



71W22KB - Sparks Lake Complex

FIRE SIZE/STATUS:

Sparks Lake (K21001) 93, 553 (estimate) | Out of Control
Tremont Creek (K21849): 62,523 ha (estimate) | Out of Control
Embleton Mountain (K21644): 991 ha (estimate) | **Being Held**

SPARKS LAKE WILDFIRE (K21001)

This fire was first discovered on Monday, June 28, 2021 and is approximately 15 kilometres north of Kamloops Lake.

CONDITIONS:

Yesterday, the Sparks Lake Fire received approximately 10 mm of rain. In some higher elevations, snow was reported.

OBJECTIVES:

Firefighters continue to work on areas south of Bonaparte Lake this morning, including the Heller Lake and Elbow Lake areas.

Crews have made excellent progress on the northwest flank of this fire and will be migrated over to the northeast to support operations there as needed. Equipment will be demobbed from this flank. Danger Tree Assessors and Fallers are continuing to work along Chasm Road.

Crews will continue to work on the head of the fire in the northeast and consolidate fires edges along the Heller Creek and Jamieson Forest Service Roads.

Crews are conducting reconnaissance along Beaverhut and Jamieson Forest Service Road for containment and potential planned ignition should conditions support it.

RESOURCES:

Firefighters — 77 firefighters

Heavy Equipment — 26

Helicopters — 12 (assigned and shared among the complex)

Support — 47 personnel including a BCWS Incident Management Team

Structural Protection — 43 personnel, shared within the complex.

EVACUATION ALERTS, ORDERS & AREA RESTRICTIONS:

The BC Wildfire Service continues to monitor conditions and assess current recommendations to local governments regarding Evacuation Orders and Alerts.

For the Sparks Lake Wildfire, visit the Thompson Nicola Regional District of website for more details: <https://www.tnrd.ca/services/emergency-services/>

A BC Wildfire Service Area Restriction was in effect July 1, 2021 and last updated on Aug. 18, 2021. More information is available at www.bcwildfire.bc.ca



Bonaparte Lake Area on morning of August 23.



Heller Lake Area on morning of August 23.



Elbow Lake Area on morning of August 23.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

71W22KB - Sparks Lake Complex Information Section

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TREMONT CREEK WILDFIRE (K21849)

This fire was first discovered 8.5 kilometers southeast of Ashcroft on July 12, 2021 .

CONDITIONS:

Yesterday, northern portions of the Tremont Creek fire received 10 mm of rain while areas around Logan Lake received 2 mm.

OBJECTIVES:

North of Bose Lake, in the Glossy Mountain area, there have been a few escapes from previous activity that crews are monitoring and continuing to clean up. At Logan Lake, crews continue to mop up and patrol along the Logan Lake guard.

Crews are continuing construction on the guard from Fehr Lake to Jimmie Creek. Work continues in securing and reinforcing a machine guard between Duffy Lake and Dairy Lake to be followed up by crews using direct attack methods using water to establish a blackline of 10 feet. This task will take several days to complete. Blackline is being established between Jimmies Creek and Yeti Road.

Heavy equipment is being used to establish a guard tight along the east flank.

Structure protection is being maintained on all structures north of Tunkwa Lake, while most has been removed on structures to the south. Structure protection is also being maintained on structures on Dominic Lake, Paska Lake, and Face Lake.

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has downgraded the Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert for properties in the vicinity of Cherry Creek in Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country). For more information visit the [TNRD website](https://www.tnrd.ca/services/emergency-services/).
reallocated from day to day within the complex as priorities shift.

RESOURCES:

Firefighters — 102 firefighters

Heavy Equipment — 42

Helicopters — 12 (assigned)

Support — 47 including a BCWS Incident Management Team

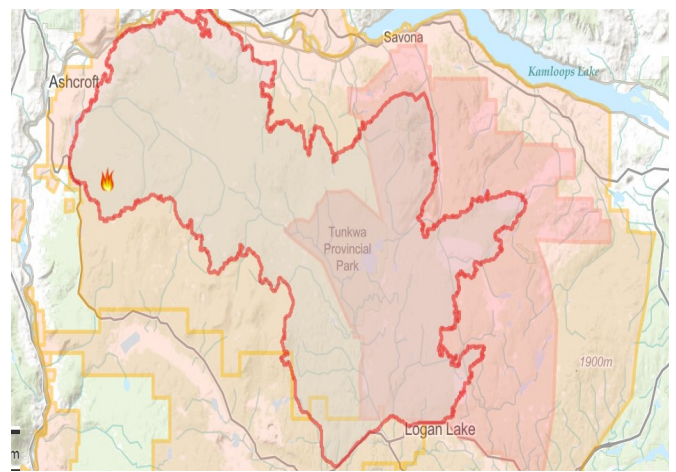
Structural Protection — 43 personnel, shared within the complex.

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<https://www.tnrd.ca/services/emergency-services/>

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Source: [BC Wildfire Dashboard](https://www.bcwildfire.ca/)

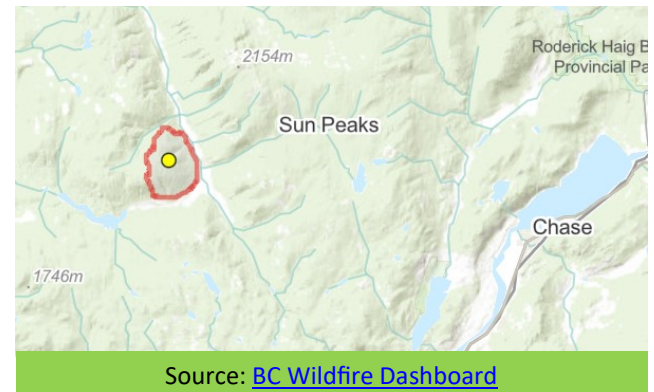
EMBLETON MOUNTAIN WILDFIRE (K21644)

This fire was first discovered on Friday, July 9, 2021 and is approximately 7 kilometres west of the community of Sun Peaks.

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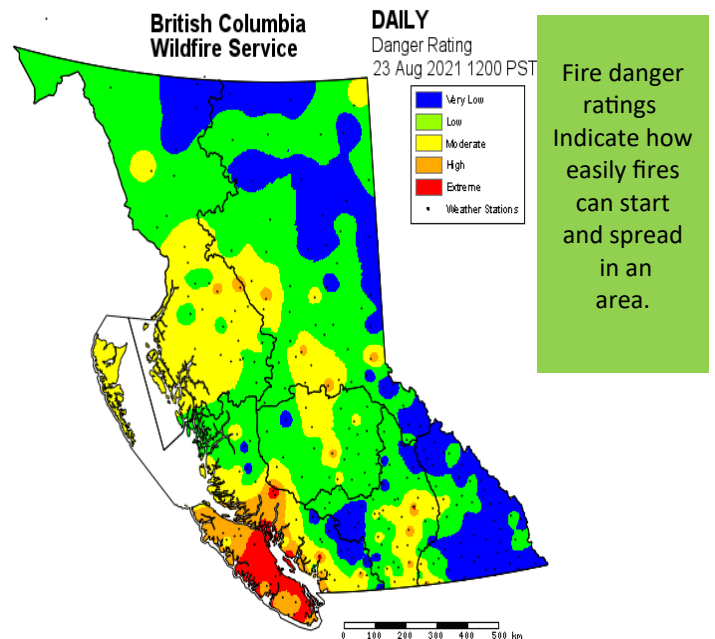
The Embleton Mountain fire is currently classified as “Being Held” and will shift to “Under Control” as of August 24, 2021.

Learn more about stages of control: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/wildfire-response/response-terminology>



Embleton Mountain Wildfire on afternoon of August 23, 2021.

Fire Danger Rating



FIRE CONTINUING WITHIN A PERIMETER

The public is often alarmed that once a fire's status is changed to 'Being Held' or 'Under Control' it continues to burn within the perimeter of the fire. A change in fire status does not mean that a wildfire is extinguished. It means that crews have built a fuel free line around the fire and once it is solidified (often 50-100' within the perimeter) the fire will be allowed to burn whatever available fuels remain.

Full suppression of a fire may occur depending on the values at risk, the available resources to suppress the fire and the cost to extinguish the fire. If the fire is near homes, infrastructure or other high values then the decision may be that direct and indirect methods of attack may be used to fully suppress the fire. For a fire in a more remote location, or a large fire, it may be determined that the best course of action is to contain the fire and allow it to burn the fuels from within. Full suppression of a large fire is often difficult from a resource standpoint and may be cost prohibitive.

Containing a fire then allowing it to burn the remaining fuels takes fewer resources, is more cost effective and helps to remove any remaining hazardous fuels from the area.

COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY:

Inquiries about compensation for fire suppression damage to private property should be emailed to BCWSClaims@gov.bc.ca.

If you do not have access to email, please direct inquiries to:

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