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August 20, 2021

WILDFIRE UPDATE

Tremont Creek	FIRE SIZE:	FIRE STATUS:
(K21849)	62,524 hectares (estimate)	Out of Control

RESOURCES:

There are 60 personnel, 36 pieces of heavy equipment, and an Incident Management Team assigned to this incident. Additional resources are shared within the Sparks Lake Complex, including 17 helicopters and 104 Structure Protection personnel . Structure protection equipment is established and being monitored in areas of the fire where structures are threatened.

UPDATES:

There has been limited growth on the Tremont Creek wildfire for a number of days. The estimated fire size has decreased as a result of updated mapping.

Heavy equipment is working to construct a contingency guard south of Cherry Creek connecting to existing roads and lakes which serve as natural fuel breaks. Closer to the fires edge on the north flank, equipment is constructing a fire guard and ground crews are engaged in direct attack. Firefighters are working from Duffy Lake and Dairy Lake moving around the finger that is closest to Cherry Creek. Air tankers were supporting these operations yesterday by dropping retardant to bolster fire guards. Heavy equipment and crews are also on the north flank working near Fehr Lake to establish fire guards and engage in direct suppression.

On the east flank, structure protection equipment has been established on Dominic, Face and Paska Lakes. Equipment is constructing a fire guard to the west of Face and Paska Lakes where ground crews are also engaged in direct attack.

Mop up activities continue in the vicinity of Logan Lake and helicopters continue to support with bucketing operations on the north, south and east flanks.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Tremont Creek Information Team| Hours: 0800-2200

778 364-1265| BCWS.SparksLakeInfo@gov.bc.ca

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An aerial shot of Duffy Lake, located southwest of Cherry Creek, from August 17.

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EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS:

On August 19, the District of Logan Lake downgraded the Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert.

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has issued Evacuation Orders and Alerts for various areas of Electoral Area 'I' (Blue Sky Country), Electoral Area 'J' (Copper Desert Country), Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country) and Electoral Area "M" (Beautiful Nicola Valley-North).

To see the full list of affected properties, please contact:

TNRD Emergency Operations Centre
Phone: (250) 377-7188
Toll Free: 1-866-377-7188
emergency@tnrd.ca

District of Logan Lake
Phone: (250) 319-1839
Email: randydiehl2@gmail.com
loganlake.ca

AREA RESTRICTION:

An area restriction is in place as of July 18, 2021 for an area over the Tremont Creek Wildfire area. This is NOT an evacuation alert or order. Under this order and Section 11(2) of the Wildfire Act, a person must not remain in or enter the restricted area without the prior written authorization of an official designated for the purposes of the Wildfire Act with some exceptions. For more information about the area restriction, please read this information bulletin.

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REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has chosen Voyent Alert! to serve the region to provide residents with critical emergency information. Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors during critical events like fires or floods as well as for relevant day-to-day communications. Registration is FREE, simple and totally anonymous. For mobile app alerts, download and install the *Voyent Alert!* app from the Apple or Google Play stores For email, text message, or voice call alerts: https://register.voyent-alert.com

Personalized Communications: Voyent Alert! provides informative communications. Critical information such as the distance and direction from an incident, time of intercept and preferred evacuation routes from your tracked locations.

Track Multiple Locations: Voyent Alert! allows you to create and track multiple locations such as “Kids School” or “Mom’s House”. Any event or communication related to your tracked locations will be forwarded to you along your preferred communication channel.

No Message Fatigue: Voyent Alert’s smart alerting capabilities ensure that you will only get notified when a communication is relevant to you or one of the locations you are tracking.

Communications Your Way: Receive alerts over a wide variety of communication channels including mobile apps, text/SMS alerting, email or voice calling You can register for all or one of them.

Privacy is Paramount: Registration is anonymous, and no information volunteered or derived is shared or used for marketing or data harvesting purposes. Locational information from your tracked locations is only used to determine its proximity to an alert event and to provide critical context within the communications (such as distance and direction).

Leaving is Easy: Both mobile applications and web-based accounts provide access to an unsubscribe feature accessed via the menu icon on the top right of the screen/page. If the service isn’t working out simply click on “Unsubscribe” button.

See the full release at: https//www.tnrd.ca

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RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES:

The BC Economic Development Association (BCEDA) has launched a special webpage dedicated to Wildfires 2021— https://www.bceda.ca/wildfires.php — which contains a live document where information will be added for business and communities, plus manuals and toolkits dedicated to disaster preparation.

Have the BC Wildfires impacted your Business? Is so, a short survey has been created . The responses will help distinguish businesses' and communities' short and long-term needs. The BCEDA has pledged to do everything it can to help.

The BCEDA collects this information to share in an aggregate format with provincial, Indigenous, Local and Regional Governments. No confidential information will be shared unless a follow-up call is requested by the business. All information is stored in Canada by Soft landing.

Here is the URL for the survey:
https://www.executivepulse.ca/bcwildfire2021

MORE BCEDA RESOURCES:

Resources for Wildfire Impacted Individuals & Businesses 2021 (Live Document) - A document of resources that is constantly being updated as new information and resources are released. Check back in on this document regularly for up-to-date information regarding the wildfires.
Top 10 Steps to Prepare Your Business for Evacuation - A document that can be made available to businesses in your community to aid in, and encourage, preparation for an evacuation scenario. It highlights the 10 steps necessary to prepare a business for an evacuation.
Province of BC: Disaster Financial Assistance—Following a disaster, the provincial government may declare the event eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA). Once declared, the DFA program may compensate individuals for essential uninsurable losses and/or reimburse local governments for damaged infrastructure.
Local Economic Recovery & Restart Toolkit - This toolkit provides a collection of resources developed to assist local councils, organizations and individuals involved in community economic recovery following an emergency such as the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires and floods .

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

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

BC Wildfire Service	Emergency Management BC	Local municipalities and regional districts	First Nations
- BCWS's jurisdiction covers all BC Parks, Crown and private lands, but does not include the boundaries of local governments that have forest fire prevention bylaws and are serviced by a fire department. - BCWS speaks directly about **wildfires** (i.e. fire status, operations, etc.) and is responsible for disseminating wildfire updates to local governments, stakeholders, First Nations and the public. - BCWS does <u>not</u> announce Strategic Evacuation Orders or Alerts. - BCWS <u>does</u> announce Tactical Evacuations. - In the event of an imminent threat to public safety, BCWS can authorize an immediate **Tactical Evacuation** of the affected area.	- EMBC coordinates communication across all agencies and stakeholders to support communities. - EMBC provides advice to evacuees and support to communities regarding Emergency Operations Centres and Emergency Support Services.	- Local Municipalities and Regional Districts speak directly about **Strategic Evacuation Orders and Alerts in** their respective jurisdictions. - Local Municipalities and Regional Districts <u>do not</u> speak about the status of a wildfire unless the fire occurs within their jurisdiction. For example, if a wildfire <u>starts</u> within the boundaries of a local government, BCWS will often assist the local fire department with suppression efforts. If the fire spreads into Crown land to become a wildfire, BCWS will often assume control.	- On IR lands, Evacuation Orders and Alerts are implemented by a Band Council Resolution or other. - A designated person(s) from the respective First Nations community will speak to Evacuation Orders and Alerts on IR lands.

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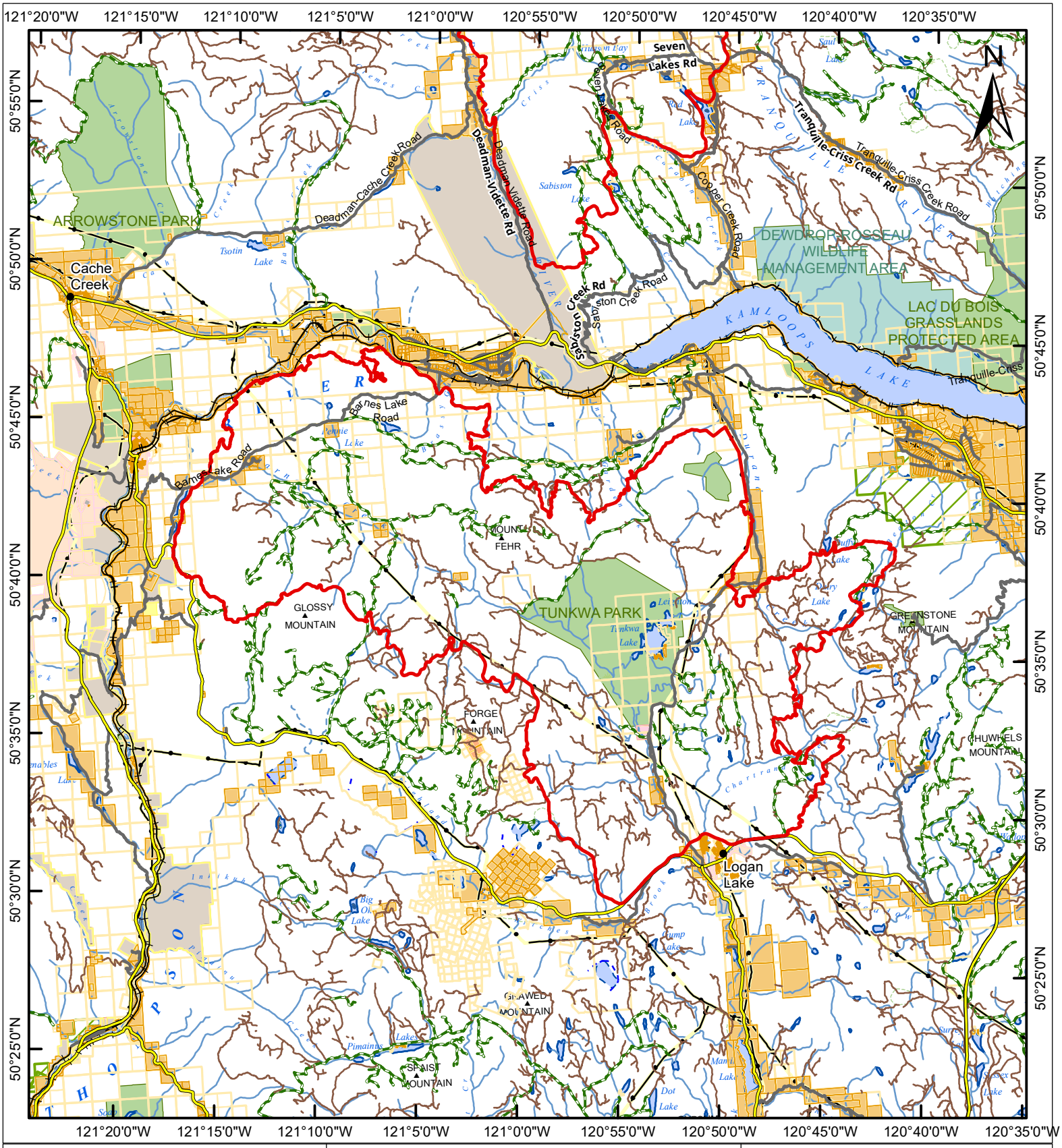
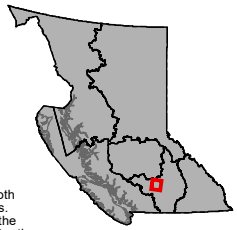


Tremont Creek

PUBLIC INFORMATION MAP

Perimeter Date: 2021-08-20
Hectares: 62524 ha

- Fire Perimeter
- Highway
- Primary Road
- Primary Road
- Forest Service Road
- Road Permit
- Transmission Lines
- Indian Reserve
- Private
- Mixed Ownership
- Federal
- Municipal
- Crown Agency
- Unknown



Disclaimer:
Wildfire perimeters for the current fire season, including both active and inactive fires, are supplied from various sources. The data is refreshed from operational systems nightly to the public map. Wildfire data may not reflect the current fire situation, and therefore should only be used for reference purposes.

Wildfire data from the incident is updated when practicable and the occurrence of individual fire updates will vary. The information is intended for general purposes only and should not be relied on as accurate because fires are dynamic and circumstances may change quickly. The levels of current fire activity within the mapped fire perimeters can vary widely.

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