



OKANAGAN COMPLEX

Nk'Mip Creek
(K52061)

FIRE SIZE
13,000 hectares (estimate)

FIRE STATUS
Out of Control



Morning operations briefing occurring at 0700 hrs on Aug. 01 at the fire camp in Oliver.

CONDITIONS:

Some light showers occurred in the overnight period, which are anticipated to continue today with scattered precipitation, higher minimum relative humidity, and a slight dip in temperature. Winds today are forecast to be 5-15 km/hr from the north, with afternoon gusts of 15-30 km/hr in the afternoon. The slight reprieve in

weather may temper fire behaviour, but unfortunately is not expected to significantly affect the overall fire danger ratings in the long term.

OBJECTIVES:

The Incident Management Team has assumed command of the Okanagan Complex 71W22KC which includes Thomas Creek (K51794), Brenda Creek (K51924) and Nk'Mip Creek (K52061) wildfires. Aircraft and other resources may be reallocated from day to day within the complex as priorities shift. Crews will continue to patrol and mop up around residential areas near McKinney Rd, Nk'Mip Rd, Shrike Hill, and by Mt. Baldy Resort to reinforce existing guards and extinguish hotspots. Tactical FireSmart and structural protection around impacted communities continues. By removing available fuels from within home ignition zones and around facilities, fires are less likely to impact interface areas. Heavy equipment remains on site and is continuing with line location, and construction and reinforcement of guards to the southeast of Mt. Baldy Resort. Crews on the south flank of the fire are continuing mop up and patrol near the Anarchist Mountain community.

RESOURCES:

Wildfire personnel – 186
Heavy Equipment – 26
Helicopters – six assigned
Incident Management Team
Structural Protection Specialists—46

EVACUATION ALERTS & ORDERS:

The [Osoyoos Indian Band](#) (OIB) have issued Evacuation Alerts and Orders for properties within their jurisdiction. Please contact them at 250 498-3117 for details.

The [Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen](#) (RDOS) have issued Evacuation Alerts and Orders for properties in Electoral Area "A", "C" and some properties in the town of Oliver. Please contact the Emergency Operations centre at 250 490-4225 or visit their website for details. The RDOS has declared a local State of Emergency.

The [Regional District of Kootenay Boundary](#) (RDKB) have issued Evacuation Alerts and Orders for Electoral Area "E"/West Boundary. Please contact them at 1 888 747-9119 for details.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Thomas Creek
(K51794)

FIRE SIZE
10,250 hectares (estimate)

FIRE STATUS
Out of Control

This fire was first discovered on Sunday, July 11, 2021 and is approximately 3 kilometres northeast of Okanagan Falls.

CONDITIONS:

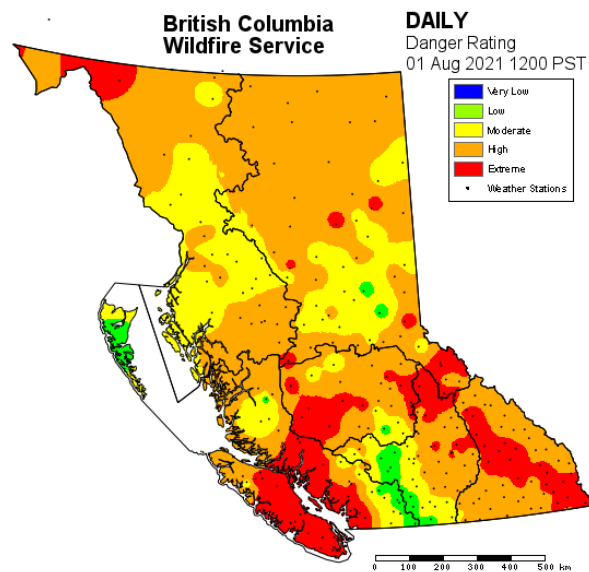
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OBJECTIVES:

Fire growth continues to be observed along the north flank in the Derenzy and McLean Clan Lake area.

Helicopters are continuing to deliver water along the north flank to ensure the fire does not spread into the drainage north of Christie Mountain. Where it is safe to do so, ground crews are continuing to focus on suppression efforts along the south flank.

Yesterday, crews continued to make good progress along the south guard and will continue to look for opportunities to complete additional small hand ignitions along these guards. This technique is frequently used to remove unburnt fuels along control lines to help further secure the fire perimeter. Heavy machinery is working to establish containment lines in the southeast corner of the fire to support crew progress along the south flank.



RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 27 and 34 military personnel

Support Staff – seven

Danger tree assessors/fallers – eight

Heavy Equipment – 25

Helicopters – six assigned

Incident Management Team

EVACUATION ALERTS & ORDERS:

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) has issued an Evacuation Alert for 724 properties in Electoral Area "D," as well as an Evacuation Order for 8 properties in Electoral Area "D." More information is available here: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/>

AREA RESTRICTION:

In the interest of public and responder safety, the Area Restriction Order in the vicinity of the Thomas Creek wildfire was updated on July 27, 2021. The size of the Area Restriction Order reflects the need to protect the public in areas where there are ongoing suppression activities. For more information, please review the [Thomas Creek Area Restriction Order](#) information bulletin and [map](#).

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Brenda Creek
(K51924)

FIRE SIZE
824 hectares (estimate)

FIRE STATUS
Out of Control

This fire was first discovered on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 and is located south of the Okanagan Connector (Highway 97C), approximately 40 kilometres west of West Kelowna.

CONDITIONS:

The fire experienced strong winds yesterday, but crews and bucketing helicopters were able to hold the fire guards. Some light showers occurred in the overnight period, which are anticipated to continue today with scattered precipitation, higher minimum relative humidity, and a slight dip in temperature. Winds today are forecast to be 5-15 km/hr from the north, with afternoon gusts of 15-30 km/hr in the afternoon. The slight reprieve in weather may temper fire behaviour, but is not expected to significantly affect the overall fire danger ratings.

OBJECTIVES:

Structural protection remains in place on high value resources, including on the cabins in the Headwater Creek area. Crews will continue to patrol and extinguish hot spots along the powerlines.

Northeast of the fire perimeter crews are working on 100% mop up on a small excursion outside of the guard. Crews are patrolling along the guard south of the fire perimeter and utilizing a skidder to extinguish hot spots, as well as completing a 25-foot blackline along the Brenda Lake West Road once Danger Tree Assessments have been completed in the area.

AREA RESTRICTION:

The BC Wildfire Service implemented an Area Restriction Order in the vicinity of the Brenda Creek wildfire on July 17, 2021. This Area Restriction Order will remain in place until noon, October 15, 2021 or until it is rescinded. 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 [Brenda Creek Area Restriction Order](#) information bulletin and [map](#).

RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 34

Heavy Equipment – 16

Support staff – two

Danger tree assessors/fallers – two

Helicopters – five assigned

Incident Management Team

EVACUATION ALERTS & ORDERS:

Evacuation Orders and Alerts have been issued by:

The [Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen](#) (RDOS), and;

The [Regional District Central Okanagan](#) (RDCO)

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