



CONNELL RIDGE WILDFIRE

(N10989)

FIRE SIZE:

1,503.5 hectares

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

Today on site, there are 51 firefighters and 17 additional operational support staff. The fire is also supported by 25 pieces of heavy equipment and operators, and 13 helicopters with pilots.

UPDATES:

The on-site conditions yesterday afternoon were not favourable for the larger planned ignition operation that crews have been preparing for. However, conditions did improve enough later in the evening which allowed the ignition specialist to direct some smaller ignitions closer to the fire perimeter instead. The smaller ignition area was approximately 15 hectares in size.

Crews will be conducting smaller ignition operations along the southern perimeter of the fire if conditions allow in order to bring fire to the control lines. These ignitions will likely occur in several smaller areas and may be up to 200 hectares in total.



An approximately 15 hectare planned ignition occurred on August 11 on the south flank.

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

The Regional District of East Kootenay has issued an Evacuation Alert in the vicinity of the fire. Evacuation information is available [here](#).

AREA RESTRICTIONS:

An Area Restriction is in effect for this incident in order to protect the public in areas where ongoing fire suppression activities are taking place. Full information including a map of the affected area is available [here](#).

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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WEASEL CREEK WILDFIRE

(N11062)

FIRE SIZE:

1,087 hectares in Canada

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

Jurisdictional collaboration is continuing between the Incident Management Team (IMT) in the United States and the BC Wildfire Service Incident Management Team in Canada.

11 BC Wildfire Service personnel will be assessing priority actions, objectives and values in advance of the expected fire growth in the Flathead area. These crews are working on building containment lines on the east flank where possible. They are working with two fixed-wing tankers, four skimmers, and two bird dog planes, in addition to three helicopters and two pieces of heavy equipment.

If conditions allow, some small hand ignition operations may take place on the northeast of the fire today.



The east flank of the Weasel Creek wildfire August 12

UPDATES:

The BC Wildfire Service would like to remind the public that the Area Restriction for the Weasel Creek wildfire (N11062) has been amended to expand the perimeter. This Area Restriction reflects the continued need to protect the public due to extremely aggressive fire behaviour that will persist into the weekend and in areas where ongoing fire operations are taking place. We are anticipating growth on the northeast flank of this fire over the coming days.

Road closures and area restrictions are subject to change depending on fire activity. Failure to comply with Section 11 restricted area requirements may result in a violation ticket of \$1,150. For the most current information please visit the bans and restrictions section of the BC Wildfire website for the Southeast Fire Centre, or visit: <http://ow.ly/3UJo50Kc3o3>

To read the full information bulletin, visit: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/.../updated-area-restriction-in.../>

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CUMMINGS CREEK WILDFIRE

(N11051)

FIRE SIZE:

52.6 hectares

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

There are currently 40 firefighters and 8 additional operational support staff onsite as well as 47 structural protection personnel. Helicopter bucketing operations occurred on the northern flank of the fire today to cool the fire activity in areas that crews are working.

UPDATES:

Over the past several days, fire activity has continued within the perimeter and some growth has been observed on the southwest flank. The fire has been backing into the wetter areas around the Cummings Creek and growth in the north and easterly directions has slowed, which has allowed the opportunity for crews to safely work on building limited access/egress routes.

Two 20-person Unit Crews have been working on building access routes and contingency lines where safe to do so in order to provide safe egress routes for crews to begin suppression activities. Crews will be assessing opportunities for direct attack on the north and east flanks of the fire and may conduct small hand ignition operations to burn any fuel between the fire perimeter and the creeks.

The structure protection teams working in Sparwood have been conducting practice drills to set up structure protection sprinklers, pumps and bladders, and to practice water shuttling. Residents may see an increase in activity today, but this is currently just to familiarize crews with operational areas and to test for efficiencies.



The Cummings Creek wildfire August 12 at 2:30 p.m.

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FORECAST:

There is a greater chance of thunderstorms in the area tonight and into tomorrow and lower Relative Humidity values are expected.

The thunderstorms could bring gusty winds from the south or southwest. Maximum temperatures are 28 degrees with minimum Relative Humidity of 28%.

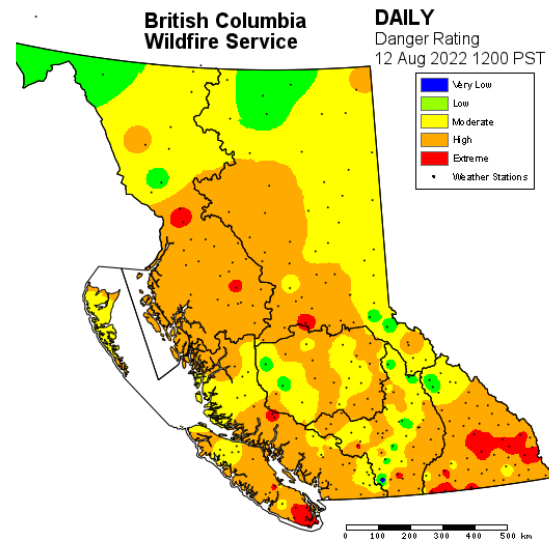
BC Wildfire Service Public Mobile App:

We are thrilled some people are adding photos to the new "Report a Wildfire" feature on the BC Wildfire Service Mobile App! It gives our operational team members clear information of what you are seeing, and helps them make timely response decisions.

When we receive a report with a photo, it is infinitely better than one without. It allows for an almost immediate behaviour assessment and in many cases narrows the location down to a very small area compared to verbal or text reports which can leave us with many kilometres to search. Photos submitted through Report of Fire are accessible to BC Wildfire Service response staff and provide them with a sense of what is happening on the ground before crews arrive on site.

Our biggest asset for detecting new wildfires in B.C. is you! Currently, we estimate less than five per cent of Report of Fire entries have photos.

FIRE DANGER RATING



Fire Danger Rating map for August 12, 2022.

Did you know you can now report a wildfire using our BC Wildfire Service Public Mobile App?

Use the "Report a Fire" function to submit an electronic report and upload a photo. You must have data or a WiFi connection to submit a report.

A video tutorial in the "Help" section explains how to report a fire in the app.



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