



SPARKS LAKE
(K21001)

FIRE SIZE:
65,484 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:
Out of Control

OBJECTIVES:

Updates to the objectives and status may be minimal over the next few days. The current objectives will take time to complete and remain static. The fire remains active along the northern flank and is growing moderately in a north east direction. With forecast high temperatures and low relative humidity, fire activity will remain high along the northern and northeast flank. The fire has not moved west or east significantly and there is minimal fire behaviour on the west and southeast flank. As areas in the south are being secured, crews will move up along the eastern and western flank to create control lines and direct attack where possible towards the north of the fire.



Fire burning from the guard inward on July 27, 2021.

RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 66

Heavy Equipment - 27

Helicopters – 10 assigned

EVACUATION ALERTS AND

ORDERS: The TNRD downgraded and Order to an Alert for the Alpine Valley area, however, an Order remains for properties west of the Alpine Valley. Details and a map is included in this update. 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 ORDER:

The BC Wildfire Service has updated the Area Restriction Order in the vicinity of the Sparks Lake wildfire that was implemented July 26, 2021. The size of the area restriction reflects the continued need to protect the public in areas where there are ongoing fire suppression activities. Find the map here: <http://ow.ly/auCv30rP3sY>

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Sparks Lake Information Section

Telephone: 778-649-0787 | Email: BCWS.SparksLakeInfo@gov.bc.ca



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FORECAST: Issued: July 31, 2021 for July 31, 2021

TODAY: Variable cloud with isolated thunderstorms. High temperature 40 C and minimum RH 10%. Winds variable 10 to 20 becoming light and variable in the evening. Temperatures will drop to 18 C with recovering RH 30%.

OUTLOOK: By Monday the region will be in a drier southwest flow. Skies will see more sunshine, and temperatures will be in the high twenties to low thirties with light south to west winds. A renewed ridge over the province Tuesday and Wednesday will bring temperatures in the low to mid-thirties. Light southwest winds are expected each day.

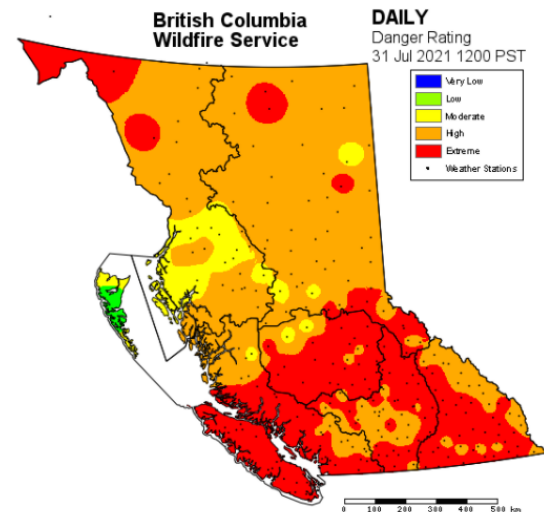
STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Three SPU crews (total 27 personnel), four Structure Protection Unit Trailers, one Structural Protection Specialists, and additional water tenders with operators are continuing to work with the Skeetchestn Fire Department. Structure Protection crews are continuing to apply FireSmart principles and triage communities as needed.



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FIRE DANGER RATING

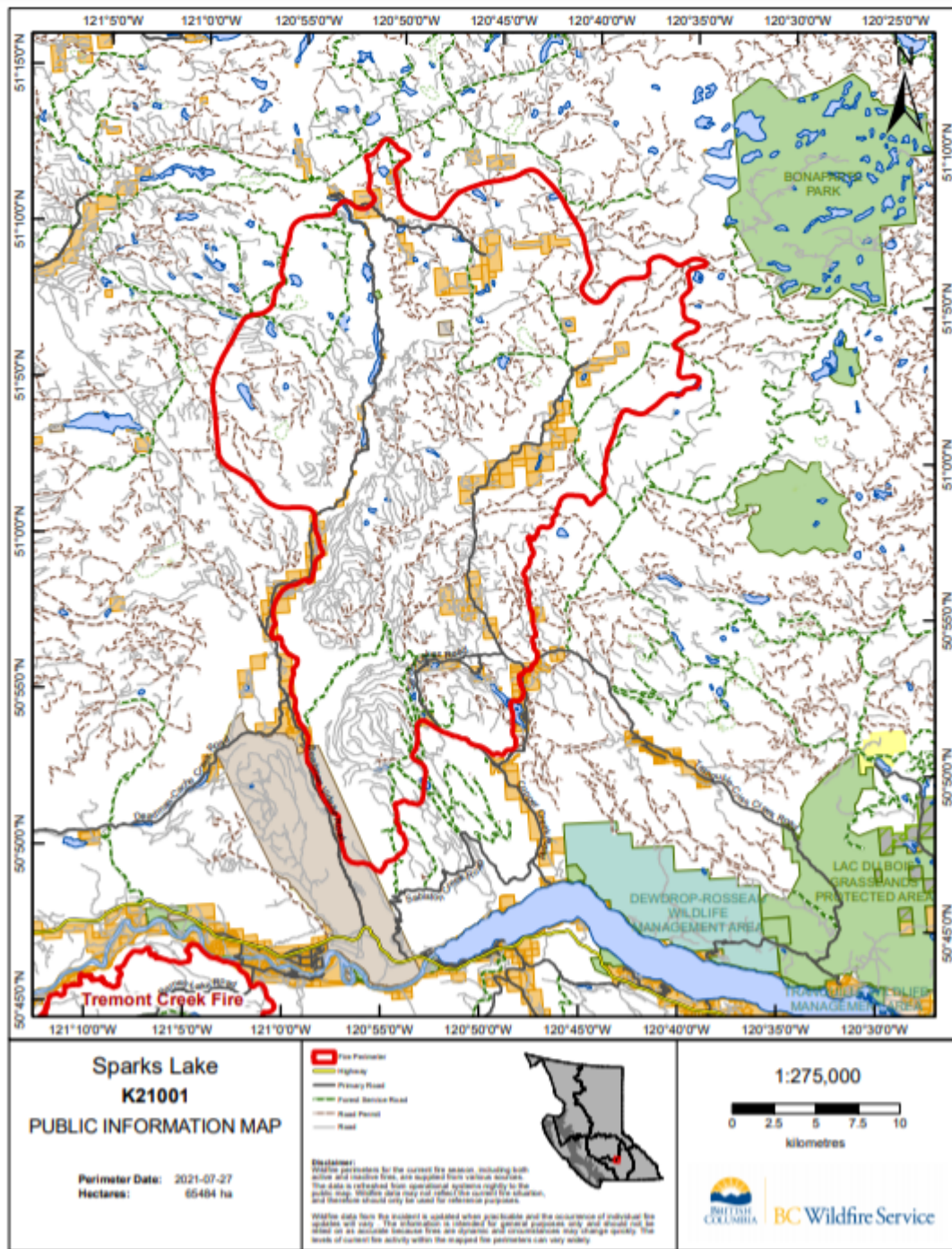


COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY:

Inquiries about compensation for fire suppression damage to private property should be emailed to BCWSClaims@gov.bc.ca.

If you do not have access to email, please direct inquiries to:

"Attention Claims" - BC Wildfire Service, Victoria HQ
2957 Jutland Road
PO Box 9502 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC, V8W 9C1, CANADA



Updated fire perimeter for the Sparks Lake wildfire (K21001) as of July 28, 2021.

Spot a wildfire, smoke or illegal fire activity? Call 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on your cellphone.