BC Wildfire Service

August 6, 2021

WILDFIRE UPDATE

LYTTON CREEK (K71086)

The Lytton Creek wildfire is 51,589 hectares in size and is classified as Out of Control.

RESOURCES:

Personnel: 95; heavy equipment: 36; helicopters: 7; Incident Management Team; Structure Protection personnel.

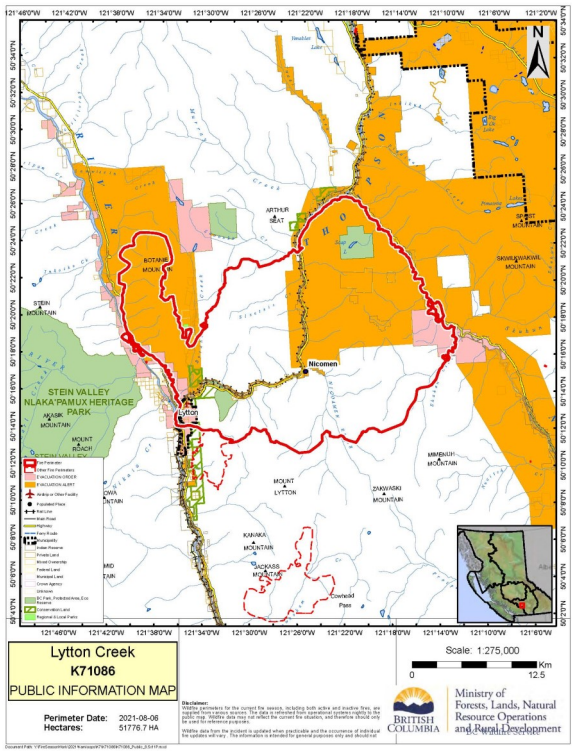
UPDATE:

EAST:

Crews successfully completed planned ignitions over the past two nights (Aug. 4 and Aug. 5) along the southeast flank of the fire to strengthen fire guards south of the community of Shackan. Early this morning (Aug. 6), crews were mopping up hot spots in the area. Planned ignitions will continue tonight if conditions allow. Opportunities for aerial ignitions will continue to be assessed in the coming days. Heavy equipment is continuing to establish fire guard southwards. Once established, crews will follow up machine guard with hose lay for mop up operations.

Heavy equipment has completed construction of the fire guard on a portion of the southeast flank, near the community of Shackan. A control line has been established north of Agate and heavy equipment is working to construct an additional contingency guard north of Nuaitch Creek. This guard will be connected to existing roads and creeks that serve as natural fuel breaks.

Structure protection equipment has been deployed in the community of Shackan and the Nooaitch community has been assessed. Due to reduced fire activity, structure protection equipment is being demobilized from Spence's Bridge and Cook's Ferry Indian Band. Crews are monitoring for hotspots in the Nicola Valley area and will action them if required.



Lytton Creek wildfire (K71086) Aug 6 Public Map. Click here for full size map: https://bit.ly/3fHpCiK

WEST:

Fire activity from the Bontanie Mountain area is highly visible from the Fraser River Valley communities and travel corridors (such as Highway 12) in the west and in the Botanie Valley to the east.

Crews and heavy equipment are working to widen existing road systems in the area of the Laluwissin Creek FSR to establish defendable control lines on the northwest flank of the fire. Downslope fire progression continued towards these control lines along the Fraser River and the Botanie Valley over the past few days and this behaviour is expected to continue today, Aug 6. Crews are continuing mop up operations on the east side of the Botanie Valley, near Sleetis Creek. Mop up in this area is expected to be complete today, Aug. 6. Crews are also mopping up hot spots identified by a thermal scan along the Highway 8 corridor and in the area surrounding the communities of Nicomen and Gladwin.

EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS:

The Village of Lytton has an Evacuation Order in effect for all properties in the Village of Lytton. Effective at noon, August 3, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District has downgraded the Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert for Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country).