



BC Wildfire
Service

CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE

Wildfire Status Update

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Overview

Effective at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Pacific Daylight Time on Friday, June 16, 2023, the Category 1 campfire prohibition will be rescinded throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre and the Tsilhqot'in (Xeni Gwet'in) Declared Title Area.

A campfire is defined as an open fire that burns piled material no larger than 0.5 metres high and 0.5 metres wide. The following precautions must be in place when lighting or making use of a campfire:

- There is ready access to a shovel or at least eight litres of water the entirety of the time the campfire is lit
- There is a fuel break around the campfire, free of any debris or combustible materials
- The fire is fully extinguished and the ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the campfire for any length of time

Category 2, Category 3 open fires, and the following activities remain prohibited:

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

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

Fire Activity

Fires currently burning: 5

New fires last week: 0

	This Fire Season (since April 1)	Last Year (2022)	10-Year Avg. (2012-2022)
Total Fires to Date	64	48	50
Total Hectares to Date	2864	263	390

Active Fires

There are five active fires in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

Central Cariboo Zone: C30399, C30446, and C30572 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. C30675 is located approximately 1 kilometre north west of Elbow Lake. The fire is 226 hectares and is classified as Being Held.

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

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

Weather Forecast

An upper ridge will bring dry stable conditions to the Cariboo Fire Centre today. Sunny conditions are expected in the morning with some clouds drifting in from the west during the afternoon. High temperatures will be back up into the low 20s and minimum RHs will be down into the 18 to 28% range. Skies are expected to cloud over this evening and isolated showers are likely to begin in the Quesnel zone and the wet belt overnight. Winds tonight are expected to be W-SW 10-15 kilometres/hour gusting up to 30 kilometres over the Chilcotin and the 100 Mile zones.

Friday morning we expect scattered showers in the Quesnel zone and the wet belt. Expect isolated showers or thunderstorms over the eastern half of the Cariboo Fire Centre Friday afternoon into Friday evening. Moderate SW winds with gusts up to to 50 kilometres/hour are likely over the Chilcotin and 100 Mile zones after the cold fronts pass.

Saturday is expected to be mainly cloudy with isolated afternoon showers or thundershowers, over the Quesnel zone and the wet belt.

Sunday afternoon is expected to be very cool with periods of rain over all zones. The rain is likely to continue Monday with very heavy rainfall expected in the southern and western portions of the Chilcotin.

Fire Prohibitions and Restrictions



Open Burning

Category 2 & 3 prohibited



Campfires

Not in effect as of June 16



Forest Use Restrictions

Not in effect as of June 1

[View current fire bans and restrictions](#)

