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WILDFIRE UPDATE

Sparks Lake	FIRE SIZE:	FIRE STATUS:
(K21001)	89,627 hectares (estimate)	Out of Control

RESOURCES:

There are 110 personnel, 30 pieces of heavy equipment. Additional resources are shared within the Sparks Lake Complex, including 17 helicopters and 71 Structure Protection personnel. Structure protection equipment is established and being monitored in areas of the fire where structures are threatened.

UPDATES:

The Sparks Lake wildfire has experience limited growth over the past several days. Suppression efforts continue to be focused on the northern perimeter of the fire.

The northeast corner continues to exhibit the most significant fire activity. Heavy equipment is working to establish a fire guard along the Jamieson FSR, near Dunsapie Lake, where crews are engaged in direct attack. Water skimmers supported operations in this area yesterday and again today by delivering water to the fires edge. Personnel are also working near Heller Lake, on the Heller Creek FSR.

Crews continue to make good progress in the Vidette Lake area and on the Clinton-Hihium FSR, where crews are now in mop-up stage.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Lower activity was observed on areas of the northern flank of the Sparks Lake wildfire (K21001).

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EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional district has issued Evacuation Orders and Alerts in Electoral Areas E, J and O. The IMT is working to get communities back in their homes and properties as soon as we can ensure the area is safe. More information is available here: Thompson- Nicola Regional District.

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

AREA RESTRICTION:

The BC Wildfire Service has updated the Area Restriction Order in the vicinity of the Sparks Lake wildfire that was implemented July 26, 2021. The size of the area restriction reflects the continued need to protect the public in areas where there are ongoing fire suppression activities. Find the map here: http://ow.ly/auCv30rP3sYTravelling as a person acting in an official capacity.

(a) Travelling for the purpose of supporting wildfire suppression activities.

(b) Travelling as a person working for Highland Valley Copper Mine to and from the mine site for the purposes of maintaining critical infrastructure at the site.

(c) Travelling to or from his or her principle residence, that is not under an evacuation order.

(d) Travelling to or from private or leased property for the purposes of accessing a secondary residence or recreational property, that is not under an evacuation order.

(e) Engaging and/or participating in agricultural activities pertaining to livestock or agriculture management on private or leased property.

(f) Using a highway as defined in the Highway Act (e.g. use of travelling along Hwy 97C).

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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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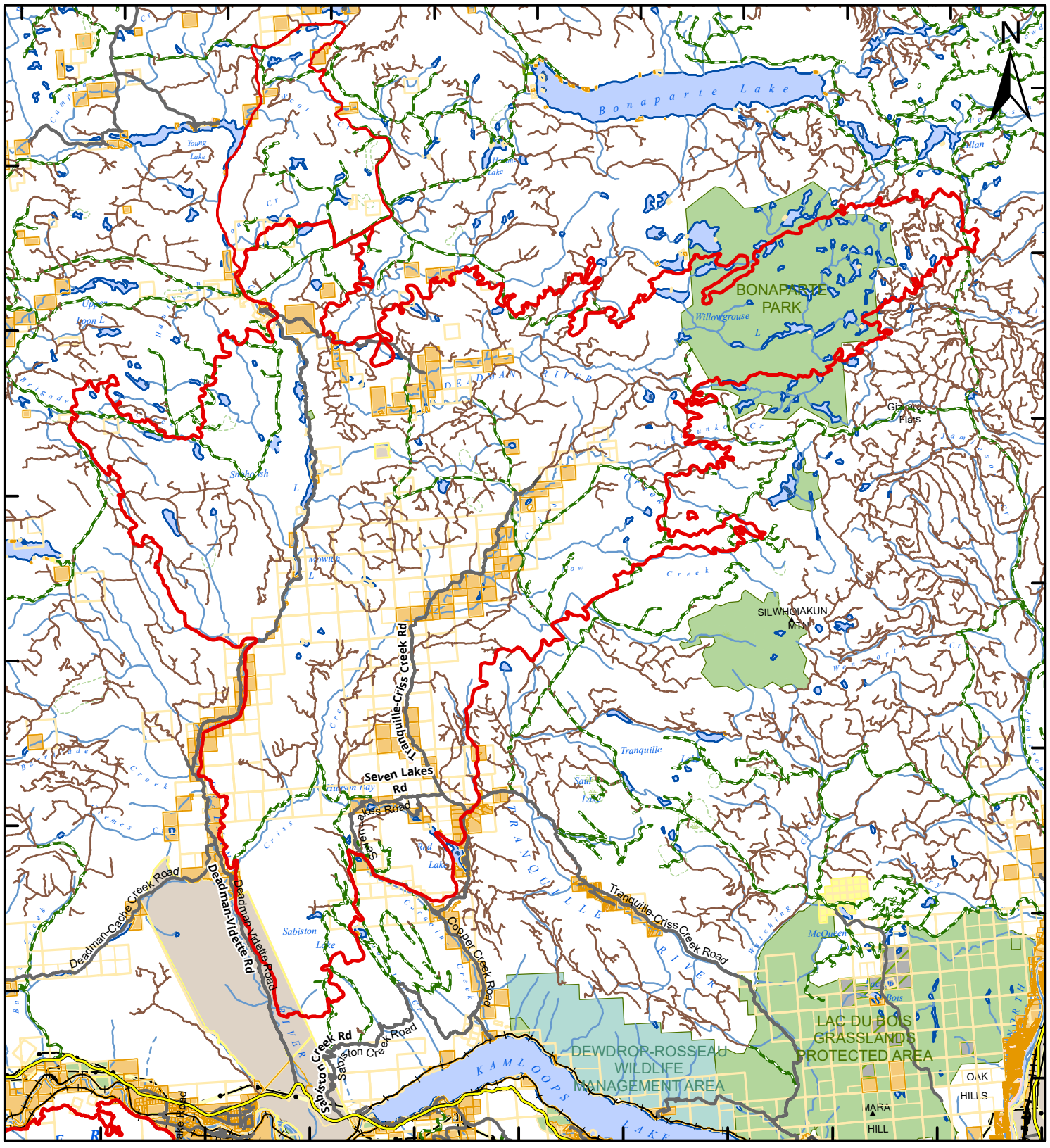
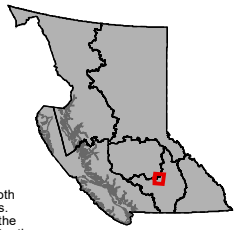


Sparks Lake

PUBLIC INFORMATION MAP

Perimeter Date: 2021-08-20
Hectares: 89627 ha

- Fire Perimeter
- Highway
- Primary Road
- Primary Road
- Forest Service Road
- Road Permit
- Transmission Lines
- Indian Reserve
- Private
- 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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