



White Rock Lake
(K61884)

FIRE SIZE
55,000 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:

Yesterday, southwesterly winds, gusting upwards of 40 km/hr, and Rank 4/5 fire behaviour challenged suppression efforts. Into the evening, the flank that was threatening to push northeast towards Spallumcheen slowed once it approached the Siwash Creek area. Strong winds contributed to an increase in fire behaviour in the Whiteman Creek Road area.

Predominant fire growth over the past 24-hours was along the eastern flank, west of Westside Road. This eastern flank is very visible to surrounding communities, and in certain areas the fire is approximately 100-250 metres west of Okanagan Lake.

Through the evening, temperatures dropped into the mid-teens with winds out of the southwest continuing to gust upwards of 30 km/hr. Today, winds on-site will be similar to yesterday, south/southwest 10-20 km/hr with gusts 25-40 km/hr. Isolated showers in the vicinity will provide a slight reprieve through the weekend. However, where sustained winds align with terrain features high spread rates and active fire behaviour is still expected.

Temperatures tomorrow will dip into the mid-teens with light northwest winds. Into next week, a flat upper ridge will begin to build on Monday bringing warm and dry conditions back to the region.

STRUCTURE PROTECTION:

The structure protection branch consists 125 structure protection personnel from various fire departments. Personnel are remaining on site overnight tonight to ensure 24-hour coverage for Structure Protection. Seven pieces of heavy equipment, two Type 1 Structure Protection Unit (SPU) trailers, four Type 2 SPU trailer, 17 engines, five mass-water delivery systems, and 14 water tenders are also assigned to the structure protection branch.

Structure protection personnel are prepared to defend Westwold, Falkland, Cedar Hills, Pinaus Lake, and communities along Westside Road, including Okanagan Indian Band IR#1. Structure protection personnel worked through the night and continue today with a roving patrol along Westside Road, prepared to defend threatened neighbourhoods.

RESOURCES:

Wildland Firefighters – 126 (22 who remained on-site overnight)

Heavy Equipment – 38

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 – seven 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



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OBJECTIVES:

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. On the northwest flank crews will work on making progress on tying in machine guards and Forest Service Roads. Direct attack methods will be used along the Foley Road area where safe to do so to limit spread. Danger Tree assessors and fallers will continue to ensure clear access along roads in the area.

Crews on the northern flank of the fire will work on constructing guard along the western perimeter of the fire north towards Highway 97. Where conditions are favourable, crews will support this guard with small-scale ignitions and water delivery. Crews will also work on establishing containment in the Adelphi Road area along the eastern side of the northern finger of the fire perimeter to protect this flank from growing towards Pinaus Lake. Crews are being assisted by helicopter support in this area as they work to secure control lines.

Crews along the southern flank of the fire will work to continue to hold containment along Beautiful Road. If on-site conditions are favourable, small-scale ignition operations will support the containment line being built. A ground-based retardant unit will support crews along guard. Danger Tree Assessors/Fallers will ensure clear access along roadways. 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



Where safe to do so, air tankers have been supporting suppression efforts on the White Rock Lake wildfire. Air tankers drop fire retardant parallel to active fire to slow the spread.

SOUNDCLOUD UPDATE:

Scott Rennick, Incident Commander provides an update for the White Rock Lake Wildfire on August 7, 2021:

<https://soundcloud.com/bcgov/white-rock-lake-wildfire-update-august-7-2021>



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WILDFIRE UPDATE

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

As of 1:00 p.m., August 7, 2021, the following government authorities have implemented Evacuation Alerts and Orders. Please contact the applicable local authority for more details on the Evacuation Alerts and Orders.

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 and Alerts in place.

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

The Okanagan Indian Band has Evacuation Orders in place for IR #1.

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

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

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

The City of Armstrong and the Township of Spallumcheen has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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The City of Kamloops has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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The Słatsín First Nation has an Evacuation Alert in place.

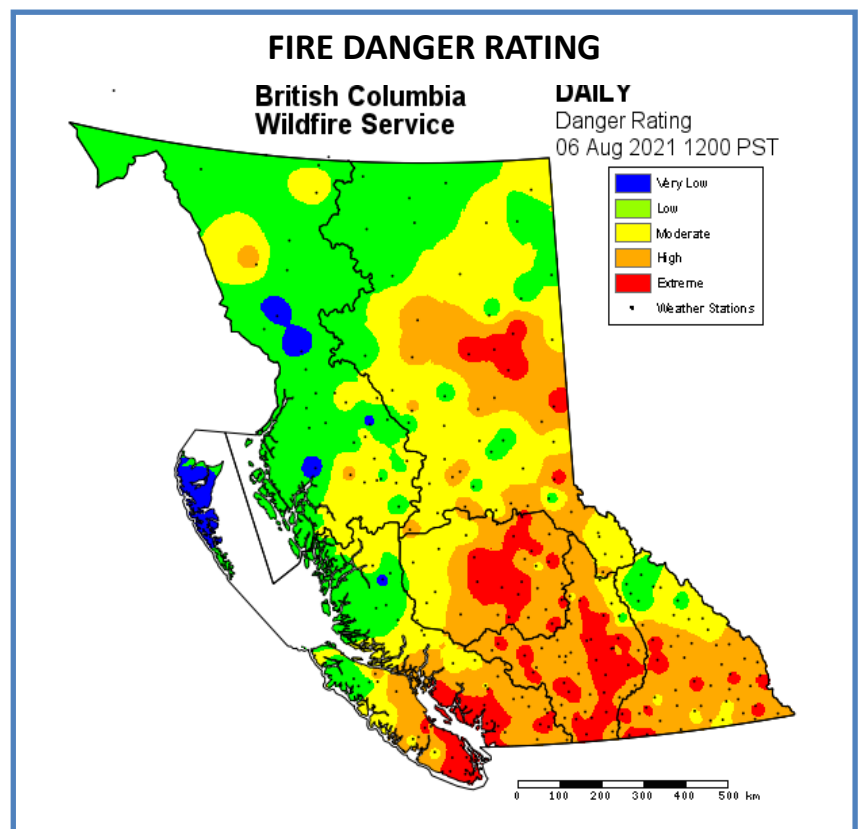
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The Village of Chase has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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The City of Vernon has an Evacuation Alert in place.

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