



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Alkali Lake Wildfire (R91947)

Name: Alkali Lake fire Complex—referring to fires in the Telegraph Creek & South Stikine area.

Location: Alkali Lake fire is 50km south west from Dease Lake, Buckley Lake fire is 30km of West of Iskut

Fire size: 38,515ha **Resources:** 102 ground crew plus additional support staff, 11 aircraft and 19 units of heavy machinery

Current Situation: The winds for Saturday and Sunday are milder than earlier in the week and fire crews and Tahltan nation staff are still working hard to create fire guards and are focusing on protection to life and property. Prevailing winds have predominantly come from the SW, however winds will shift to a northwesterly direction and may put pressure on different areas of the fire. This will be closely monitored. When conditions allow burn operations are being used to increase containment and create fireguard. BC Hydro crews have cleared up most of the damaged line and commenced installation of new poles. An accurate line scan of the fire boundary is due to be undertaken later today which will likely result in an increase in reported fire area. Updated maps will be available when this is completed.

The days ahead: The winds over the weekend are forecast to be light (10-15km/hr) however it will put pressure on different areas of the fire and will change smoke patterns. For additional smoke info : firesmoke.ca/forecasts/

An evacuation order and alert, issued by the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine is still place. They include Telegraph Creek, Glenora and the area along the Highway 51 corridor to the edge of Dease Lake. There are no evacuation orders or alerts for the community of Dease Lake at this time. Information and map of the impacted area, please visit: www.rdks.bc.ca

The BC Wildfire Service is working closely with the Tahltan First Nation, the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine and Emergency Management BC. An Emergency Operations Centre has been established at the ServicesBC Office in Dease Lake on Highway 57. Drop in or call 250-771-5050.

Telegraph Creek

A damage assessment is being made regarding Thursday's fire activity. Structure protection activities are continuing.

Dease Lake

Dease Lake continues to be impacted by smoke dependent on wind conditions.

Iskut

The Buckley Lake fire is 30km west of Iskut and is located at higher altitude (cooler temperatures than the Alkali Lake fire) and entering areas of low vegetation. The high altitude may mean increased winds but the lower temperatures decreases fire activity. At this time winds are directing smoke towards Iskut. This fire is being monitored by aircraft.

Glenora

A northwest wind change forecast for Saturday will likely mean increased smoke in the Glenora area. Residents are advised to monitor local conditions closely. There was increased fire activity in fire (R 92303) approximately 35km south of Glenora. Over the next few days this fire is likely to produce a column of smoke visible to residents in Glenora and Telegraph Creek. This fire does not pose a threat to the community and is being monitored.

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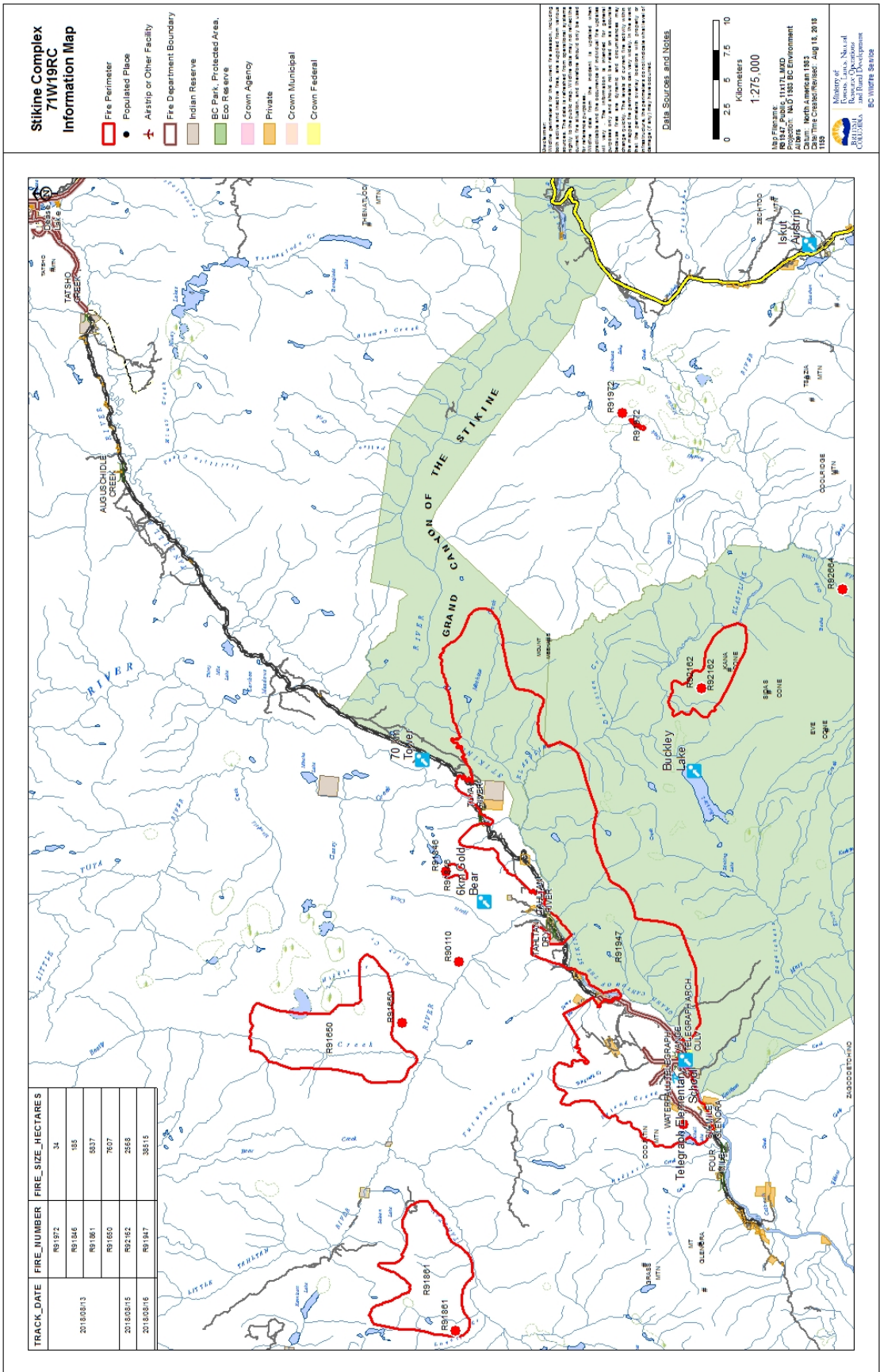
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