BC Wildfire Service

CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE

Wildfire Status Update

Overview

A Category 1 campfire prohibition is in effect as of today, June 8, 2023 at 12:00pm (noon) Pacific Daylight time throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre and the Tsilhqot'n (Xeni Gwet'in) Declared Title Area. The prohibition will remain in effect until 12:00pm (noon) on October 27, 2023, or until the order is rescinded. More information can be found here.

In addition to Category 1 campfires, Category 2, and Category 3 open fires, the following activities remain prohibited:

- 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

The warmer than normal weather conditions increase the efficacy of ignitions from lightning and humans in starting and sustaining wildfires. This summer it is important to be cautious and report all fires. To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cell phone or on the free BC Wildfire Service public mobile app, available for Apple (iOS) and Android devices.

Cariboo Contact Information

Cariboo Fire Information Officer:

778 799-2100

Fire Information Line:

1 888 336-7378

Burn Registration Line:

1 888 797-1717

Fire Activity

Fires currently burning: 4
New fires last week: 4

	This Fire Season (since April 1)	Last Year (2022)	10-Year Avg. (2012-2022)
Total Fires to Date	62	48	50
Total Hectares to Date	1980	263	389

Active Fires

Central Cariboo Zone: C30399, C30572 and C30446 are within the wet belt of the Central Cariboo Zone. These fires are classified as Out of Control and being handled with a modified response.

Quesnel Zone: Currently has no active fires.

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

Chilcotin Zone: Currently has no active fires.

"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.

Zone Fire Danger Rating and Activity Level

Zone	Fire Danger Rating	Activity Level
Quesnel	High- Extreme	2
Williams Lake	High	2
Horsefly	Moderate - High	3
100 Mile House	Moderate - High	2
Chilcotin	High - Extreme	2

Learn more about Fire Danger Rating and Zone Activity Levels.

Weather Forecast

An upper ridge continues to bring sunny hot dry conditions as it drifts east across the fire centre today. As the upper ridge drifts east there will be an increase in instability resulting in a slight risk of a thundershowers over the Cariboo mountains late this afternoon into the evening. Winds will be light SW to SE with local afternoon gusts of 25 km/h due to daytime heating. Tonight, low temperatures will be in the 6 to 12 degree range. Fair to poor RH recoveries of 25 - 70% are expected again tonight. By Friday the upper ridge will have drifted east into Alberta allowing a light SE flow aloft to bring a patchy moist and somewhat unstable airmass to the fire centre by late afternoon. Clouds will be on the increase and there will be a risk of dry lightning during the late afternoon and evening across the far south. The threat of lightning and showers will then spread north over much of the fire centre Friday night. Unstable conditions will persist Friday night into Saturday with isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms likely over the southern and eastern sections of the fire centre. The Northern Chilcotin and western Quesnel zones seem likely to remain dry. Highs Saturday in the mid-teens to low 20's and minimum RHs up into the 20 - 70% range. Sunday looks to be drier and warmer as an upper ridge begins to build into the fire centre from the southwest with hot and dry conditions expected for Monday.

Restrictions

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

Campfires
As of 12:00pst June 8

Forest Use Restrictions
Not in effect as of June 8

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