



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: 11

New fires last week: 15

	This Fire Season (since April 1)	Last Year (2022)	10-Year Avg. (2012-2022)
Total Fires to Date	58	41	34
Total Hectares to Date	1704	255	342

Cariboo Contact Information

Cariboo Fire Information

Officer:

778 799-2100

Fire Information Line:

1 888 336-7378

Burn Registration Line:

1 888 797-1717

Active Fires

There are ten active fires in the Cariboo Fire Centre.

Central Cariboo Zone: there are three fires Northeast of Horsefly that are classified as Out of Control. C30399 is 10 hectares in size, C30440 is 6 hectares, and C30446 is 100 hectares. The fires are being handled with a modified response and are being monitored as needed.

Quesnel Zone: C10382 is 74 hectares, C10395 is 82 hectares, and C10431, also known as the Tzenzaicut Lake fire, is 116 hectares. All three fires are Under Control.

100 Mile House Zone: C40384, also known as the Emerald Lake fire, is 536 hectares in size. C40392 is 24 hectares. Both fires are Under Control.

Chilcotin Zone: C50100, also known as the Dripping Water Road Fire, is 209 hectares in size. C50354, also known as the Pelican Lake Fire, is 145 hectares. Both fires are 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](#).

You can stay updated on wildfire activity in BC with the [Interactive Wildfire Map](#).

Zone Fire Danger Rating and Activity Level

Zone	Fire Danger Rating	Activity Level
Quesnel	Low	2
Williams Lake	Very Low	1
Horsefly	Very Low	1
100 Mile House	Very Low	2
Chilcotin	Moderate - High	2

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

Weather Forecast

The upper ridge will strengthen over the western portions of the Cariboo Fire Centre today, bringing mainly sunny skies and warm, dry conditions to the Chilcotin. A weak upper low over southeastern BC will likely create some afternoon instability over the east, with a risk of lightning in the Central Cariboo and 100 Mile zones. High temperatures will be back up into the low-to-mid 20s. RHs will drop into the 18-30% range over the west and into the 30-45% range over the east. Winds will be light N to NE with some afternoon gusts up to 30 km/h due to daytime heating or convective activity.

Any convective activity over the east will dissipate by sunset. Lows tonight will be in the 3-6 C range. Good to fair RH recoveries of 65-100% are expected. The wind will be light and variable.

The upper ridge will persist through Friday maintaining sunny, dry conditions with temperatures back up into the mid-20s Friday afternoon. There is a risk of convective activity over the central Quesnel zone by late Friday afternoon as the tail end of a system passing through northern BC brushes by the northern boundary of the Cariboo Fire Centre.

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 25



Forest Use Restrictions

Not in effect as of May 25

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