



White Rock Lake
(K61884)

FIRE SIZE
32,500 hectares (estimate)

FIRE STATUS
Out of Control

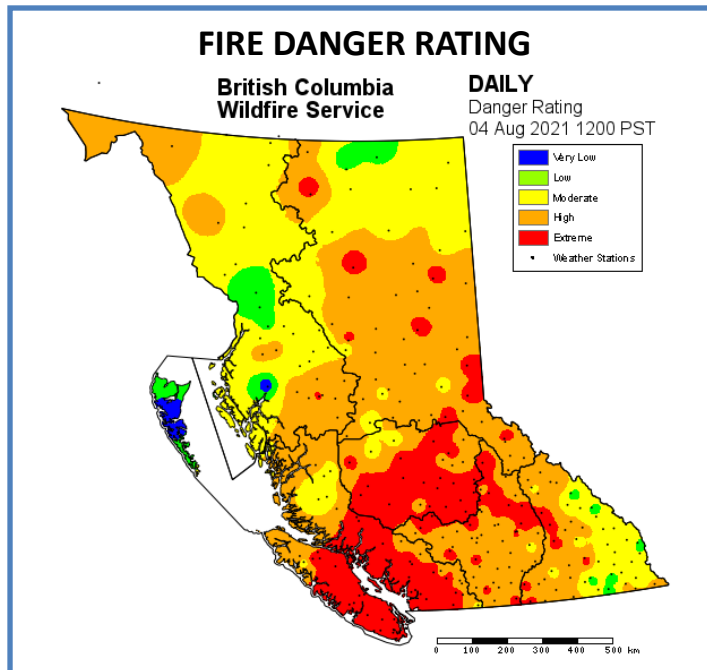
This fire was first discovered on Sunday, July 13, 2021 and is approximately 34 kilometres northwest of Vernon.

CONDITIONS:

Sustained 25 km/hr southwesterly winds, gusting upwards of 40 km/hr, are forecast to begin as early as noon today, August 5. Wind gusts are expected to increase fire activity and challenge suppression efforts along the northeast and east flanks. As a result, the BC Wildfire Service has recommended upgrades and expansions of existing Evacuation Alert and Evacuation Order areas.

Extreme burning conditions are expected through to the weekend. Mainly sunny skies, temperature highs of 29 degrees, low relative humidity and elevated winds will give way to dry fuels and active fire behaviour.

The top priority for the BC Wildfire Service is human life and safety. The public is urged to maintain heightened awareness of the evolving situation over the next 48-hours and should be prepared in advance for a potential Evacuation Alert or Evacuation Order.



RESOURCES:

Firefighters – 136 (99 of which are from Quebec)

Support Staff – seven

Heavy Equipment – 43

Danger tree assessors/fallers – ten

Helicopters – 13 assigned

Incident Management Team

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

Personnel – 125

Structure Protection Unit Trailers— six (two Type 1 and four Type 2)

Equipment – four pieces of heavy equipment, 17 engines, 14 water tenders, and five mass-water delivery systems

Twenty fire department personnel are remaining on site through the night to provide 24/7 structure protection continuity.

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

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

North Okanagan Complex Information Section

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





OBJECTIVES:

Thirteen helicopters are assigned to the White Rock Lake wildfire and will be delivering water to problematic areas of the fire to support ground suppression efforts. The helicopter fleet includes a Sikorsky 64 SkyCrane helicopter, which has a 2,650-gallon tank that is fillable in less than one-minute. Additional air support is available and will be utilized as required, should conditions allow.

On the northwest and southwest flank, crews will continue to action hotspots and support the construction of guard. Heavy machinery is proceeding with direct attack along these flanks. 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. Danger tree fallers/assessors are assessing hazardous trees and falling them as needed along these flanks to ensure the safety of firefighting crews and machine operators.

On the northeast flank, crews will continue to protect and secure the guard west of Westwold. Crews and heavy equipment are also working south of Westwold to secure containment from Adelphi Road to 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 ensure that there are no combustible fuels left between the control line and the existing fire perimeter in this area. Today, heavy machinery will commence construction of a control line from Beautiful Road heading east. This control line will serve as a contingency line south of the fire perimeter and will be established using a combination of Forest Service Roads, lakes, and pre-existing machine guards.



**Fire activity near Monte Lake this morning—
August 5, 2021.**

SOUNDCLOUD UPDATE:

Scott Rennick, Incident Commander provides an update for the White Rock Lake Wildfire on August 5, 2021:

<https://soundcloud.com/bcgov/white-rock-lake-wildfire-update-august-5-2021>





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EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

Currently, there are several Evacuation Alerts and Orders implemented due to the White Rock Lake wildfire that span across multiple local government authorities.

Evacuation Alerts and Orders are put in place and enforced by local government authorities, which may be a Regional District, a municipality, or a First Nation. Often, these authorities rely on expert advice from BC Wildfire personnel based on forecasted weather, expected fire growth, and egress routes. This is particularly important when aggressive fire behaviour and sustained winds are expected.

Communication regarding the implementation of Evacuation Alerts and Orders of individual properties is shared by the local authority through various methods. Any questions specific to the Evacuation Alert or Order areas can be directed to the local authority that issued it.

The BC Wildfire Service website also provides links to other sites where people can learn more about evacuations, highway conditions, road closures, emergency preparedness and other topics:

- Evacuation Orders and Alerts: <https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca>
- Road closures: <http://www.drivebc.com>
- Preparedness: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-your-hazards/wildfires>

On August 4, the **Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)** partially upgraded their existing Evacuation Alert area north of the **White Rock Lake wildfire to an Evacuation Order**. The TNRD currently has 356 properties on Evacuation Order and 380 properties on Evacuation Alert. For more information, please contact: [Thompson-Nicola Regional District](#) / 250-377-7188.

On August 4, the **Columbia-Shuswap Regional District (CSRD)** partially upgraded their existing Evacuation Alert area north-east of the **White Rock Lake wildfire to an Evacuation Order**. The Evacuation Order area now includes the community of **Falkland and the Cedar Hill area**. The CSRD also expanded the current Evacuation Alert area to include the communities of **Glenemma, Silver Creek, Yankee Flats, and Deep Creek**. For more information, please contact: [Columbia-Shuswap Regional District](#) / 250-833-3350.

On August 4, the **Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO)** upgraded their existing Evacuation Alert area east of the **White Rock Lake wildfire to an Evacuation Order**. Please contact [Regional District of North Okanagan](#) /250-550-3700 for more information.

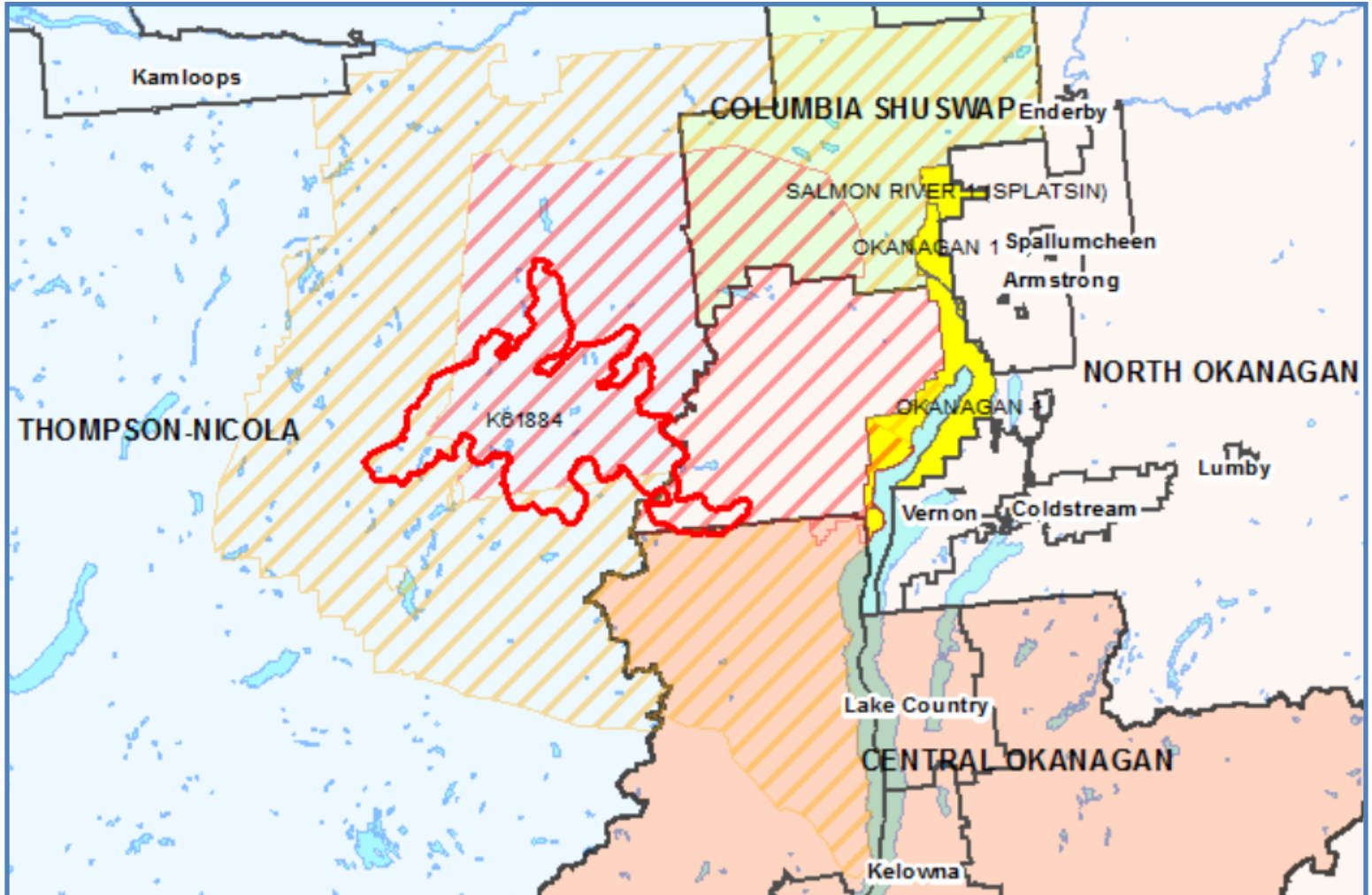
On August 4, 2021, the **Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB)** partially upgraded their existing Evacuation Alert to an Evacuation Order for addresses located between **11497 Smith Cres (north end) and 11071 Westside Road/Mud Hole Road (south end), westward to Reserve boundary**. The existing Evacuation Alert for the remainder of OKIB IR#1 Reserve up to Newport Beach remains 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 544 properties and issued an Evacuation Alert for an additional 2,400 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.

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



EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS AS OF 12:30, AUGUST 5, 2021



Receiving an Evacuation Order can be an unsettling and emotional experience. We understand that you may be reluctant to leave your home and community. However, choosing to remain in an area that is under an Evacuation Order puts you, your family and first responders in danger. If you have received an Evacuation Order, please leave the area immediately.

If you are unsure what Regional District your property falls under (not IR land or local municipalities), you can search for your address in this interactive map:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/facts-framework/local-government-maps>

View the location and details of all active wildfires in B.C., as well as current open burning prohibitions, evacuation alerts, evacuation orders and more

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b>

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