



White Rock Lake
(K61884)

FIRE SIZE
32,500 hectares (estimate)

FIRE STATUS
Out of Control

This fire was first discovered on Sunday, July 13, 2021 and is approximately 34 kilometres northwest of Vernon.

CONDITIONS:

The slight downturn in fire activity from the last rainfall is now gone. An upper ridge over the region today will bring temperature highs into the mid-30s, relative humidity into the low teens, and variable clouds. Atmospheric instability today and into the evening could develop thunderstorms with a slight risk of showers.

Forecasted winds may significantly impact the fire activity on the White Rock Lake wildfire, beginning as early as tomorrow afternoon. Fire Behaviour Analysts and Forward Planning Specialists will better refine this forecast over the next 24-hours.

EVACUATION ALERTS & ORDERS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has implemented an Evacuation Order for 85 properties and has issued an Evacuation Alert for an additional 651 properties. For more information, please contact: [Thompson-Nicola Regional District](#) / 250-377-7188.

The Columbia-Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) has implemented an Evacuation Order for 10 properties. On August 2, 2021, the CSRD expanded the Evacuation Alert to include the hills west of and above Yankee Flats Road, north to Spa Creek. The CSRD currently has 608 properties on Evacuation Alert. For more information, please contact: [Columbia-Shuswap Regional District](#) / 250-833-3350.

The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) has implemented an Evacuation Order for 32 properties and has issued an Evacuation Alert for an additional 14 properties. Please contact [Regional District of North Okanagan](#) /250-550-3700 for more information.

On August 1, 2021, the Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) partially upgraded the Evacuation Alert to an Evacuation Order for areas below the Whiteman Creek drainage, south of the Mud Hole, including Parker Cove and Whiteman subdivision. The existing Evacuation Alert for the remainder of OKIB IR#1 Reserve up to Newport Beach remains still in place. Please contact [Okanagan Indian Band](#), OKIBEOCInformationOfficer@okanagan.org / 250-241-5809 for more information.

On August 1, the Central Okanagan (RDCO) implemented an Evacuation Order for 561 properties and issued an Evacuation Alert for an additional 1,760 properties. A State of Local Emergency has been issued for the RDCO. Please contact the [Regional District of Central Okanagan](#) / 250-469-8490 (local) or 1-877-569-8490 (toll-free) for more information.

RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 136, 99 of which are from Quebec

Support Staff – 14

Heavy Equipment – 43

Danger tree assessors/fallers – ten

Helicopters – 11 assigned

Incident Management Team

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Structure Protection Specialists—two

Personnel – 117 from 25 fire departments

Structure Protection Unit Trailers— three (two Type 1 and one Type 2)

15 fire department personnel are remaining on site through the night to provide 24/7 structure protection continuity. The Structure Protection branch is supported by 17 engines, 14 water tenders, and five mass-water delivery systems.

AREA RESTRICTION ORDER:

The BC Wildfire Service has implemented an 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](#).

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



OBJECTIVES:

Poor visibility over the past 72-hours hampered BC Wildfire Service's ability to accurately map the fire perimeter. Improved visibility yesterday allowed operational personnel to better track the southern and eastern fire perimeter. As of last night, the most eastern perimeter of the fire was approximately 8.5 kilometres west of Westside Road. The decrease in smoke has also allowed aircraft to be safely utilized for fire suppression efforts.

On the northwest flank, crews will be actioning a small excursion to the northwest of the fire perimeter. Crews are supporting these guards with hose lay and a water delivery system and will use direct attack on the fire where possible from Pratt Road to Monte-Camp Road. Heavy equipment is also working to protect this guard, as well as working to complete a contingency guard further northwest.

Crews will continue to protect and secure the fire perimeter along the north flank, west of the Douglas Lake Road. Northeast of the fire perimeter, crews and heavy equipment are working to secure the guard along Adelphi Road towards Wood Lake. Heavy machinery is also working on building a contingency guard further north of the fire perimeter.

Crews along the southern flank of the fire will continue working along Beautiful Road to mop up the excursion south of the Salmon River Forest Service Road, east of Salmon Lake. Heavy machinery will continue to work along Mowing Machine Forest Service Road to reinforce the road. Where site conditions permit, crews will be completing small hand ignitions to burn fuels off from the Mowing Machine Forest Service Road to tie in control lines along the southwest flanks.

Forward planning specialists and line locators are working towards establishing a feasible southern control line using a combination of Forest Service Roads, lakes, and pre-existing machine guards.



Fire activity near Little Bouleau Lake on August 3, 2021. A decrease in smoke over the past 24-hours has allowed aircraft to safely fly certain areas of the fire that had previously been unsafe to fly in.

SOUNDCLOUD UPDATE:

Scott Rennick, Incident Commander provides an update for the White Rock Lake Wildfire on August 4, 2021:

<https://soundcloud.com/bcgov/white-rock-lake-wildfire-update-august-4-2021>





ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

North Okanagan Complex Information Section

Telephone: 778-694-8325 | Email: BCWS.NorthOkanaganComplexInfo@gov.bc.ca



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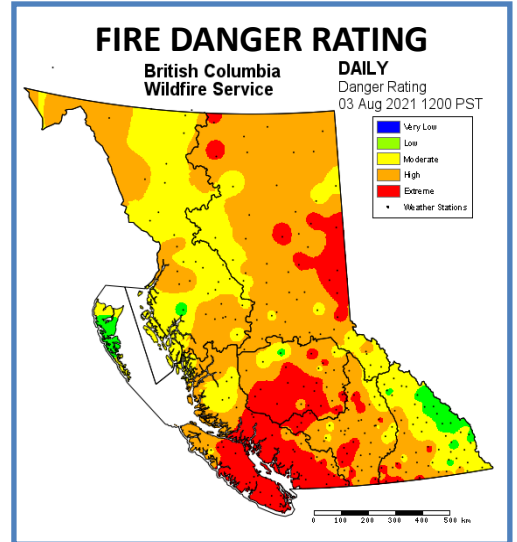
STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

During busy wildfire seasons, the BC Wildfire Service can utilize local fire department personnel to support the structure protection efforts on wildfires. On the White Rock Lake wildfire, there are currently 117 personnel from 25 fire departments. These fire department personnel come with specialized knowledge of structure defense and they are trained to rapidly deploy structure protection systems in areas that are safe and defensible.

Structural protection personnel have completed a full assessment from Monte Lake towards the Falkland Corridor via Highway 97, as well as along Westside Road. Structure Protection Specialists were able to complete a high-level assessment of areas west of Okanagan Lake to begin triaging properties. Structure protection personnel are prepared to defend Westwood, Falkland, Cedar Hills, Pinaus Lake, and communities along Westside Road, including Okanagan Indian Band IR#1. The structure protection crews will also be patrolling Douglas Lake Road to action any spot fires as well as maintaining the structure protection systems in place. Defending structures from a wildland fire is not always possible in every situation. Several factors, including risks to firefighters, fire behaviour, and the availability of resources will dictate our ability to successfully defend threatened structures. Pre-applied FireSmart principles also significantly increases the defensibility of a structure.

Currently, the White Rock Lake wildfire is being supported by:

- Barriere Fire Department
- Coldstream Fire Department
- North Westside Fire Rescue
- Central Saanich Fire Department
- Mill Bay Fire Department
- Oyster River Fire Department
- Sooke Fire Department
- Sidney Fire Department
- Metchosin Fire Department
- Cow Bay Fire Department
- Adams Lake Fire Department
- BX Swan Lake Fire Rescue
- Vancouver Fire Department
- Gibsons Fire Department
- Lake Cowichan Fire Department
- North Cedar Fire Department
- Richmond Fire Rescue
- Erris Volunteer Fire Association
- Cherry Creek Fire Department
- Kelowna Fire Department
- Mission Fire Rescue
- Charlie Lake Fire Department
- Red Rock Fire Department
- Victoria Fire Department



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