



White Rock Lake

K61884

FIRE SIZE

81,483 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: Yesterday, the Fintry area of the fire received upwards of 5 mm of rain. Precipitation was minimal and scattered in areas further north on the fire. Today, a mix of sun and clouds with a 20% chance of showers in the afternoon is expected. MAX TEMP: 18 RELATIVE HUMIDITY: 40% WINDS: Northwest/west 10-20 km/hr gusting to 30-40 km/hr.

WEATHER OUTLOOK: Returning sunshine on Saturday will increase temperatures and decrease relative humidity. Increased fire activity is expected to continue along the northern ridge of Six Mile Creek where drought conditions persist. Continued seasonal/warm temperatures and relative humidity down into the teens will continue into next week.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE:

The decrease in estimated size is a result of more accurate mapping on the southeast perimeter of the fire. Crews continue to see positive progress along all flanks of the fire. Danger tree assessments are currently being completed along the west flank of the fire in preparation for military personnel. Tomorrow, 60 Canadian Armed Forces personnel will begin patrol operations along this flank of the fire.

PLANNED IGNITION OPERATIONS:

A 350-hectare planned ignition operation on August 24, successfully brought the fire's edge down to workable ground along the northeastern flank. The ignition was critical to securing the area east of the larger-scale planned ignition set to occur in the coming week. Winds on-site today, August 27, were again not favourable for the 3000-hectare larger-scale ignition operation planned in this area.

On August 25, planned ignitions were used to secure the fire perimeter burning north of Terrace Mountain, west towards the fire perimeter above Shorts Creek (along the southeast flank). The aerial ignitions removed approximately 600-hectares of fuel between the fire's edge and the pre-established control line.

As shown in this video, planned ignition operations are critical to achieve containment in areas where the fire perimeter is inoperable and unsafe for ground crews and heavy equipment to work. Watch the video on the BC Wildfire Service [@BCForestFireInfo](#) Facebook page. Learn more: [Planned Ignition Operations to secure the White Rock Lake wildfire](#).



RESOURCES:

Wildland Firefighters – 279

Heavy Equipment – 45

Danger tree assessors/fallers – nine

Helicopters – 14 assigned

Incident Management Team

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Thank you to all of the dedicated ground personnel who have been tirelessly working day in and day out on the White Rock Lake wildfire.



Thank you fire crews photo by Billy Stevens



Firefighter portraits by Rick Collins

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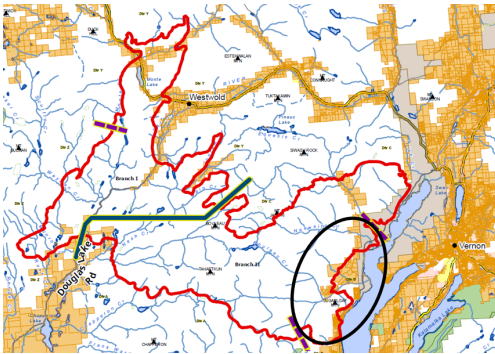


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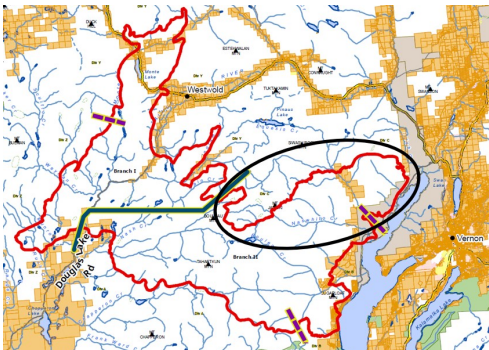
OBJECTIVES:

Division Bravo (east flank): 126 wildland firefighters, 14 pieces of heavy equipment, aerial support



Crews and equipment are continuing to patrol and mop-up throughout the Six Mile Creek valley bottom. Crews worked on mopping up after the successful ignition operation on August 25, north of Terrace Mountain, west towards the fire perimeter above Shorts Creek. These crews are continuing to action any hot spots identified along the southeast flank. Once mop-up is complete, the BC Wildfire Service will reassess the safety of the area and recommend changes to evacuation orders and alerts accordingly.

Division Charlie (northeast flank): 67 wildland firefighters, 5 pieces of heavy equipment, aerial support



Winds on-site today, August 27, are not favourable for the large-scale ignition operation planned along this flank and, therefore, the 3000-hectare planned ignition operation will not be carried out today. If and when site conditions are favourable, additional information will be provided prior to ignition. Any visible fire behaviour in this area is not related to the planned ignition operation that successfully occurred on August 24 and does not pose a risk to structures. Crews in this area are continuing to fully extinguish the fire perimeter in the area where the planned ignition occurred on August 24, and are continuing to work on a 100 ft blackline into the fire's edge.

Structure Protection Branch:

The structure protection branch consists 92 structure protection personnel from various fire departments. Two Type 1 Structure Protection Unit (SPU) trailers, six Type 2 SPU trailer, 13 engines, five mass-water delivery systems, one water boat and 12 water tenders are also assigned to the structure protection branch. Structure protection apparatuses will continue to be mobilized in areas where the wildfire is of greater threat. Structure protection personnel are remaining on-site through the night to patrol from Highway 97 down Westside Road to Valley of the Sun.

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](#) information bulletin and [map](#).

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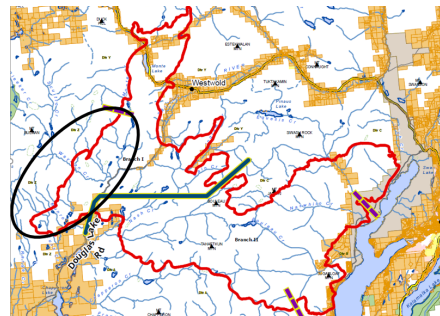
Division Yankee (north flank): 30 wildland firefighters, 2 pieces of heavy equipment, aerial support

Today, crews continue will complete mop-up operations along the Ingram Forest Service Road. An infrared drone scan was completed along this flank to help crews action hotspots within 50 feet of the fire perimeter. Crews today are actioning hot spots north of Highway 97.



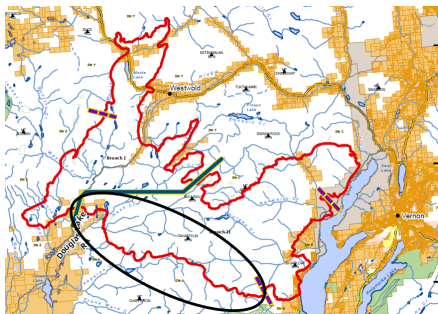
Division Zulu (west flank): 30 firefighters. 2 pieces of heavy equipment, aerial resources

No growth has been observed along this flank over the past week. Crews will continue mop-up and patrol from Torch Road to Monte Pratt today. Danger tree assessments are currently being completed in preparation for having military personnel commence patrolling in the area tomorrow.



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 .



EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

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

[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

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