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CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE
Wildfire Status Update

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Overview

Two American Incident Management Teams are now working within the Cariboo Fire Centre and are managing the Kappan and Gillies complexes.

The Kappan Complex is made up of the following nine wildfires; VA1456, VA1462, VA1167, VA1735, Gatcho Lake (G41158 now C11158), C51562, C51571, G41165 and G41189.

The Gillies Complex is compromised of the C11243, C11290, C11437, and C11499 wildfires.

Smoke helped to decrease temperatures and reduce fire behaviour over the weekend but hampered the use of fire suppression air support. Ground crews took advantage of the lower temperatures to finish guards and utilized planned ignitions, allowing greater containment of existing fires. An incoming increase in

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Cariboo Fire Information Officer:

1-778-799-2100

Fire Information Line:

1-888-336-7378

Burn Registration Line:

1-888-797-1717

Kappan IMT Contact Information 250-267-5189

Gillies IMT Contact Information 778-799-2100

temperatures, drying conditions, and gusting winds is expected to increase fire behaviour.

All open fires remain prohibited throughout the Cariboo Fire 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 and Air curtain burners

Fire Activity

Fires currently burning: 32

New fires last week: 31

	This Fire Season (since April 1)	Last Year (2022)	10-Year Avg. (2012-2022)
Total Fires to Date	161	53	109
Total Hectares to Date	121,176	264	35,440

Active Fires

There are 32 active fires in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

Quesnel Zone: There are 16 active fires in the Quesnel Zone.

C11319 and C11321 are showing minimal fire behaviour and are being actioned by 25 firefighters on the ground

C11326 and C11328 are showing minimal fire behaviour and are being actioned by BC Wildfire Service Initial Attack crews.

C11407 and C11405 are being monitored in accordance with the Itcha Park

C11914 has been blanketed by retardant and is being actioned by an Initial Attack crew today with support from aircraft

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

C51753 is being actioned by BC Wildfire Service Initial Attack with air support

C51919 is being actioned by BC Wildfire Service Initial Attack with air support and heavy equipment

Central Cariboo Zone: There are eleven active fires within the Central Cariboo Zone. The majority of these fires are within the Horsefly region and being handled with a modified response and are being monitored as required.

C31905 is being actioned by BC Wildfire Service personnel with skimmer air support and heavy equipment

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	Low - High	4
Williams Lake	Low - High	2
Horsefly	Low - High	2
100 Mile House	Low - High	2
Chilcotin	Low - High	4

Learn more about [Fire Danger Rating](#) and [Zone Activity Levels](#).

Weather Forecast

Temperatures will trend higher today generating more frequent crossovers at the peak burning period. Expect a cold front to bring increased instability and more extensive shower/thundershower activity to the Fire Centre. Expect strong downdrafts near any thundershower/storm. Stronger east/southeast winds of 10-15 km/hr gusting up to 20-25 km/h are also forecast today. Winds will diminish after sunset and shift to the west/northwest this evening/overnight.

Cooler and slightly more humid conditions are expected for Friday. Expect west/northwest winds with additional thundershower activity developing during the afternoon/evening.

A stronger cold front will push through the Fire Centre overnight Friday-Saturday morning bringing stronger and gusty west/southwest winds of 20-25 km/hr gusting up to 40-50km/hr with lower temperatures between 18-21. Moderate humidity values of 25-35% are expected in most zones. The risk of thundershowers will persist in Quesnel/Horsefly/northern Williams Lake Saturday. Lighter winds with clear and more stable conditions are expected for Sunday and Monday.

Tuesday to Friday of next week we expect near or below seasonal temps and moderate relative humidity values. Some spotty shower/thundershower activity is likely however no significant precipitation coverage is currently expected during the forecast period.

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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