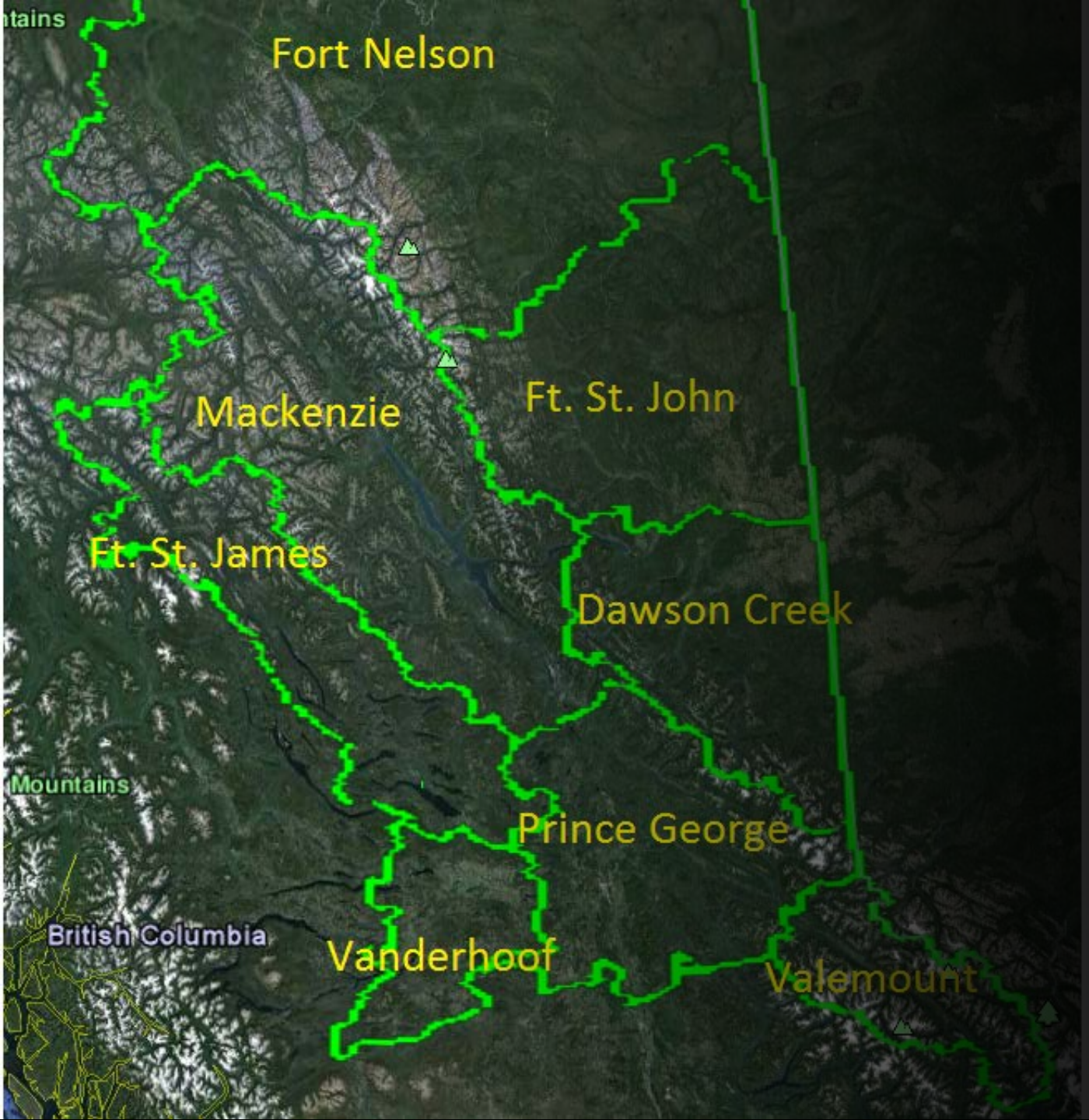
Prince George Fire Centre



PGFC Locations

- Located in the North East corner of British Columbia.
- BC’s largest fire centre.
- Head office is in Prince George.
- Contains eight local fire zones.
- There are seven cities that host BC Wildfire crew personnel.

What to expect

- Fire season starts in late April/early May in the northern half of the FC. The fire season then transitions to the southern half in June to September.
- Lots of very large and remote fires.
- Much less populated than southern half of the province.
- Lots of project work with BC parks and trails when not on fires.
- Has historically been the busiest fire centre in the Province.

Prince George Zone

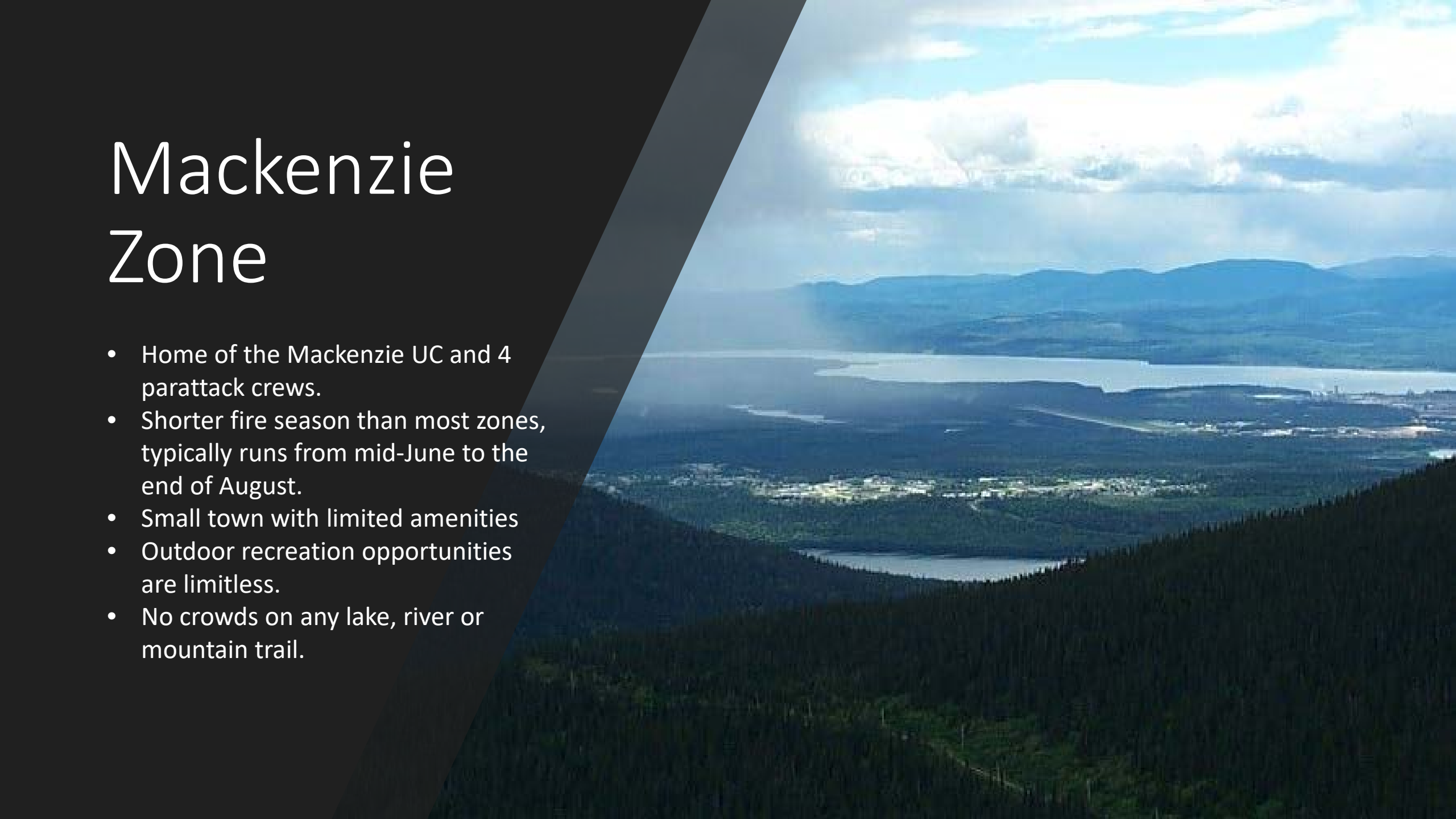
- Largest city in the FC (population: 85,000)
- Home of the Firehawk Unit Crew and 6 IA crews
- Dry pine flats to the west and large mountainous interior rainforest to the east.

VanJam Zone

- Crews based out of Vanderhoof.
- Home of the Titan UC and 4 IA crews.
- Very large and diverse Zone.
- Smaller town so housing can sometimes prove difficult.
- Very intense fires in the heat of the summer due to the pine beetle kill trees throughout the Zone.

Mackenzie Zone

- Home of the Mackenzie UC and 4 parattack crews.
- Shorter fire season than most zones, typically runs from mid-June to the end of August.
- Small town with limited amenities
- Outdoor recreation opportunities are limitless.
- No crowds on any lake, river or mountain trail.



Dawson Creek Zone

- All crews based out of Chetwynd. 3 IA crews.
- FREE live on base accommodations.
- Large natural resource industry sector (oil and gas, mining, logging).
- Early grass fire season (April).
- Smaller town with some limited amenities.

Fort St. John Zone

- Second largest city in FC.
- Home to the Rhino UC and 12 parattack crews.
- Oil and Gas industry in huge.
- Lots of early season grass fires and lots of large fires in the black spruce dominated tree stands.

Fort Nelson Zone

- FREE live on base accommodation for the 6 IA crews based there.
- Lots of very large, intense and remote fires.
- Fire season starts early and goes into the end of August/September.
- Black spruce dominated swampland to the east and large remote Northern Rocky Mountains to the west.

Robson Valley Zone

- Crews based out of Valemount.
- 3 IA crews.
- Very rugged mountainous zone.
- Shortest fire season in the PGFC.
- 1 hour from Jasper.
- Small town with limited amenities and housing can be challenging to find.