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July 31, 2021

WILDFIRE UPDATE

Tremont Creek	FIRE SIZE:	FIRE STATUS:
(K21849)	26,855 hectares (estimate)	Out of Control

RESOURCES:

60 personnel are responding during the day and 8 personnel are continuing to work overnight in conjunction with heavy equipment and the Ashcroft Fire Department. During the day, crews are assisted by seven helicopters, 37 pieces of heavy equipment, an Incident Management Team and Structure Protection personnel. Structure protection equipment is established and being monitored in areas of the fire with structures present. Resources are shared within the Sparks Lake Complex.

UPDATES:

July 31: Last night, the fire crossed the Guichon creek road and entered the western edge of Tunkwa Provincial Park. The fire is currently travelling in a north-easterly direction at a moderate pace. The District of Logan Lake is currently not at imminent threat; however, an Evacuation Alert has been recommended by the BC Wildfire Service. Based on current fire behaviour, the BC Wildfire Service has also recommended expanded evacuation orders and alerts to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, including an Evacuation Order for the Tunkwa Provincial Park. Over the coming days, crews will be deployed to the south, eastern and north-eastern edges of the fire.

Cattlemen are working throughout the areas to the south and east of the fire, to remove cattle from the fires path, please be patient if you are stopped or held up while they are crossing any roads.

July 27: Crews are moving along the south and east flank to continue ignition operations in order to bring the fire to the guard. Construction of guard around the head of the fire will also continue as crews mop up spots along the west flank. Last night, at approximately 02:50, Highway 97C was closed from Mesa Vista Dr to Highland Valley Copper Mine for 41km. It was re-opened at 06:00. Due to an increase in fire behaviour along Highway 97C there may be closures with little to no notice. The BC Wildfire Service is working with the RCMP and Ministry of Transportation to ensure safe travel along Highway 97C. For up to date road closure information check DriveBC.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Tremont Creek Information Team| Hours: 0800-2200

778 364-1265| BCWS.SparksLakeInfo@gov.bc.ca

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Tremont Creek on July 21 during spot ignitions.

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EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued Evacuation Orders and Alerts for Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country) and for Electoral area "J" (Copper Desert Country). The Oregon Jack Creek Indian Band have issued an Evacuation Order. The communities of Ashcroft and Cache Creek, as well as the Ashcroft Band remain on evacuation alert. To see the full list of affected properties, please contact:

TNRD Emergency Operations Centre
Phone: (250) 377-7188
Toll Free: 1-866-377-7188
emergency@tnrd.ca

Ashcroft Indian Band
Phone: (250) 453-9154
Email: info@ashcroftband.ca
ashcroftband.ca

AREA RESTRICTION:

An area restriction is in place as of July 18, 2021 for an area over the Tremont Creek Wildfire area. This is NOT an evacuation alert or order. Under this order and Section 11(2) of the Wildfire Act, a person must not remain in or enter the restricted area without the prior written authorization of an official designated for the purposes of the Wildfire Act, unless the person enters the area only in the course of:

(a) Travelling as a person acting in an official capacity.

(b) Travelling for the purpose of supporting wildfire suppression activities.

(c) Travelling as a person working for Highland Valley Copper Mine to and from the mine site for the purposes of maintaining critical infrastructure at the site.

(d) Travelling to or from his or her principle residence, that is not under an evacuation order.

(e) Travelling to or from private or leased property for the purposes of accessing a secondary residence or recreational property, that is not under an evacuation order.

(f) Engaging and/or participating in agricultural activities pertaining to livestock or agriculture management on private or leased property.

(g) Using a highway as defined in the Highway Act (e.g. use of travelling along Hwy 97C).

The area restriction in place currently has an expiry date of October 15, 2021. However, once the area is considered safe for entry, the BC Wildfire Service will rescind the order.

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REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has chosen Voyent Alert! to serve the region to provide residents with critical emergency information. Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors during critical events like fires or floods as well as for relevant day-to-day communications. Registration is FREE, simple and totally anonymous. For mobile app alerts, download and install the *Voyent Alert!* app from the Apple or Google Play stores For email, text message, or voice call alerts: https://register.voyent-alert.com

Personalized Communications: Voyent Alert! provides informative communications. Critical information such as the distance and direction from an incident, time of intercept and preferred evacuation routes from your tracked locations.

Track Multiple Locations: Voyent Alert! allows you to create and track multiple locations such as “Kids School” or “Mom’s House”. Any event or communication related to your tracked locations will be forwarded to you along your preferred communication channel.

No Message Fatigue: Voyent Alert’s smart alerting capabilities ensure that you will only get notified when a communication is relevant to you or one of the locations you are tracking.

Communications Your Way: Receive alerts over a wide variety of communication channels including mobile apps, text/SMS alerting, email or voice calling You can register for all or one of them.

Privacy is Paramount: Registration is anonymous, and no information volunteered or derived is shared or used for marketing or data harvesting purposes. Locational information from your tracked locations is only used to determine its proximity to an alert event and to provide critical context within the communications (such as distance and direction).

Leaving is Easy: Both mobile applications and web-based accounts provide access to an unsubscribe feature accessed via the menu icon on the top right of the screen/page. If the service isn’t working out simply click on “Unsubscribe” button.

See the full release at: https//www.tnrd.ca

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RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES:

The BC Economic Development Association (BCEDA) has launched a special webpage dedicated to Wildfires 2021—https://www.bceda.ca/wildfires.php — which contains a live document where information will be added for business and communities, plus manuals and toolkits dedicated to disaster preparation.

Have the BC Wildfires impacted your Business? Is so, a short survey has been created . The responses will help distinguish businesses' and communities' short and long-term needs. The BCEDA has pledged to do everything it can to help.

The BCEDA collects this information to share in an aggregate format with provincial, Indigenous, Local and Regional Governments. No confidential information will be shared unless a follow-up call is requested by the business. All information is stored in Canada by Soft landing.

Here is the URL for the survey:
https://www.executivepulse.ca/bcwildfire2021

MORE BCEDA RESOURCES:

Resources for Wildfire Impacted Individuals & Businesses 2021 (Live Document) - A document of resources that is constantly being updated as new information and resources are released. Check back in on this document regularly for up-to-date information regarding the wildfires.

Top 10 Steps to Prepare Your Business for Evacuation - A document that can be made available to businesses in your community to aid in, and encourage, preparation for an evacuation scenario. It highlights the 10 steps necessary to prepare a business for an evacuation.

Province of BC: Disaster Financial Assistance—Following a disaster, the provincial government may declare the event eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA). Once declared, the DFA program may compensate individuals for essential uninsurable losses and/or reimburse local governments for damaged infrastructure.

Local Economic Recovery & Restart Toolkit - This toolkit provides a collection of resources developed to assist local councils, organizations and individuals involved in community economic recovery following an emergency such as the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires and floods .

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

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

BC Wildfire Service	Emergency Management BC	Local municipalities and regional districts	First Nations
- BCWS's jurisdiction covers all BC Parks, Crown and private lands, but does not include the boundaries of local governments that have forest fire prevention bylaws and are serviced by a fire department. - BCWS speaks directly about **wildfires** (i.e. fire status, operations, etc.) and is responsible for disseminating wildfire updates to local governments, stakeholders, First Nations and the public. - BCWS does <u>not</u> announce Strategic Evacuation Orders or Alerts. - BCWS <u>does</u> announce Tactical Evacuations. - In the event of an imminent threat to public safety, BCWS can authorize an immediate **Tactical Evacuation** of the affected area.	- EMBC coordinates communication across all agencies and stakeholders to support communities. - EMBC provides advice to evacuees and support to communities regarding Emergency Operations Centres and Emergency Support Services.	- Local Municipalities and Regional Districts speak directly about **Strategic Evacuation Orders and Alerts in** their respective jurisdictions. - Local Municipalities and Regional Districts <u>do not</u> speak about the status of a wildfire unless the fire occurs within their jurisdiction. For example, if a wildfire <u>starts</u> within the boundaries of a local government, BCWS will often assist the local fire department with suppression efforts. If the fire spreads into Crown land to become a wildfire, BCWS will often assume control.	- On IR lands, Evacuation Orders and Alerts are implemented by a Band Council Resolution or other. - A designated person(s) from the respective First Nations community will speak to Evacuation Orders and Alerts on IR lands.

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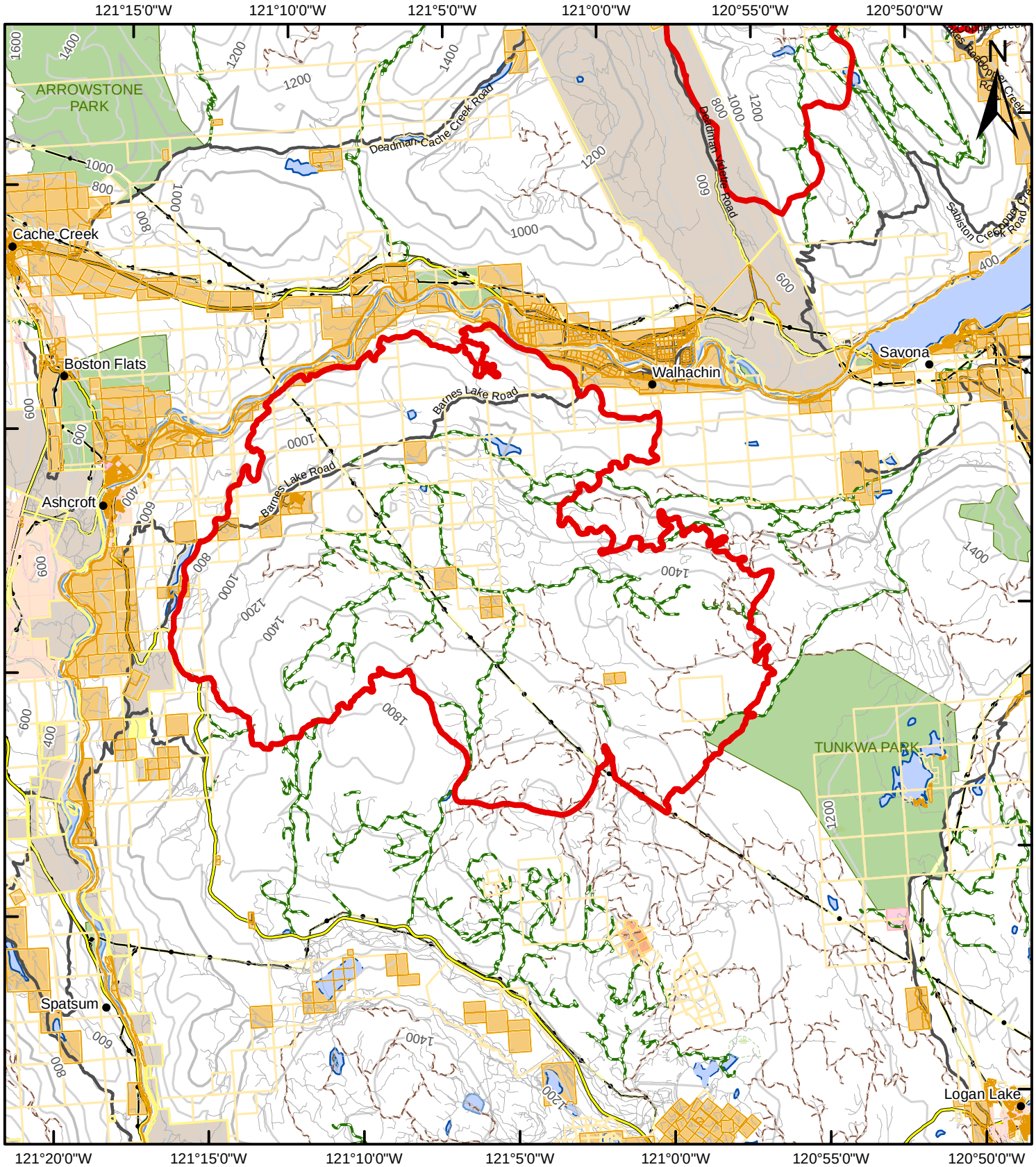

Tremont Creek

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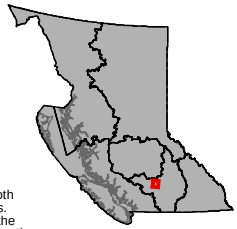
PUBLIC INFORMATION MAP

Perimeter Date: 2021-07-31
Hectares: 26855 ha

- Fire Perimeter
- Highway
- Primary Road
- Forest Service Road
- Road Permit
- Road
- Transmission Lines
- Indian Reserve
- Private
- Mixed Ownership
- Federal
- Municipal
- Crown Agency
- Unknown



Disclaimer:
Wildfire perimeters for the current fire season, including both active and inactive fires, are supplied from various sources. The data is refreshed from operational systems nightly to the public map. Wildfire data may not reflect the current fire situation, and therefore should only be used for reference purposes.

Wildfire data from the incident is updated when practicable and the occurrence of individual fire updates will vary . The information is intended for general purposes only and should not be relied on as accurate because fires are dynamic and circumstances may change quickly. The levels of current fire activity within the mapped fire perimeters can vary widely.

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