



White Rock Lake
(K61884)

FIRE SIZE
58,000 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:

Environment Canada has issued a special weather statement for the Vernon area. A building ridge of high pressure will result in rising temperatures through the rest of the week. Daytime temperatures near or above 35 degrees are expected with overnight minimum temperatures near or above 18 degrees. The time frame of the hottest weather is today and Saturday.

On Sunday, the ridge is expected to breakdown with strong gusting winds from the southeast expected. There will most likely be a significant increase in fire activity Saturday / Sunday with the forecast weather. Heavy equipment and crews are being moved to priority areas on the fire that are expected to be the most challenging along the north, northeast, and east flanks. Rank 2 - 4 fire behaviour is expected today.

Today: Mainly sunny. High temperature 31 C and minimum RH near 20%. Winds becoming E to NE 15 km/h.

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

The structure protection branch consists 139 structure protection personnel from various fire departments. Structure protection 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, seven Type 2 SPU trailer, 20 engines, five mass-water delivery systems, and 16 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 – 195 (22 who remained on-site overnight)

Heavy Equipment – 73

Danger tree assessors/fallers – 15

Helicopters – 16 assigned

Incident Management Team

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Personnel – 139

Structure Protection Unit Trailers— nine (two Type 1 and seven Type 2)

Equipment – seven pieces of heavy equipment, 20 engines, 16 water tenders, and five mass-water delivery systems. Structure protection 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

Telephone: 778-694-0787 | Email: BCWS.WhiteRockInfo@gov.bc.ca



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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. On the northern flank, crews are working on containment along Grange FSR to Adelphi Road on the eastern side of the northern finger and along the Monte Creek Private FSR on the western side. Crews and heavy equipment have completed line on the east side of the finger and were able to successfully establish line across the top towards Paxton Lake and connect to Hwy 97. 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. There is a hose lay throughout the north perimeter completed now. A unit crew is working in the Ingram Road area. Machine guard is being built from Biancotto Lake south to existing hand guard. 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. Construction on the Martin contingency line, along Duck Range Road to Martin Mtn was completed on August 12. This will act as a secondary control line should the fire move north.



Yesterday, crews successfully utilized planned ignitions when working in the northern flank of the fire to safely bring the fire to established control lines.

Crews are continuing to monitor the southern flank of the fire. Control lines along the south of the fire perimeter were completed 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 has been constructed. This will act as a second contingency guard should the fire progress south. Most of Div A is burning rank 1 – 2. Helicopters will be used to cool any encroachment on the guard.

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. Heavy equipment will continue to construct dozer line from Birch Creek to Naswhito Creek and use aircraft to cool the fire above the guard construction. Bucket ships and firefighters were working in the area to create control lines where safe to do so.

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WILDFIRE UPDATE

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

As of 12:00 p.m., August 13, 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 / 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.

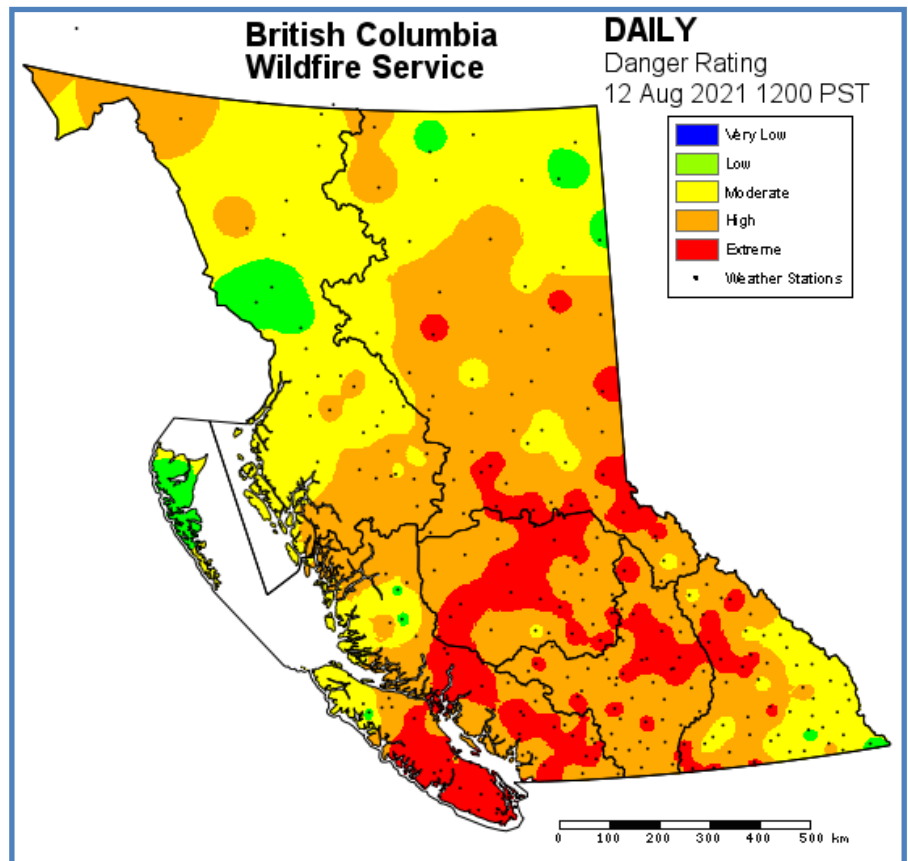
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The City of Vernon has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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The Township of Spallumcheen has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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