Northwest Fire Centre

Home of Nadina, Bulkley, Skeena and Cassiar Zone

BC Fire Centres

Northwest Fire Centre Zones

Nadina Zone

Burns Lake:

- Burns Lake Unit Crew
- 3 Initial Attack Crews

Houston:

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- Nadina zone has seen some of the most explosive fires in BC history. The fire season usually kicks off at the beginning of July.
- Two small towns surrounded by lakes with great outdoor recreation activities available.

Bulkley Zone

Telkwa:

- Telkwa Rangers Unit Crew
- 3 Initial Attack Crews

Hazelton:

- Hazelton Rainmakers Unit Crew

- The two fire bases are located 45min apart and are located on the edge of the Coastal mountain range. This location gives both bases great access to river Salmon runs and mountain recreation.
- Less volatile fuel type then the Nadina zone and typically has the crews travel on deployment for fires.

Skeena Zone

Terrace:

- Terrace Firebirds Unit Crew
- 3 Initial Attack Crews

- Terrace is located on the Skeena river and is the northern hub for salmon fishing in BC.
- Has easy access to both the ocean and surrounding coastal mountains.
- Is closest base with access to the northern Cassiar zone and the Yukon.
- A more coastal climate leads to a smaller in zone fire load and more out of zone deployments for crews.

Cassiar Zone

Two forward attack bases :

- Dease Lake
- Atlin

-Initial Attack Crews are deployed to the bases according to a rotating roster to fill the needs of the Cassiar.

- Cassiar is a large zone that sees a lot of hectares burnt annually and contains a large amount of the infamously volatile black spruce fuel type.

Off-Duty

Overall the NWFC is a beautiful area filled with a ton of outdoor recreation opportunities:

- Skiing
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- River Boating
- Rock Climbing