CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE

WIND WARNING

ISSUE TIME – 9:30 PDT Sunday August 15, 2021

LOCATION - All fire zones in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

SYNOPSIS: A fairly intense cold front crossing the coast mountains has moved into the far northwestern corner of the fire centre this morning. The front is forecast to sweep southeast through the afternoon to a line from near Prairie Creek to just south of Williams Lake to Middle Lake by late this afternoon. South winds of 10 to 20 locally gusting to 45 km/h ahead of the front are forecast to gradually shift to a Southwest or West Southwest direction and increase in speed to 20 to 35 km/h with gusts to 50-60 km/h with the fronts approach and passage. Winds will be strongest over the Western Quesnel, Chilcotin, and western portions of the Central zone. The front will also be accompanied by a band of showers and Isolated thundershowers in the unstable airmass along and in the wake of the front but mainly confined to northeastern sections of the fire centre. Local gusts to 70 km/h are possible with the thundershowers. Winds will ease by early evening as the front weakens and slows as it moves southward, reaching the southern border of the fire centre by Monday morning.

FORECAST WARNING END TIME - Sunday August 15 at approximately 20:00 PST

INSTRUCTIONS TO CREWS IF DEPLOYED:

Strong winds can produce erratic fire behavior.

All crews will continually assess escape routes and safety zones, beware of falling trees.

Pilots should consider landing at an appropriate landing facility upon encountering strong winds.

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