



BC Wildfire
Service



CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE

Wildfire Status Update

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Overview

A Category 2 open fire prohibition has been in effect since noon on May 11, 2023. Prohibited equipment and activities include Fireworks, Sky Lanterns, Binary Exploding Targets, Burn Barrels/Burn Cages of any size/description, and Air Curtain Burners.

A Category 3 open fire prohibition has been in effect since May 4, 2023 throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre. Campfires will still be allowed, however we urge anyone conducting these fires to be cautious and follow any municipal bylaws that affect your area.

Fire Activity

Fires currently burning: 5

New fires last week: 1

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

	This Fire Season (since April 1)	Last Year (2022)	10-Year Avg. (2012-2022)
Total Fires to Date	58	44	38
Total Hectares to Date	1797	261	344

Active Fires

There are five active fires in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

Quesnel Zone: C10548 is under 1 hectare and is classified as Under Control.

Central Cariboo Zone: C30399, C30440 and C30446 are within the wet belt of the Central Cariboo Zone. These fires are being handled with a modified response and are being monitored as required.

100 Mile House Zone: C40384, also known as the Emerald Lake fire, is 536 hectares in size and is classified as Under Control.

"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	3
Williams Lake	Low - Moderate	2
Horsefly	Low - Moderate	1
100 Mile House	Low - Moderate	2
Chilcotin	Moderate - High	3

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

Weather Forecast

Light winds are forecast today with humidity values remaining low.

On Friday a weather system from the Pacific will begin to move eastward toward British Columbia. This will bring isolated showers with a risk of thundershowers to the wet belt during the afternoon. Winds are expected to remain light to moderate from the south to southwest.

A cold front will develop across the Fire Centre Saturday afternoon with gusty southerly winds increasing over the eastern half of the Fire Centre. This will impact fire behaviour. Winds over western sections are expected to be moderate and gusty from the southwest. Humidity values are forecast to remain low with no precipitation expected as the front moves slowly eastward through Saturday night.

Lower windspeeds are expected on Monday as conditions begin to stabilize as a weak upper ridge builds in the wake of the front.

Fire Prohibitions and Restrictions



Open Burning

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



Campfires

Not in effect as of June 1



Forest Use Restrictions

Not in effect as of June 1

[View current fire bans and restrictions](#)

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