



## 71W22KC - Okanagan Complex

### FIRE SIZE/STATUS:

|                                             |                |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Nk'Mip Creek (K52061) 16,877 (estimate)     | Out of Control |
| Thomas Creek (K51794): 10,759 ha (estimate) | Out of Control |
| Brenda Creek (K51924): 871 ha (estimate)    | Being Held     |

### THOMAS CREEK WILDFIRE (K51794)

This fire was first discovered on Sunday, July 11, 2021 and is approximately 5 kilometres northeast of Okanagan Falls.

#### CONDITIONS:

Temperatures across the Okanagan Complex are cooler today, and relative humidity is higher. Some areas of the Okanagan received precipitation, although amounts were varied across the complex. Winds will return to moderate southwesterly flows through the weekend, and temperatures will begin to increase.

#### OBJECTIVES:

The fire remains active on the northwest flank in the Derenzy Lake area, and on the northeast flank by Allendale Lake. Bucketing helicopters are supporting ground crews as they reinforce guard lines along the north flank. Favorable winds yesterday allowed crews to complete a 300 hectare (estimate) planned ignition in the Derenzy Lake area. A column of smoke was visible from Penticton and surrounding areas. This planned ignition was critical in reinforcing a guard line in an effort to gain containment on the fire. Crews will continue to look for opportunities to complete additional small hand ignitions along guard lines in the coming days. This technique is used to remove unburnt fuels between the guard line and the fire to help further secure the fire perimeter.

A BC Wildfire Service Incident Management Team is managing the Okanagan Complex. Aircraft and other resources may be reallocated from day to day within the complex as priorities shift.



During planned ignition August 6



After planned ignition August 7

### RESOURCES:

**Firefighters** — 53 firefighters  
**Heavy Equipment** — 23  
**Helicopters** — 3 (assigned)  
**Support** — 35 including a BCWS Incident Management Team

### EVACUATION ALERTS, ORDERS & AREA RESTRICTIONS:

As a result of ongoing suppression efforts and favourable weather conditions, the BC Wildfire Service has recommended changes in evacuation order and alert areas to local governments.

For the Thomas Creek Wildfire, visit the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen website for more details: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/>



Source: [BC Wildfire Dashboard](#)

An Area Restriction was implemented on July 21, 2021 and further updated on July 24, 2021. More information is available at: [www.bcwildfire.bc.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.bc.ca).

### ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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[www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)



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[www.firesmartbc.ca](http://www.firesmartbc.ca)



## Nk'Mip CREEK WILDFIRE (K52001)

This fire was first discovered 6 kilometers north of Osoyoos on July 19, 2021.

### CONDITIONS:

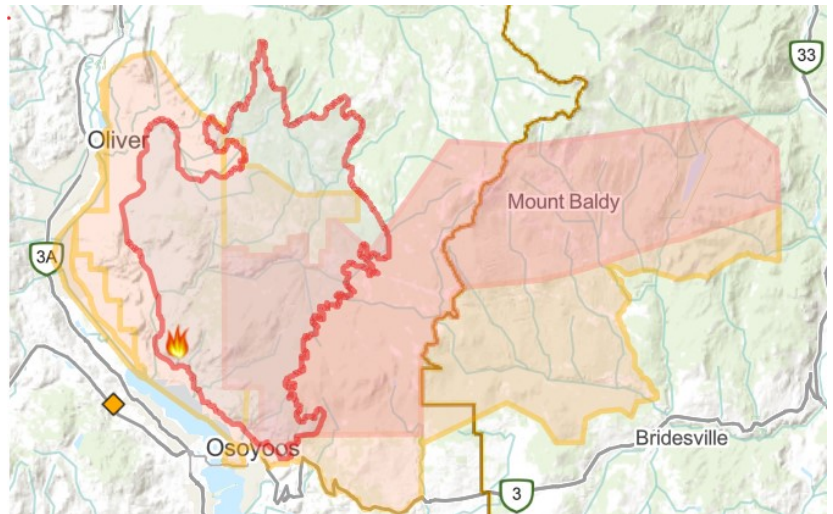
Temperatures across the Okanagan Complex are cooler today, and relative humidity is higher. Some areas of the Okanagan received precipitation, although amounts were varied across the complex. Winds will return to moderate southwesterly flows through the weekend, and temperatures will begin to increase.

### OBJECTIVES:

Guard line construction and reinforcement on the northwest and northeast flanks will remain as a priority. Firefighters are working to mop-up hot spots along the southern fire perimeter.

A task force of structural protection crews and engines will continue to patrol overnight to protect assets along McKinney Road and in other areas of the fire. Properties near Mt. Baldy are being continually assessed and for structural protection needs. Structural protection specialists have demobilized their equipment in the Shrike Community due to decreased fire risk in that area.

A contingent of 98 Mexican firefighters have been working on this fire since July 25th. They are leaving for three days of rest on Saturday, August 7 and will return to this fire on Wednesday, August 11.



Source: [BC Wildfire Dashboard](#)

### RESOURCES:

**Firefighters** — 111 firefighters

**Heavy Equipment** — 37

**Helicopters** — 7 (assigned)

**Support** — 43 including a BCWS Incident Management Team

**Structural Protection:** 1 structural protection specialist, 1 structural protection task force leader, 2 structural protection trailers and 10 firefighters from 4 fire departments are working on this fire.

### EVACUATION ALERTS, ORDERS & AREA RESTRICTIONS:

As a result of ongoing suppression efforts and favourable weather conditions the BC Wildfire Service has recommended changes to local governments on the evacuation orders and alert areas.

For the Nk'Mip Creek Wildfire, visit the following websites for more information on these changes and remaining evacuation details:

- The Osoyoos Indian Band: <http://oib.ca/>
- The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/>
- Kootenay Boundary Regional District: <https://emergency.rdkb.com/Current-Emergencies/nkmip-creek-fire>

In the interest of public and responder safety, an Area Restriction was implemented on July 24 and expanded on Aug 7. More information is available at: [www.bcwildfire.bc.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.bc.ca).



Mexican Firefighters, who have been integral to meeting project objectives, with BC Wildfire Service's Lytton Rattlers Unit Crew



Safety Inspection of Emergency Transport Vehicle on Brenda Mine fire



Safety check-in with mop-up contact crew on Brenda Ck. Fire



Successfully executed planned ignition on Thomas Creek fire

A highly trained Mexican firefighter observing fire behaviour on the Nk'Mip Creek fire from a safe distance.

