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August 06, 2021

WILDFIRE UPDATE

Tremont Creek	FIRE SIZE:	FIRE STATUS:
(K21849)	30,603 hectares (estimate)	Out of Control

RESOURCES:

71 personnel are responding during the day in conjunction with heavy equipment. During the day, crews are assisted by seven helicopters, 32 pieces of heavy equipment, an Incident Management Team and Structure Protection personnel. Structure protection equipment is established and being monitored in areas of the fire with structures present. Resources are shared within the Sparks Lake Complex.

UPDATES:

August 06: Yesterday afternoon, we saw fire conditions deteriorate and the fire took another run to the north-east out of the Tunkwa Provincial Park and to the southern foot of Mt. Savona. The fire is currently held on the western side of Tunkwa and Leighton Lake and is progressing to the north east above Leighton Lake. Structural protection crews have setup protection on buildings throughout Tunkwa Park and have commenced triage of buildings along Tunkwa Lake road and Haywood Farmer road.

Evacuation Orders were placed on properties south of the properties along highway 1, along Haywood Farmer road and Tunkwa Lake road to the Tunkwa provincial park. An expanded evacuation alert recommended and actioned by TNRD east of Tunkwa Lake road including areas of Tobiano and six mile Ranch. For the community of Savona (7km from the fire) please monitor the fire and conditions. There is currently no direct or immediate threat to the community of Logan lake (13km from the fire).

We are looking to have LAT's (Large Air Tankers) to place retardant lines to protect critical infrastructure on Mt. Savona. Please don't be alarmed to see these operating close by.

Previous August 04: Yesterday afternoon, we saw fire condition deteriorate and the fire took a run east and north east through the Tunkwa Provincial Park. The fire progressed approximately 2km to the east and is approximately 1km from the most western part on the Lake. Structural protection crews have setup protection on buildings throughout Tunkwa Park and these will remain in place whilst there is a threat.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Tremont Creek Information Team| Hours: 0800-2200

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EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has issued updated Evacuation Orders and Alerts for Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country) and for Electoral area "J" (Copper Desert Country). The Oregon Jack Creek Indian Band have issued an Evacuation Order. Parts of Savano and the Tunkwa Provincial Park are currently on order and the District of Logan Lake in on Alert. The communities of Ashcroft and Cache Creek, as well as the Ashcroft Band remain on evacuation alert. To see the full list of affected properties, please contact:

TNRD Emergency Operations Centre
Phone: (250) 377-7188
Toll Free: 1-866-377-7188
emergency@tnrd.ca

Ashcroft Indian Band
Phone: (250) 453-9154
Email: info@ashcroftband.ca
ashcroftband.ca

AREA RESTRICTION:

An area restriction is in place as of July 18, 2021 for an area over the Tremont Creek Wildfire area. This is NOT an evacuation alert or order. Under this order and Section 11(2) of the Wildfire Act, a person must not remain in or enter the restricted area without the prior written authorization of an official designated for the purposes of the Wildfire Act, unless the person enters the area only in the course of:

(a) Travelling as a person acting in an official capacity.

(b) Travelling for the purpose of supporting wildfire suppression activities.

(c) Travelling as a person working for Highland Valley Copper Mine to and from the mine site for the purposes of maintaining critical infrastructure at the site.

(d) Travelling to or from his or her principle residence, that is not under an evacuation order.

(e) Travelling to or from private or leased property for the purposes of accessing a secondary residence or recreational property, that is not under an evacuation order.

(f) Engaging and/or participating in agricultural activities pertaining to livestock or agriculture management on private or leased property.

(g) Using a highway as defined in the Highway Act (e.g. use of travelling along Hwy 97C).

The area restriction in place currently has an expiry date of October 15, 2021. However, once the area is considered safe for entry, the BC Wildfire Service will rescind the order.

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REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has chosen Voyent Alert! to serve the region to provide residents with critical emergency information. Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors during critical events like fires or floods as well as for relevant day-to-day communications. Registration is FREE, simple and totally anonymous. For mobile app alerts, download and install the *Voyent Alert!* app from the Apple or Google Play stores For email, text message, or voice call alerts: https://register.voyent-alert.com

Personalized Communications: Voyent Alert! provides informative communications. Critical information such as the distance and direction from an incident, time of intercept and preferred evacuation routes from your tracked locations.

Track Multiple Locations: Voyent Alert! allows you to create and track multiple locations such as “Kids School” or “Mom’s House”. Any event or communication related to your tracked locations will be forwarded to you along your preferred communication channel.

No Message Fatigue: Voyent Alert’s smart alerting capabilities ensure that you will only get notified when a communication is relevant to you or one of the locations you are tracking.

Communications Your Way: Receive alerts over a wide variety of communication channels including mobile apps, text/SMS alerting, email or voice calling You can register for all or one of them.

Privacy is Paramount: Registration is anonymous, and no information volunteered or derived is shared or used for marketing or data harvesting purposes. Locational information from your tracked locations is only used to determine its proximity to an alert event and to provide critical context within the communications (such as distance and direction).

Leaving is Easy: Both mobile applications and web-based accounts provide access to an unsubscribe feature accessed via the menu icon on the top right of the screen/page. If the service isn’t working out simply click on “Unsubscribe” button.

See the full release at: https//www.tnrd.ca

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RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES:

The BC Economic Development Association (BCEDA) has launched a special webpage dedicated to Wildfires 2021—https://www.bceda.ca/wildfires.php — which contains a live document where information will be added for business and communities, plus manuals and toolkits dedicated to disaster preparation.

Have the BC Wildfires impacted your Business? Is so, a short survey has been created . The responses will help distinguish businesses' and communities' short and long-term needs. The BCEDA has pledged to do everything it can to help.

The BCEDA collects this information to share in an aggregate format with provincial, Indigenous, Local and Regional Governments. No confidential information will be shared unless a follow-up call is requested by the business. All information is stored in Canada by Soft landing.

Here is the URL for the survey:
https://www.executivepulse.ca/bcwildfire2021

MORE BCEDA RESOURCES:

Resources for Wildfire Impacted Individuals & Businesses 2021 (Live Document) - A document of resources that is constantly being updated as new information and resources are released. Check back in on this document regularly for up-to-date information regarding the wildfires.

Top 10 Steps to Prepare Your Business for Evacuation - A document that can be made available to businesses in your community to aid in, and encourage, preparation for an evacuation scenario. It highlights the 10 steps necessary to prepare a business for an evacuation.

Province of BC: Disaster Financial Assistance—Following a disaster, the provincial government may declare the event eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA). Once declared, the DFA program may compensate individuals for essential uninsurable losses and/or reimburse local governments for damaged infrastructure.

Local Economic Recovery & Restart Toolkit - This toolkit provides a collection of resources developed to assist local councils, organizations and individuals involved in community economic recovery following an emergency such as the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires and floods .

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

BC Wildfire Service	Emergency Management BC	Local municipalities and regional districts	First Nations
- BCWS's jurisdiction covers all BC Parks, Crown and private lands, but does not include the boundaries of local governments that have forest fire prevention bylaws and are serviced by a fire department. - BCWS speaks directly about **wildfires** (i.e. fire status, operations, etc.) and is responsible for disseminating wildfire updates to local governments, stakeholders, First Nations and the public. - BCWS does <u>not</u> announce Strategic Evacuation Orders or Alerts. - BCWS <u>does</u> announce Tactical Evacuations. - In the event of an imminent threat to public safety, BCWS can authorize an immediate **Tactical Evacuation** of the affected area.	- EMBC coordinates communication across all agencies and stakeholders to support communities. - EMBC provides advice to evacuees and support to communities regarding Emergency Operations Centres and Emergency Support Services.	- Local Municipalities and Regional Districts speak directly about **Strategic Evacuation Orders and Alerts in** their respective jurisdictions. - Local Municipalities and Regional Districts <u>do not</u> speak about the status of a wildfire unless the fire occurs within their jurisdiction. For example, if a wildfire <u>starts</u> within the boundaries of a local government, BCWS will often assist the local fire department with suppression efforts. If the fire spreads into Crown land to become a wildfire, BCWS will often assume control.	- On IR lands, Evacuation Orders and Alerts are implemented by a Band Council Resolution or other. - A designated person(s) from the respective First Nations community will speak to Evacuation Orders and Alerts on IR lands.

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