

## Taylor Flats (Tay Fire) - 1967

On August 16, 1967, at 2:37 pm the Tay Fire, or Taylor Flats fire was started by a road construction crew, who were widening the highway by blasting rock. The blasting shorted power in nearby hydro lines which started several spot fires. The fire occurred in mid-August after a dry spell through June, July and into August, and with winds of 50 km/h.

Up to 478 Forest Service personnel and fire fighters, as well as employees of MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., and the road construction crew worked to put out the fire.

When the fire finally ebbed there were 35 miles of hose to pick up, 2535 hectares of land to be assessed and the fire cost over half a million dollars to put out.