



White Rock Lake
(K61884)

FIRE SIZE
64,720 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:

Heavy smoke is currently blanketing Vernon and surrounding communities.

Showers and a 70% risk of thunderstorms are expected later today and into the evening starting at 4pm.

TODAY: Increasing clouds and widespread smoke with a chance of showers and a risk of thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening. MAX TEMP: 26C MIN RH: 30% WINDS: NW 20 km/hr in the afternoon.

Tuesday will bring more unstable weather with a 70 percent chance of showers and risk of thunderstorms.

Wednesday will bring a return to sunny conditions, but widespread smoke is expected to remain.

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 – 219

Heavy Equipment – 64

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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OBJECTIVES:

Due to the significant fire activity yesterday, every division is reassessing containment lines for breaches and creating objectives going forward. Crews, equipment, and aerial resources will continue to defend remaining guards and containment lines. Structure protection and BCWS crews are working 24/7 around affected communities.

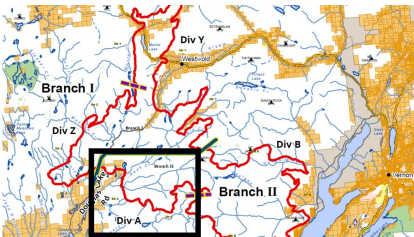
The wildfire experienced growth on all flanks, but the most significant growth was in the northeast, from Naswhito Creek across Six Mile Creek, and on the east flank down into Okanagan Indian Band IR#1 and across Westside road in the Fintry Park / Ewing area.

BCWS firefighters actioning the wildfire in the Killiney area overnight were unable to leave the active fire zone until 2 a.m., due to aggressive fire behaviour. While the crews were pulled off the fire for safety reasons, travel along local roads was not safe. Crews sheltered in place in the Westshore Estate area until conditions improved.

Overnight crews were re-organized and distributed to work on objectives at OKIB at the Six Mile area and on the southern part of the fire along Okanagan Lake near Fintry Park / Ewing. There was extensive and significant structural impact along Westside Road last night.

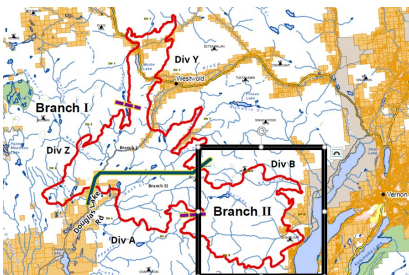
Poor visibility today, due to smoke, has grounded all fixed-wing aircraft including air tankers. Helicopters are flying and assisting in suppression response where needed.

Division Alpha (south-west flank): aerial resources



Increased fire activity was observed along the whole southern perimeter of the wildfire last evening. Wildfire Officers are assessing the area and will develop new containment line objectives for heavy equipment operators. Safety of personnel working is first priority.

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

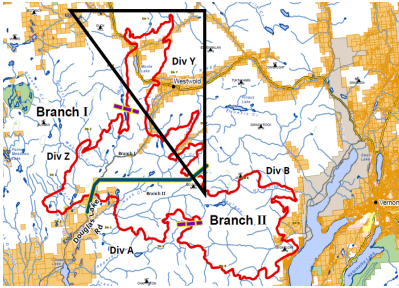


The southeast, east and northeast location of the wildfire is currently displaying vigorous fire behaviour. Firefighters with the BC Wildfire Service along with Structure Protection personnel are currently in Six Mile, Ewing and Killiney actioning the wildfire and applying structure protection. Structures are currently being threatened. Heavy equipment operators are currently constructing new guard lines. Helicopters are assisting with bucketing objectives to support the ground crews. All fixed-wing aircraft is grounded due to thick smoke in the area.



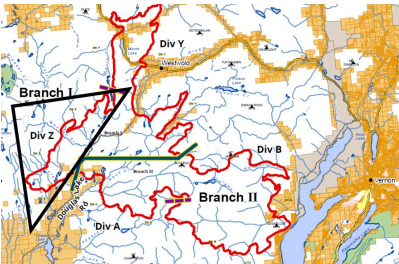
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Division Yankee (north flank): 139 wildland firefighters, 8 heavy equipment, aerial support



A planned ignition completed in recent days helped hold the north flank overnight. Mopping up in the area of that ignition continues today. Firefighters are actively working to suppress the wildfire and are receiving support from helicopters bucketing over head. Structure Protection Specialists are assessing the needs for Structure Protection Units and applying where applicable.

Division Zulu (west flank): 28 local firefighters, aerial resources and heavy equipment



The BC Wildfire Service is assessing the area and creating new objectives, after growth experienced overnight. Heavy equipment operators will be constructing a new guard line and local residents, with firefighting certifications, are currently mopping-up under the direction of BCWS.

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EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

The following government authorities have implemented Evacuation Alerts and Orders. Please contact the applicable local authority for more details on the Evacuation Alerts and Orders.

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 Splatśín First Nation has an Evacuation Alert in place.

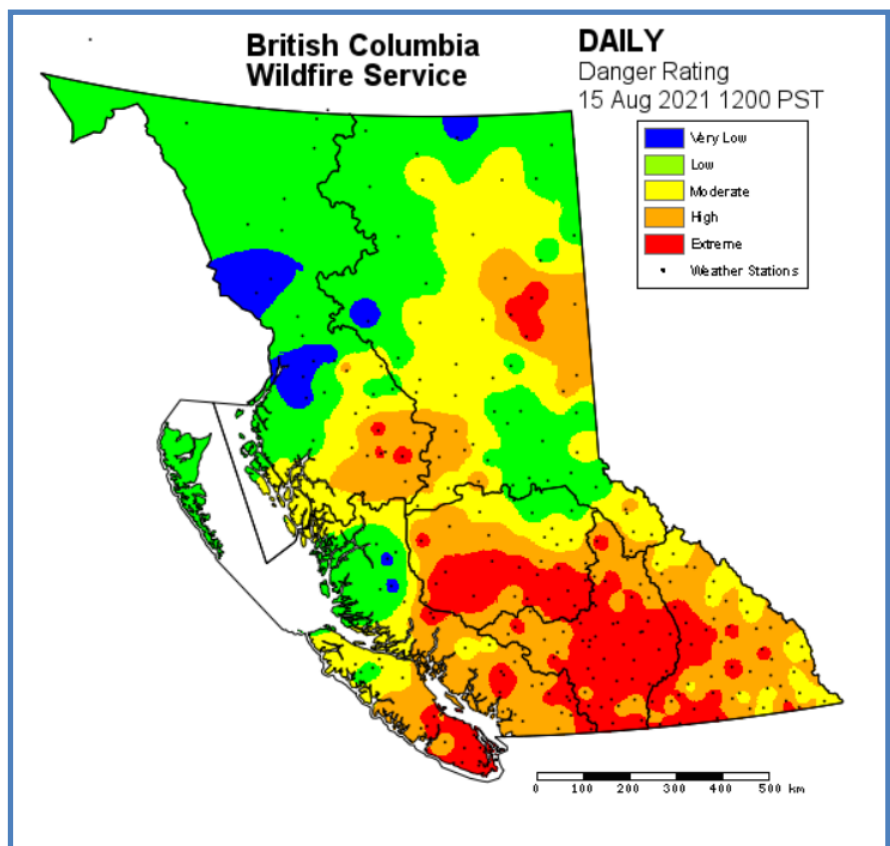
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The City of Vernon has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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The Township of Spallumcheen has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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