



White Rock Lake
(K61884)

FIRE SIZE
45,000 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:

Last night, those who choose not to leave Evacuation Order areas put B.C.'s first responders at tremendous risk. Efforts were taken away from actively suppressing the wildfire and protecting structures to be redirected towards tactically evacuating those who choose to remain in Evacuation Order area. This continues to be an incredibly volatile situation displaying extremely vigorous surface and active crown fire with spotting upwards of one kilometre ahead of the main fire front. If you are in an Evacuation Order area you must leave immediately.

Through the evening, temperatures dropped into the mid-teens with winds out of the west 10-20 km/hr gusting upwards of 30 km/hr. Today on-site westerly winds 15-25 km/hr with gusts upwards of 40 km/hr are expected through into the evening.

RESOURCES:

Wildland Firefighters – 99 (22 who remained on-site overnight)

Heavy Equipment – 51

Danger tree assessors/fallers – eight

Helicopters – 13 assigned

Incident Management Team

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

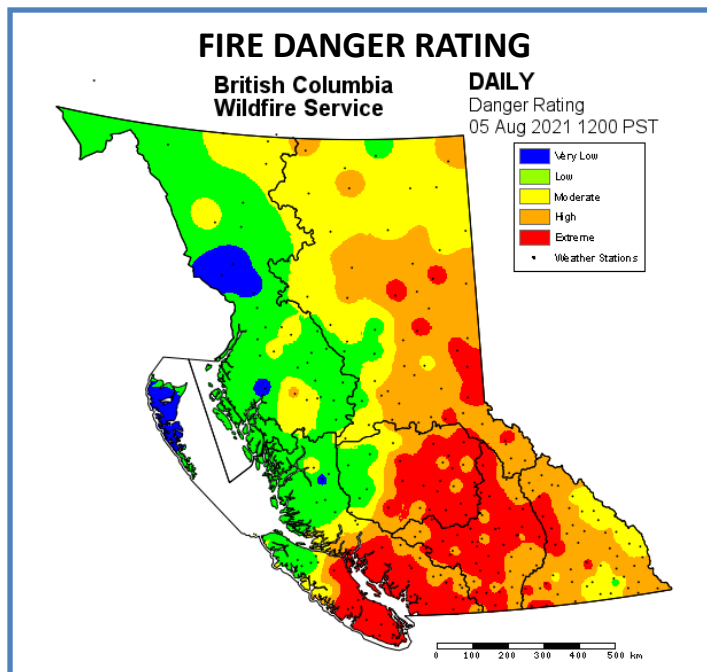
Personnel – 125

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 bulletin and [map](#).



ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

North Okanagan Complex Information Section

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





OBJECTIVES:

Over the past 24-hours predominant fire growth has been along the northeastern and eastern flanks, as well as minimal growth along the southeast flank. The most northern flank is approximately 13 kilometres southeast of Pritchard. The most southeastern fire perimeter is approximately five kilometers west of Westside Road.

Aerial resources primary focus over the next 48-hours will be to continue to reduce the rate of spread along the active flanks, as well as ensure the safety of ground personnel.

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 flank crews will continue to action hotspots and support the construction of guard. Heavy machinery is proceeding with direct attack along these flanks where it is safe to do so. 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.

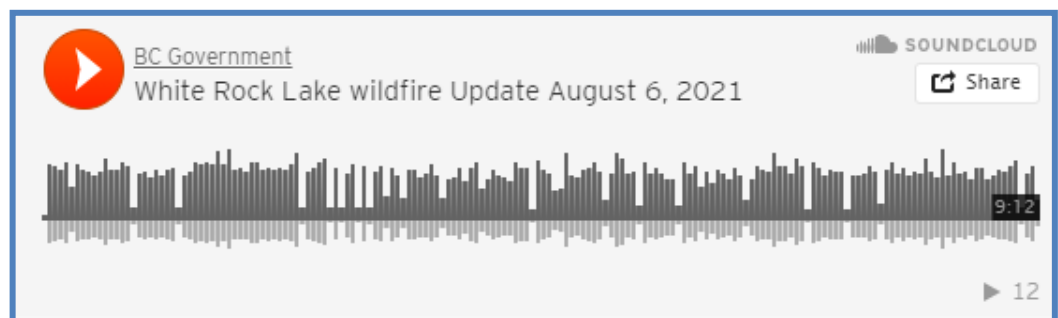
Last night along the northeast flank, a unit-crew worked with heavy machinery to establish a control line north of Westwold and Falkland. To help secure the containment line, crews burned-off fuels from pre-established guards to extend the amount of non-combustible fuels between the main fire and the control line. This tactic effectively stopped the main fire from burning towards the communities since it has little to no unburnt fuel left to consume once it reached the control line. 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. If on-site conditions are suitable, crews will complete small ignition operations to progress along the control lines. Heavy machinery will continue to work along Mowing Machine Forest Service Road to reinforce the road. Heavy machinery will be working on the 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. Personnel will also be patrolling the fire perimeter to assess whether there have been any areas where the fire has crossed containment lines.

SOUNDCLOUD UPDATE:

Scott Rennick, Incident Commander provides an update for the White Rock Lake Wildfire on August 6, 2021:

<https://soundcloud.com/bcgov/white-rock-lake-wildfire-update-august-6-2021>



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EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

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.emergencyinfbc.gov.bc.ca>
- Road closures: <http://www.drivebc.com>
- Preparedness: <http://ow.ly/qNmV30rQd8C>

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Alerts in place.

[Thompson-Nicola Regional District](#) / 250-377-7188

The Columbia-Shuswap Regional District has Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Alerts in place.

[Columbia-Shuswap Regional District](#) / 250-833-3350

The Regional District of North Okanagan has Evacuation Orders in place.

[Regional District of North Okanagan](#) / 250-550-3700

The Okanagan Indian Band has Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Alerts in place.

[Okanagan Indian Band/ OKIBEOCInformationOfficer@okanagan.org](#) / 250-241-5809

The Regional District of Central Okanagan has Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Alerts in place.

[Regional District of Central Okanagan](#) / 250-469-8490 (local) or 1-877-569-8490 (toll-free)

The City of Kamloops has an Evacuation Alert in place.

[The City of Kamloops](#)

The Village of Chase has an Evacuation Alert in place.

[The Village of Chase](#)

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>

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