



White Rock Lake (K61884)

FIRE SIZE
62,273 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. The cause of this wildfire is under investigation.

CONDITIONS:

An extreme fire behaviour warning has been sent to all firefighters personnel working on the White Rock Lake wildfire due to high winds forecast today.

TODAY: Increasing clouds and smoky. MAX TEMP: 29C MIN RH: 20% WINDS: SW 10-15 km/hr in the morning becoming SW-W 30km/hr with gusts to 50 in the afternoon.

As we move into Monday and Tuesday, anticipated cooler temperatures and a chance of showers will be welcomed.

Due to the gusting winds today, 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.

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

The structure protection branch consists 143 structure protection personnel from various fire departments. Structure protection personnel are remaining on site overnight tonight to ensure 24-hour coverage for Structure Protection. 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 – 212

Heavy Equipment – 57

Danger tree assessors/fallers – 18

Helicopters – 16 assigned

Incident Management Team

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Personnel – 143

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

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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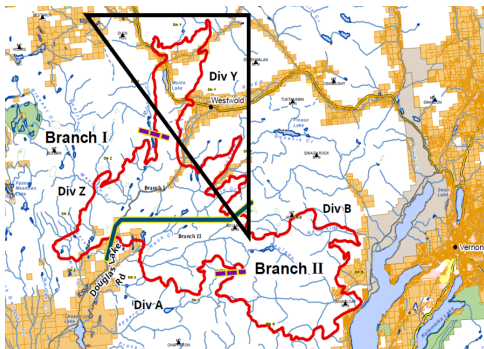


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OBJECTIVES:

Division Yankee (north flank): 103 wildland firefighters, 8 heavy equipment, aerial support



On the northern flank, crews successfully utilized planned ignitions to bring the fire to established control lines on August 12 and continue to mop up throughout Div Y. 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. There is a hose lay throughout the north perimeter completed now. Mop up is occurring along the Adelphi Rd to Woods Lake, the Grange FSR to Douglas Rd, Biancotto Lake to Paxton Lake, along the Private FSR, and by structures on Douglas Rd. Danger tree assessor fallers are working along the Douglas Rd, Private FSR, and

Paxton Valley road. A contingency guard from Biancotto Lake to the east side of Martin Mt continues to be constructed. Another contingency guard is being built south of the powerlines along the Boleau Lake Rd.

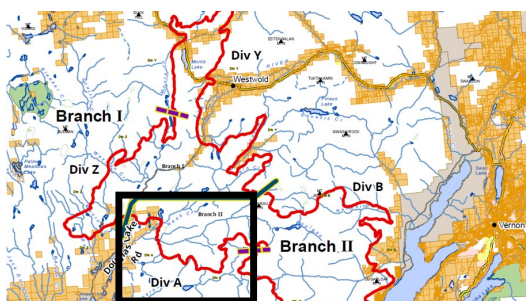
The potential of a 3km fire break, with a mass water system deployed within, from Pillar Lake northwest is being explored. If feasible, this will act as a large barrier to limit the potential of fire growth towards communities northeast of the fire.

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.



Small scale ground ignitions on the Grange FSR in Division Y to hold heavier fire behaviour on Aug 13.

Division Alpha (south-west flank): aerial resources



Crews are continuing to monitor the south east flank for any excursions over control lines. Control lines along the south of the fire perimeter were completed using a combination of Forest Service Roads, lakes, and pre-existing machine guards. 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. The fire has shown low fire behaviour over the last few days.

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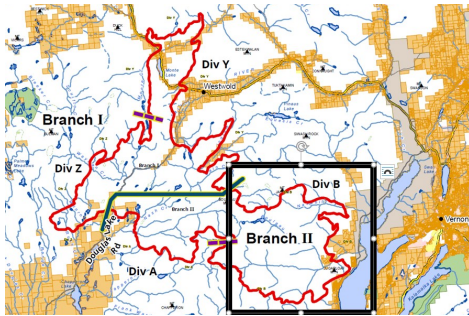


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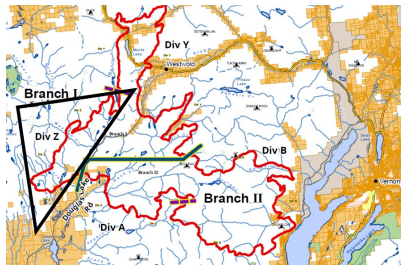
Division Bravo (east flank): 82 wildland firefighters, 3 heavy equipment, aerial resources



On the east flank, crews and structure protection personnel continue to strengthen containment lines above communities in the Westside Rd area where the fire is close to properties. Crews are continuing along the fire perimeter and direct attacking using water and hand ignitions to tie in lines and secure the perimeter. 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. A machine guard is

being constructed from Beau Rd to the Cherry orchard on the north east corner of Div B. Planned ignitions continue to occur following machine guard being built. This has proven very successful on this fire which has primarily been a wind driven fire. Continued growth mainly occurs from spotting driven by sustained high winds. By removing the fuel from the guard to the active wildfire perimeter in small sections, the chance of spotting is greatly reduced. The night shift in Div B will continue the ignitions along Haughten Rd and mop up throughout the night when fire behaviour is minimal.

Division Zulu (west flank): aerial resources and heavy equipment



On the west flank, heavy equipment will work on securing the excursion over in the Foley Road area working back towards the Monte-Pratt. Div Zulu has been exhibiting low fire behaviour and control lines have not been challenged. With the predicted direction of SW and W winds, this area of the fire will be active within the perimeter only today.

Aerial Resources

There are 16 helicopters assigned to White Rock Lake. The helicopter fleet includes a Sikorsky 64 SkyCrane helicopter, 'Lucille', which has a 10,000-litre tank that is fillable in less than one-minute. Lucille consumes up to 22,00 litres of fuel a day, can travel at up to 200 kilometers per hour, and has a range of 400 kilometers.

There are also four Kamov heavy helicopters, two Sikorsky 61 heavy helicopters, and a B212 heavy helicopter engaged in bucketing on the fire. Additional air support is available and will be utilized as required, should conditions allow.



Bucketing retardant on Aug. 14 near the northeast flank of White Rock Lake wildfire



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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.

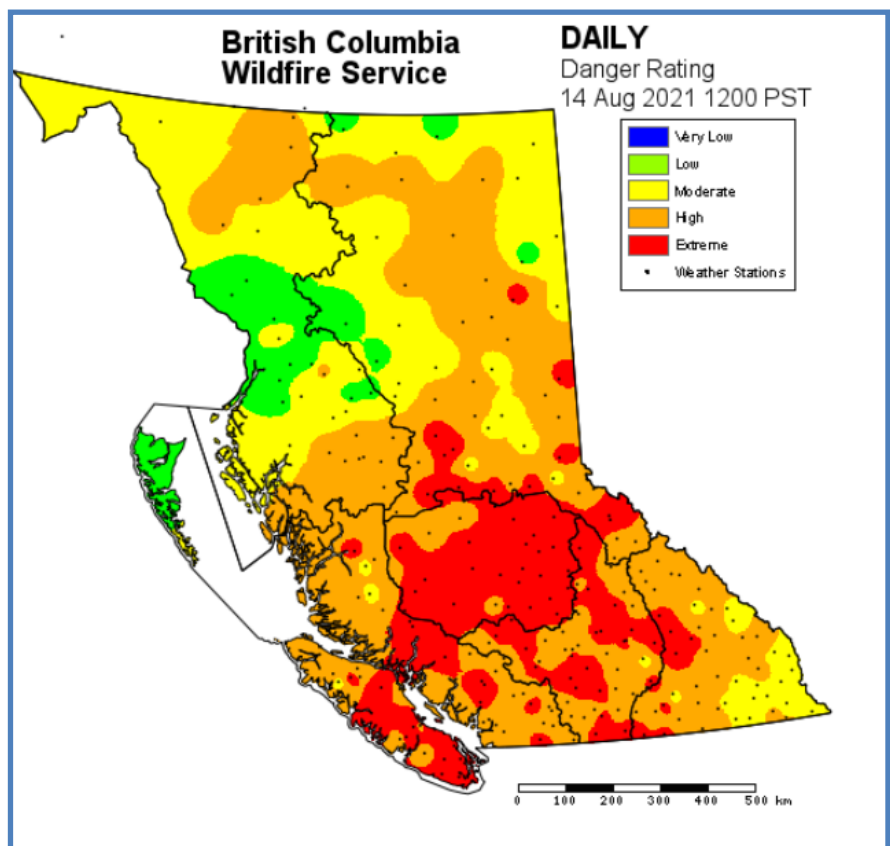
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The City of Vernon has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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The Township of Spallumcheen has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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