



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Remaining in an Evacuation Order Area puts your life and the life of our crews at risk!

Please be advised that we have received an Extreme Fire Behaviour Warning regarding wind that will occur over the next 24 hours. We expect that fire behaviour will become more active. Thursday winds W-NW 10-15 km/h and stronger becoming a bit gusty later afternoon and having a more southerly direction.

As of today there will be two Community Bulletins. One that will have the Shovel Lake and Island Lake fires, and one that will include Gilmore, Nadina and Verdun as a second Incident Management Team moves into place.

Gilmore Lake Wildfire (R22298)

Location: 2.5 kilometers south of Gilmore Lake and 8 kilometers southwest of Topley

Status: 200 hectares estimated as of this morning.

Size: 216 hectares

Cause: lightning

Resources: 76 firefighters and 13 pieces of heavy equipment.

Current Activity: This fire is 100% contained and remains within the perimeter. Crews are continuing to work on mopping up 25 feet in as fuel is plentiful and the fire within the perimeter is still active in some areas.

Objectives: Ensure that there is 100% extinguishment on all spots beyond the perimeter. Establish a 50 foot wetline on east and west flanks. On the north flank, crews will conduct danger tree assessment and danger tree falling and establish a hoselay. Mop up spots along south flank and southeast corner.

Evacuations: The Bulkley Nechako Regional District has rescinded an Evacuation Order. For more information visit: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

Verdun Wildfire (R11796)

Location: 10 km southwest of Grassy Plains

Status: 6526 hectares

Cause: lightning

Resources: 79 firefighters and 23 pieces of heavy equipment.

Status: The Verdun Wildfire was holding on many of the guards but spotted across Innis Lake. Crews were able to go across and deal with the spotting. Structural Protection was extremely busy on this fire with multiple structures being treated. Crews were also working on a guard on the north flank near the Grassy Plains area.

Objectives: Crews are working to solidify containment and mop up along the SW edge.

Evacuations: The Evacuation Alert and Order was expanded for this wildfire yesterday by the Bulkley Nechako Regional District. For more information visit: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

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Nadina Lake Wildfire (R21721)

Location: 60km south of Houston

Status: 47,811 hectares

Cause: lightning

Resources: 44 firefighters and 56 pieces of heavy equipment.

Status: This fire continues to challenge crews. Crews will rework a line along a swampy area on the Morice Owen Road. Crews are building guard from Owen Lake to Nadina Mountain with the intention of performing a planned ignition when and as conditions allow.

The Fisheries Channel was opened.

Structural Protection is assessing the area.

Power lines that come in from Houston along Morice River FSR to the Huckleberry mine at 121 km have been turned off as they are potentially a hazard to crews working in the area.

There is aggressive backing fire on the southwest perimeter. The head of the fire is west of Gale Lake.

Objectives: Crews will work to mop up on burned control lines. Equipment operators will continue to bunch roadways to remove danger trees. Area is being assessed for contingency lines.

Evacuations: The Bulkley Nechako Regional District has implemented an Evacuation Order and Evacuation Alert for this fire. For more information visit: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

Cheslaslie Arm (R12270)

Cheslaslie Arm (R12270), part of the Babine Complex, Northwest Fire Centre

Location: 18 km west of Jim Smith Point on the Oostsa Reservoir.

Status: 1000 hectares estimated

Cause: Under investigation

Resources: This fire is being resourced by Industry.

Objectives: No report that industry has returned to this fire.

Evacuations: An Evacuation Order and Alert is implemented by the Bulkley Nechako Regional District webpage. For more information visit: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

The fires below are also a part of this Complex:		
Fire Number	Fire Name	Size - Hectares
R12068	Pondosy Bay	3903
R12270	500 N of Cheslaslie Arm	1497
R12315	Tesla Lake	48,723
R22258	Morrison Mainline	457
R11683	N side of Nechako Lake	150

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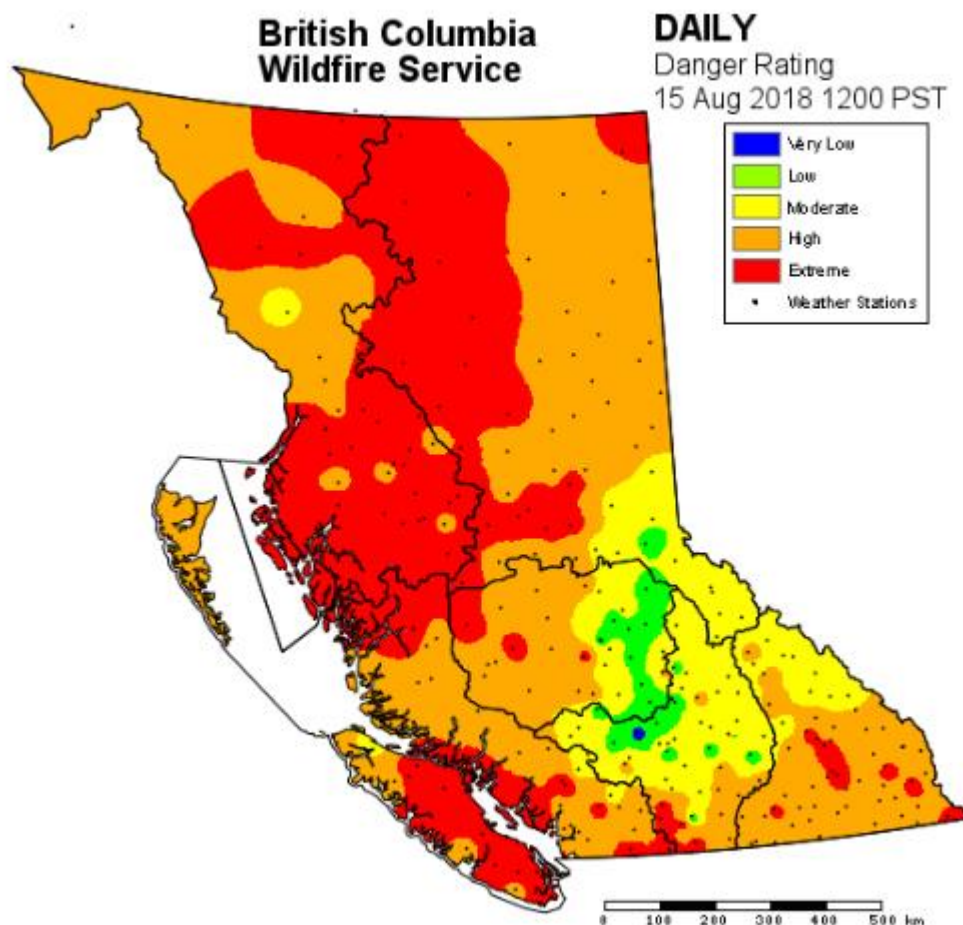
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Fire Weather Summary

Thursday –Sunny with late afternoon and evening cloudy periods, winds becoming SW-NW 8-15 km/h in the morning than later afternoon W-NW 20km/h gusts 30 and NW 20km/h through late evening and easing early to mid overnight. High temperatures 25°C and minimum RH 15-20%.

Friday – Dry NW flow aloft. Sunny day with winds SW-W 25km/h with some gusts to 35 shifting to lighter NW in the afternoon. High temperatures 22°C and humidity in the upper 20'to 30.

Outlook –The mainly sunny skies continue. Winds NW 20km/h with gusts up to 30 with high temperatures near 20 and minimum RH in the low 30's.

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