

WILDFIRE UPDATE

MCKAY CREEK (K71030)

The McKay Creek wildfire is 31,747 hectares in size and is classified as Out of Control.

RESOURCES:

8 firefighters, 2 helicopters, 9 pieces of heavy equipment, an Incident Management Team and Structure Protection personnel.

UPDATE:

A significant increase in fire activity Aug. 5 on the southwest corner resulted in small spot fires on the east side of the Fraser River in grassland/rangeland to the south of Pavillion. Crews and helicopters suppressed the spot fires that evening and a crew remained on site overnight to continue fire suppression and monitoring. The spots are extinguished as of Aug 6. Fire activity is highly visible from surrounding communities and travel corridors, including Highway 99.

Drive with caution. Hot vehicles can start fires! Only stop your vehicle in safe locations away from dried, combustible vegetation. Do not contribute to the wildfire hazard!

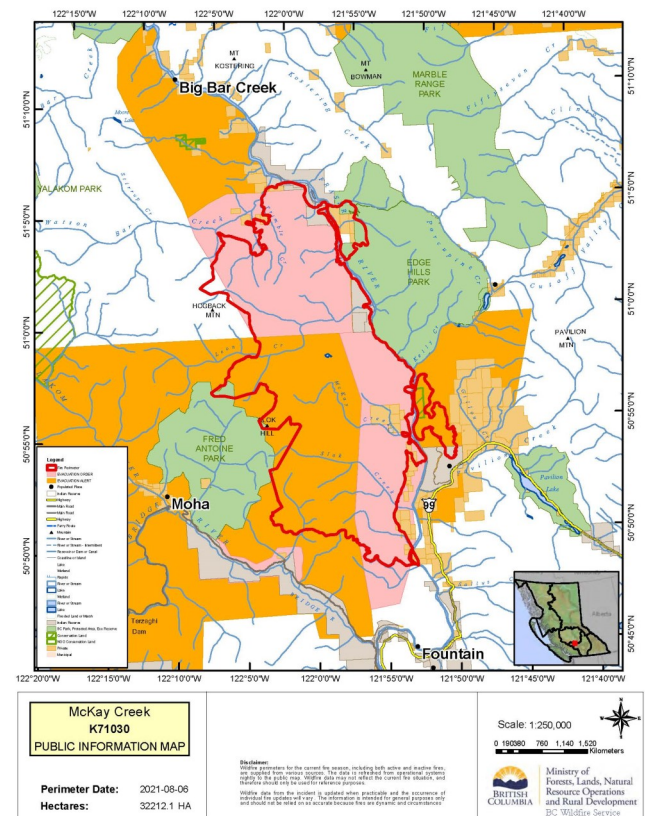
Crews are engaged in mop up operations in the Lee Creek area around residences impacted by yesterday's increased fire activity in the south. Fire growth continues into the Applespring Creek drainage and is expected to reach the Lillooet-Pioneer Road today or tomorrow. Fire is active on north flank toward Watson Bar Road. The fire has crossed West Pavillion Road in some locations to the north.

A Structure Protection Specialist and Crews are in Applespring Creek area Aug. 6. Heavy equipment is constructing a fire guard on the north flank of the fire, connecting West Pavilion Road to Watson Bar Road.

EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS:

On Aug 5, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and Xwisten (Bridge River Indian Band) issued an Evacuation Order for the area of L28101 Lillooet-Pioneer Road.

On Aug 4, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District issued an Evacuation Order for the Electoral Area B – West Pavilion Area. An Evacuation Alert for selected areas of Electoral Area A and Electoral Area B remains in effect. An Evacuation Order for the Pavilion has been downgraded to an Evacuation Alert. July 24, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District partially downgraded the Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert in Electoral Area "E" (Bonaparte Plateau). An Evacuation Order remains in place for some of this area.



McKay Creek wildfire (K71030) Aug 6 Public Map. Click here for full size map: <https://bit.ly/3jt4FcB>