BC Wildfire Service

CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE

Wildfire Status Update

Overview

As of 12:00 p.m. (noon) Pacific Daylight Time on Friday, June 16, 2023, the Category 1 campfire prohibition was rescinded throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre and the Tsilhqot'in (Xeni Gwet'in) Declared Title Area.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
- Burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description
- Binary exploding targets
- Tiki and similar kinds of torches

Cariboo Contact Information

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

- Chimineas
- Air curtain burners

Fire Activity

Fires currently burning: 5
New fires last week: 2

	This Fire Season (since April 1)	Last Year (2022)	10-Year Avg. (2012-2022)
Total Fires to Date	65	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 Under Control.

Chilcotin Zone: C50811 is 0.009 hectares and 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 with pockets of very low, moderate and high	1
Williams Lake	very low with pockets of low	1
Horsefly	low with pockets of very low	1
100 Mile House	very low	1
Chilcotin	low with pockets of moderate and high	1

Learn more about Fire Danger Rating and Zone Activity Levels.

Weather Forecast

A weak disturbance is brushing the Fire Centre today with isolated afternoon thundershowers expected. The airmass will destabilize Friday with a more organized convection expected which will bring afternoon showers with isolated thundershowers. A weak upper low in southeastern BC will bring afternoon showers and isolated thundershowers to the wet belt on Saturday. This instability will go west into the Chilcotin with isolated showers or thundershowers expected. Conditions are expected to stabilize somewhat on Sunday and Monday but an afternoon shower or thundershower is still possible. Increase in destabilization with significant thundershower activity is expected on Wednesday as the first in a series of upper troughs swings out of the Gulf of Alaska. The next system will move through next Friday with increasing westerly winds and higher ISI values behind an intensifying disturbance.

Fire Prohibitions and Restrictions

Open Burning
Category 2 & 3 burning prohibited

Campfires
Not in effect as of June 22

Forest Use Restrictions
Not in effect as of June 22

View current fire bans and restrictions