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BC Wildfire Service

CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE

Wildfire Status Update

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Overview

Lightning storms traveled through the province over the weekend, severly affecting the Cariboo Fire Centre causing 31 new starts on Saturday and Sunday. The Cariboo Fire Centre currently has three Wildfires of Note with most of the active wildfires within the Quesnel Zone and the northwest Chilcotin Zone.

The Cariboo Fire Centre continues to work with the Prince George Fire Centre, Vanderhoof/Fort St James Zone and the Coastal Fire Centre regarding wildfires that are close to the Cariboo Fire Centre border.

High midday temperatures, shifting winds, low humidity and dry conditions have resulted in aggressive fire behaviour and challenging firefighting conditions. Smoke from the wildfires is affecting the ability of aircraft to provide support to ground crews.

Effective as of 12:00 p.m. (noon) Pacific Daylight Time on Friday, July 7, 2023, all open fires are prohibited throughout the Cariboo Fire

Cariboo Contact Information

Cariboo Fire Information Officer:
1-778-799-2100
Fire Information Line:
1-888-336-7378
Burn Registration Line:
1-888-797-1717

Centre and the Tsilhqot'in (Xeni Gwet'in) Declared Title Area Centre to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety.

The following activities and equipment are also restricted:

- Fireworks
- Sky lanterns
- Burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description
- Binary exploding targets
- Tiki and similar kinds of torches
- Chimineas
- Air curtain burners

Fire Activity

Fires currently burning: 32

New fires last week: 52

	This Fire Season (since April 1)	Last Year (2022)	10-Year Avg. (2012-2022)
Total Fires to Date	134	51	95
Total Hectares to Date	12,402	264	9,329

Active Fires

There are 32 active fires in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

Quesnel Zone: There are 19 active fires in the Quesnel Zone.

Wildfire of Note - C11290 - Townsend Creek - 1500 ha. - Out of Control

Wildfire of Note - C11437 - Pelican Lake - 2700 ha. - Out of Control

Wildfire of Note - C11499 - Teepee Lake - 1500 ha. - Out of Control

C11243 - Branch Road - 1182 ha. - Out of Control

C11308 - Trout Lake - 11 ha. - Under Control

C11319 - 52 ha. - Out of Control

C11338 - 0.47 ha. - Being Held

C11405 - 476 ha. - Out of Control

C11458 - Green Mountain - 6 ha. - Being Held

C11489 - 25 ha. - Out of Control

Chilcotin Zone: There are five active fires within the Chilcotin Zone.

C51561 - 4.8 ha. - Out of Control

C51562 - 1219 ha. - Out of Control

C51571 - 600 ha. - Out of Control

Central Cariboo Zone: There are eight active fires within the Central Cariboo Zone. These fires are within the Horsefly region and being handled with a modified response and are being monitored as required.

100 Mile House Zone: There are no active fires within the 100 Mile House Zone.

"**Out of control**": The fire is not contained, and still has potential to spread.
"**Being Held**": Under current fire conditions, such as wind and weather, the fire is not expected to grow.
"**Under control**": The fire is not expected to grow any larger.

Learn more about Wildfire Rank and Stages of Control.

Zone Fire Danger Rating and Activity Level

Zone	Fire Danger Rating	Activity Level
Quesnel	Moderate - Extreme	4
Williams Lake	Low - Extreme	3
Horsefly	Low - High	3
100 Mile House	Low - Extreme	3
Chilcotin	Moderate - Extreme	3

Learn more about Fire Danger Rating and Zone Activity Levels.

Weather Forecast

Extensive smoke is causing low visibilities and low ceilings and keeping temperatures lower and relative humidity higher than expected. Highs will be in the low to mid 20's with minimum relative humidity

from the low 30 to 50%. Dispersion models show little change expected in the smoky pattern tomorrow with temperatures and relative humidity similar. Overnight relative humidity recoveries will be good. Winds will be mostly light and variable for the next two days. Over the western Chilcotin winds will be gusting to 20-30 km/h. There is a threat of thundershowers west of the Fraser for the next two afternoons but with smoke muting daytime temperatures convective temperature thresholds may not be reached. Visibilities are expected to improve slightly on Saturday. Temperatures should trend up to the mid 20's with less smoke and a chance of showers or thundershowers. On Sunday we expect stronger and gustier W-SW winds and improved visibilities. There is a chance for showers and wet lightning. Rain is expected through the fire centre Sunday night through Monday with the majority expected in 100 Mile, the northeast wet belt and the Nazko area. Tuesday to Saturday expects gusty W-NW winds with lowering relative humidity, seasonal temperatures and isolated showers. It is then expected to become very warm with drying conditions.

Fire Prohibitions and Restrictions

Open Burning

Category 3 prohibited since May 4 & Category 2 prohibited since May 11

Campfires

Prohibited as of July 7

Forest Use Restrictions

Not in effect

View current fire bans and restrictions

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