



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: 2

New fires last week: 3

|                        | This Fire Season<br>(since April 1) | Last Year<br>(2022) | 10-Year Avg.<br>(2012-2022) |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total Fires to Date    | 35                                  | 37                  | 18                          |
| Total Hectares to Date | 704                                 | 255                 | 340                         |

## Active Fires

## Cariboo Contact Information

### Cariboo Fire Information

#### Officer:

778 799-2100

#### Fire Information Line:

1 888 336-7378

#### Burn Registration Line:

1 888 797-1717

There are two active fires in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

The Dripping Water Road fire is 209 hectares in size and is classified as Under Control.

The Pelican Lake fire is seven kilometers southwest of Ulkatcho, Anahim Lake and Highway 20, and is estimated to 86 hectares in size and is classified as Out of Control. There are currently no structures that are threatened.

**"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](#).

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## Zone Fire Danger Rating and Activity Level

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

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

## Weather Forecast

Sunny, hot, dry conditions are expected for the Cariboo fire centre today. Widespread crossover conditions are expected this afternoon with max temperatures in the upper 20s to low 30s. Convection today will be limited to just a slight risk over the far southeastern sections of the 100 Mile zone.

Hot dry conditions are expected to persist through Saturday. As the upper ridge drifts east a developing light Southwest flow aloft will bring in a slightly unstable and patchy moist air mass. This will result in a risk of afternoon convection with the possibility of dry lighting for Friday and Saturday afternoon. The switch in winds should help clear most of the smoke from the fire centre.

All long-range models continue to forecast a ridge breakdown scenario on Sunday as an upper trough approaches from the west. The trough will likely trigger a convective outbreak and gusty winds on Sunday afternoon/evening.

Cooler conditions along with scattered showers and thundershowers are expected Monday to Friday due to an upper trough.

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## Fire Prohibitions and Restrictions



### Open Burning

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



### Campfires

Not in effect as of May 18



### Forest Use Restrictions

Not in effect as of May 18

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