2021 Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis
BC Wildfire Service

Fire Start Density

Fire Start Density (weighted # of fires per 10km radius)

- Water
- No Fires
- 1 - 5 (lowest density)
- 5.1 - 10
- 10.1 - 17
- 17.1 - 24
- 24.1 - 33
- 33.1 - 45
- 45.1 - 60
- 60.1 - 82
- 82.1 - 116
- > 116 (highest density)

Base Data

- Fire Centres
- Fire Zones
- Highway

120 60 0 120 Km

Data Sources and Notes:

The Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis (PSTA) 2021 Fire Threat Analysis Component primary data inputs include:

- BC Forest Vegetation Inventory
- Provincial Digital Elevation Model (DEM)
- 90th Percentile Fire Weather
- Historical Wildfire Points >= 4 Hectares
- BC Fuels Layer

All layers were derived using 50 meter raster analysis.
For the purpose of the PSTA the Wildland Urban Interface Area is defined as the 2 kilometer (km) buffer from areas with a structure density of >= 6 structures/km^2. The 1 km buffer is derived from areas with a structure density of < 6 structures/km^2 Structure density was primarily derived from AddressBC information from the Integrated Cadastral Information Society and was supplemented with TRIM and other local data.

For more information on the PSTA please visit the Prevention page on the BC Wildfire Service website
https://www.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention

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