and Friday, the upper ridge is forecast to persist with mainly sunny skies expected. Winds generally light in the morning with some afternoon gustiness. Wind direction N to NW. Highs near 30 C with RH dropping to the upper teens during the afternoon.

#### STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

The structure protection branch consists 119 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, 18 engines, six mass-water delivery systems, and 14 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. Every property that is, or has been, at risk from the wildfire has been assessed and triaged. Structure protection is also working in the interface and intermix areas, including rural properties throughout the fire perimeter, where possible to conduct structure protection.

#### RESOURCES:

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

**Heavy Equipment** – 63

**Danger tree assessors/fallers** – 15

**Helicopters** – 14 assigned

**Incident Management Team**

#### STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

**Personnel** – 119

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

**Equipment** – seven pieces of heavy equipment, 18 engines, 14 water tenders, and six 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**

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## OBJECTIVES:

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. Yesterday, rank 1 to 2 fire behaviour was observed throughout most of the west flank. There was a single spot fire over the guard that equipment responded to and have contained.

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. A unit crew and heavy equipment have completed line on the east side of the finger and are now working to establish line across the top towards Paxton Lake. From there, equipment and crews will work from Paxton Lake west and connect to Hwy 97. A unit crew is working in the Ingram Road excursion. Machine guard is being built from Biancotto Lake south to existing hand guard. Guard is being constructed in the Paxton Valley by a unit crew and heavy equipment. The fire has not jumped any guards in the Paxton Valley area; however, bucket helicopters were required most of Aug 10 to assist guard construction. 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. Most of Div A is burning rank 1 – 2.

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 evening, the fire crossed the Naswito drainage and was burning rank 3 and 4. Bucket ships and firefighters were working in the area to create control lines where safe to do so. Heavy equipment is working along the northeast tip of Div B to create machine guard where possible.



The Sikorsky 64 SkyCrane helicopter pictured here has a 2,650-gallon tank that is fillable in less than one-minute. This machine has been an instrumental resource in the helicopter fleet assigned to this fire.

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## EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

As of 12:00 p.m., August 11, 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](mailto: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

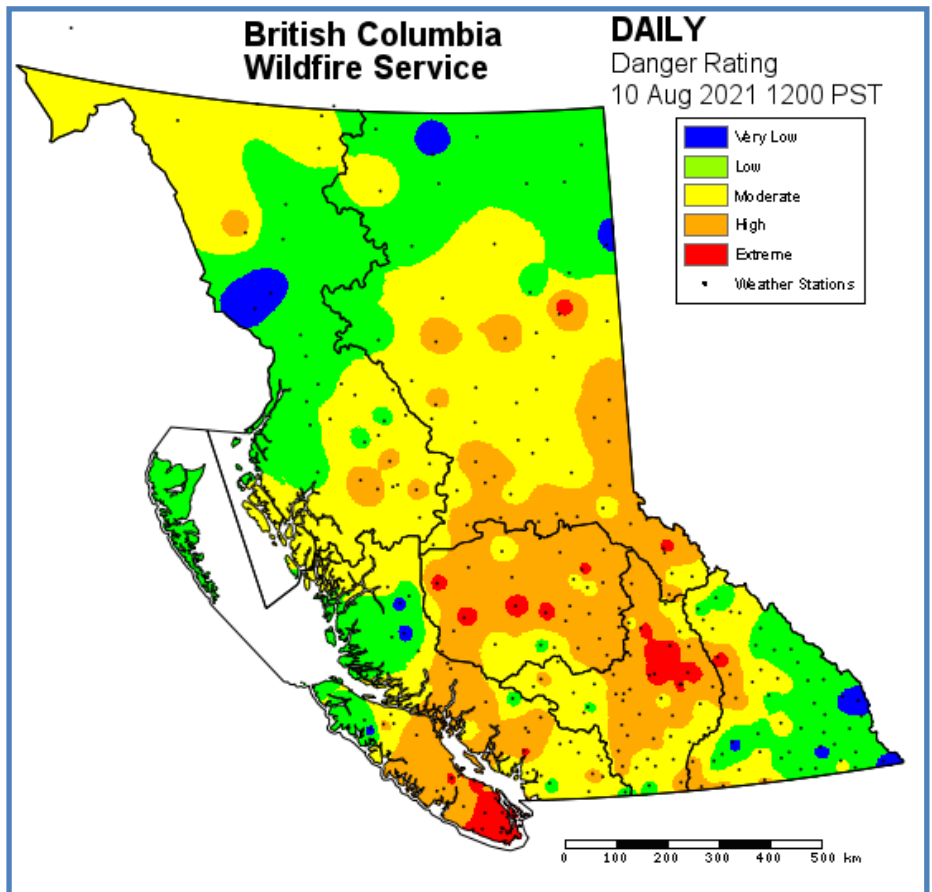
-8490 (local) or 1-877-569-8490 (toll-free)

The Spltasín 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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