



71W22KC - Okanagan Complex

FIRE SIZE/STATUS:

Nk'Mip Creek (K52061) 17, 469 (estimate)	Out of Control
Thomas Creek (K51794): 11,755 ha (estimate)	Out of Control
Brenda Creek (K51924): 871 ha (estimate)	Being Held

THOMAS CREEK WILDFIRE (K51794)

This fire was first discovered on Sunday, July 11, 2021 and is approximately 5 kilometres northeast of Okanagan Falls.

CONDITIONS:

A warm, drying trend has returned to the south Okanagan. Temperatures will remain seasonal or above seasonal for several days. Relative humidity will drop as temperatures increase. Winds will continue to be from the northwest with stronger gusts occurring in the afternoon. Fire behaviour will continue to increase each day. These conditions are expected to cause new growth on the fire and may also cause the fire to become more visible to surrounding communities.

OBJECTIVES:

Crews will continue to establish machine and contingency guards around the perimeter of the fire in a methodical manner. These guard lines will be reinforced using hand and aerial ignitions when conditions allow.

The fire remains active on the northwest flank in the Derenzy Lake area, and on the northeast flank by Allendale Lake. Continued use of planned ignitions is critical in reinforcing a guard lines to gain containment on the fire. This technique is used to remove unburnt fuels between the guard line and the fire to help further secure the fire perimeter. Crews will continue to mop up hotspots in the area where the planned ignition occurred.

The recent increase in Canadian Armed Forces personnel that are working on this fire is providing a greater overall compliment of valuable ground crews to support the efforts of aircraft and equipment. These personnel will continue to work on fire suppression in alignment with BC Wildfire Service staff.

A BC wildfire Service Incident Management Team is managing the Okanagan Complex, which includes the Thomas Creek (K51794), the Brenda Creek (K51924) and the Nk'Mip Creek (K52061) wildfires. Aircraft and other resources may be reallocated from day to day within the complex as priorities shift.

RESOURCES:

Firefighters — 46 firefighters and 47 Canadian Military personnel.

Heavy Equipment — 27

Helicopters — 4 (assigned)

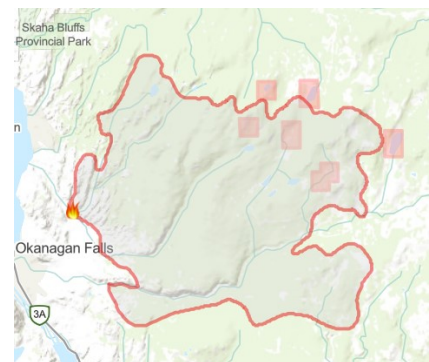
Support — 33 including a BCWS Incident Management Team

EVACUATION ALERTS, ORDERS & AREA RESTRICTIONS:

The BC Wildfire Service continues to monitor conditions and assess current recommendations to local governments regarding Evacuation Orders and Alerts.

For the Thomas Creek Wildfire, visit the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen website for more details: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/>

An Area Restriction was implemented on July 21, 2021 and further updated on July 24, 2021. More information is available at: www.bcwildfire.bc.ca.



Source: [BC Wildfire Dashboard](https://www.bcwildfire.bc.ca)

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Nk'Mip CREEK WILDFIRE (K52061)

This fire was first discovered 6 kilometers north of Osoyoos on July 19, 2021.

CONDITIONS:

A warm, drying trend has returned to the south Okanagan. Temperatures will remain seasonal or above seasonal for several days. Relative humidity will drop as temperatures increase. Winds will continue to be from the northwest with stronger gusts occurring in the afternoon. Fire behaviour will continue to increase each day. These conditions are expected to cause new growth on the fire and may also cause the fire to become more visible to surrounding communities.

OBJECTIVES:

Crews will continue to establish machine and contingency guards around the perimeter of the fire in a methodical manner. Yesterday, airtankers were used to support a large contingent of crews who are working in steep, rocky terrain on the northwest flank of the fire. The airtankers applied retardant to slow the spread of the fire, which provided more time for ground crews to construct and reinforce guard lines. Helicopters were used to support this effort by bucketing water onto the fire. This is being done to keep the fire out of the front country. Airtankers and helicopters may be used again today to support efforts of ground crews in this same area.

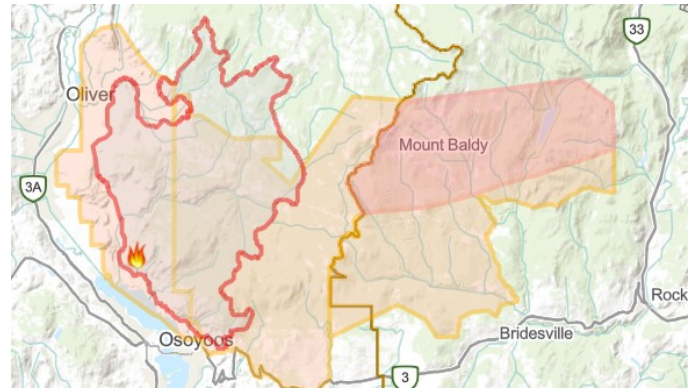
A task force of structural protection crews and engines will continue to patrol to protect assets along McKinney Road and in other areas of the fire and will also action hotspots that are found during patrols. Properties near Mt. Baldy are being continually assessed for structural protection needs.

Ninety-eight Mexican firefighters, have returned today after three days of rest, and will be working within high priority areas of the fire.

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Crews and aerial resources were challenged by the smoke on Thursday.



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RESOURCES:

Firefighters — 229 firefighters
Heavy Equipment — 39
Helicopters — 8 (assigned)
Support — 39 including a BCWS Incident Management Team
Structural Protection: 1 structural protection task force leader, 8 firefighters from 3 fire departments are working on this fire.

EVACUATION ALERTS, ORDERS & AREA

RESTRICTIONS:

The BC Wildfire Service continues to monitor conditions and assess current recommendations to local governments regarding Evacuation Orders and Alerts.

For the Nk'Mip Creek Wildfire, visit the following websites for more information

- The Osoyoos Indian Band: <http://oib.ca/>
- The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/>
- Kootenay Boundary Regional District: <https://emergency.rdkb.com/Current-Emergencies/nkmip-creek-fire>

In the interest of public and responder safety, an Area Restriction was implemented on July 24 and expanded on August 7.

More information is available at: www.bcwildfire.bc.ca.



Partnerships are very important to the work we do at the BC Wildfire Service. At the Okanagan Fire Complex, BCWS is working with multiple partners who assist with fire suppression efforts.

The Okanagan Complex has been supported by four highly qualified Australian Division Supervisors. Now on days of rest, we are expecting them back on August 14th. This is a great example of international collaboration and we are grateful to have them as a close partner.

Across the Province, BC Wildfire is also working alongside Structural Fire Departments under the leadership of Structure Protection Specialists. At the Okanagan Fire Complex, we are currently supported by structural fire fighters from the Village of Errington, the District of Hope and City of Fort St. John. We appreciate the hard work and the professionalism of our Structure Protection Division.



Australian Division Supervisors



Structure Protection Division on the Nk'Mip wildfire.