



White Rock Lake

K61884

FIRE SIZE

80,745 hectares (estimate)

FIRE STATUS

Out of Control

This fire was first discovered on Sunday, July 13, 2021 and is approximately 10 kilometres west of Vernon. The cause of this wildfire is lightning.

CONDITIONS:

TODAY: Mainly cloudy with isolated to scattered afternoon showers or thunderstorms. A maximum temperature of 16°, and minimum relative humidity of 40%. Winds are expected to be west-southwest, 10-15 km/hr with gusts up to 40 km/hr.

WEATHER OUTLOOK: The cold low will be near Revelstoke in the morning and moving east towards the prairies. By Monday night, it is expected to leave the southeast of B.C. and drier conditions will occur beginning Tuesday.

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Structure protection personnel are continuing to action hot spots and mop-up around interface areas of Killiney, Okanagan Indian Band IR #1, and Six Mile Road. Structure protection apparatuses will be demobilized and re-allocated to areas where the wildfire is of greater threat. Structure protection specialists are continuing to assess and triage structures around Irish Creek and Okanagan Indian Band IR #1, north of Newport Beach.

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.

[Thompson-Nicola Regional District](#) / 250-377-7188

[Columbia-Shuswap Regional District](#) / 250-833-3350

[Regional District of North Okanagan](#) / 250-550-3700

[Okanagan Indian Band](#) / OKIBEOCInformationOfficer@okanagan.org / 250-241-5809

[Regional District of Central Okanagan](#) / 250-469-8490 (local) or 1-877-569-8490 (toll-free)

[Splatsín First Nation](#)

[The City of Vernon](#)

[Township of Spallumcheen](#)

RESOURCES:

Wildland Firefighters – 260

Heavy Equipment – 55

Danger tree assessors/fallers – 10

Helicopters – 11 assigned

Incident Management Team

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Personnel – 88

Structure Protection Unit Trailers— nine (two Type 1 and seven Type 2)

Equipment – eight fire engines, ten water tenders, and five mass-water delivery systems.

AREA RESTRICTION ORDER:

The BC Wildfire Service has expanded the 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](#)

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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SMALL SCALE HAND IGNITIONS:

Photos from left to right show the preparation, hand ignition, monitoring, and final result of a routine small-scale planned ignition operation that occurred yesterday, August 21, behind homes to remove combustible fine fuels. This operational tactic allows crews to use low-intensity fire in a controlled manner and is critical to successfully holding guard lines. In the bottom right corner of the photos, you can see the fuel-free line that crews built prior to ignitions. Ignition operations like this only occur when on-site conditions are favourable and present a high likelihood of success. Without operations like these, there is a higher chance that the wildfire would approach this area at a much higher intensity, meaning there would be significant radiant heat and spotting occurring.



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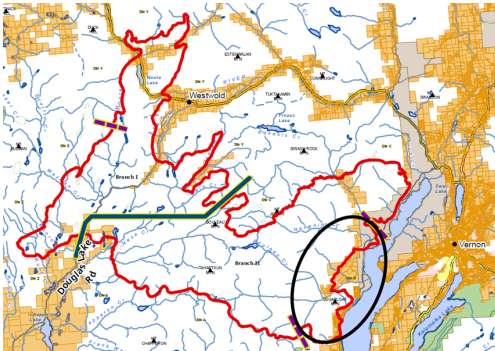


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OBJECTIVES:

Division Bravo (east flank): 125 wildland firefighters, heavy equipment, aerial support



Crews and equipment will continue to defend pre-established containment lines above communities and protect structures. Structure protection personnel are continuing to action hot spots and mop-up around impacted interface areas. The Drought Code in this area of the fire is resulting in incredibly deep burning forest fuels making it difficult to bring this area to full extinguishment. Heavy equipment continues to work on re-establishing containment lines from the old Terrace Mountain fire to tie into the pre-established guard at Stuart Lake. Aerial resources will continue to cool this area of the fire with water buckets to support heavy machine and crews as they work to establish these containment lines. Heavy equipment is also working along the Bouleau FSR towards Bouleau Lake to open up

the tree canopy along the road.

Division Charlie (northeast flank, south of Glenemma): 24 wildland firefighters, heavy equipment, aerial support



Yesterday, crews continued with routine hand ignitions to secure the edge of the containment line along the southeast perimeter, south of Irish Creek Road/west of Westside Road. As the fire progressed north along this flank, crews used this tactic to secure the edge of the control line by bringing the fire down to an area where they could effectively apply water directly to the fire's edge. Heavy equipment

continues to construct guard from Irish Creek, working westward, and from Cedar Creek working eastward. Crews are working on holding the guard between Irish Creek and McGregor Creek closer to the fire perimeter.



The photo to the right shows a fuel-free buffer built around a hydro pole that removes combustible fuel from the ground to reduce the likelihood that direct flame would impact the pole.

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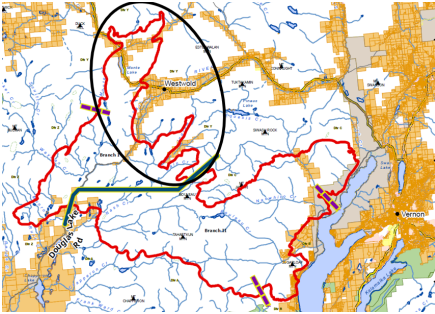


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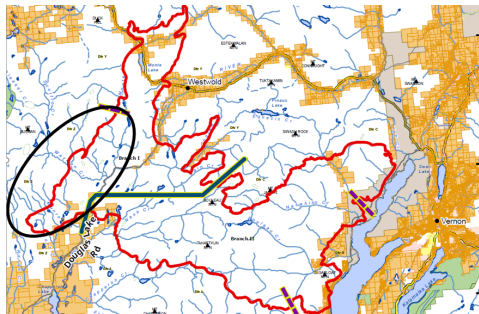
OBJECTIVES:

Division Yankee (north flank): 100 wildland firefighters, heavy equipment, aerial support



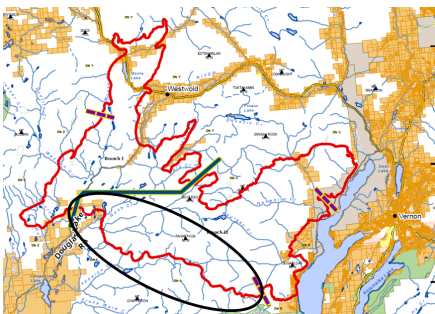
Today, crews are continuing to patrol and mop-up from Adelphi FRS to Woods Lake, Grange FSR west to Douglas Road, from Biancotto Lake north to Paxton Lake, and north to Highway 97. There continues to be no growth along all fire perimeters of the northern finger north of Highway 97 and down towards Woods Lake. Heavy equipment operators continue with guard construction south of the powerlines, along McGregor FSR. A BC Wildfire Service Unit Crew is continuing to build a fuel-free guard towards the north end of Pinaus Lake.

Division Zulu (west flank): 8 firefighters. Heavy equipment, aerial resources



This flank of the fire continues to be observed by aerial resources. No growth has been observed along this flank over the past week. Crews are continuing to mop up along the Ingram Forest Service Road (FSR) and along the Private FSR with support from heavy equipment to ensure the control line is well secured. Heavy equipment is beginning construction on a contingency line around the Monte Creek area .

Division Alpha (south flank): aerial resources



Aerial resources continue to monitor this flank of the fire. A 52-kilometre contingency guard has been established south of the fire perimeter from Chapperon Lake moving eastward towards Fintry Park.

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