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Update to fire structure losses in the Cariboo Regional District

Williams Lake, B.C. – The Cariboo Regional District has updated preliminary structure loss totals, as compared to those released on September 5. To date, the region has lost 60 homes and 167 other structures due to wildfire. The totals now include structure loss numbers from the Plateau, Elephant Hill and Quesnel Lake wildfire areas.

Since that time, the CRD has corrected local numbers to remove some added in error, and renamed ‘out buildings’ to ‘other structures.’ As well, some structure losses have been re-categorized from homes to other structures as more information was collected on the lost structures and 105 Mile House and 108 Mile House were broken into two line items.

Damage assessments have been largely completed throughout the 12 areas of the region, including in the Elephant Hill, Plateau and Hanceville fire areas, and few changes are expected in the future. A breakdown of losses in the region is listed below.

“With over one million hectares burning in the Cariboo, the work of all firefighters and emergency personnel resulted in low structure losses on many fronts,” says CRD Chair Al Richmond. “In particular, we were very fortunate there was only one structure lost in the Cariboo Regional District as a result of the Elephant Hill fire. As we move into recovery, we encourage the entire community to support those who lost property.”

CRD Structure Loss due to Wildfire Activity (as of Sept. 13, 2017)

Area	Homes	Other Structures	Totals
103 Mile	1	5	6
105 Mile	12	29	41
108 Mile	2	0	2
150 Mile	4	6	10
Hanceville	9	19	28
Plateau Fire Area	5	26	31
Quesnel Lake	0	1	1
Riske Creek	4	6	10
West of Sheridan Lake	1	0	1
Soda Creek	10	44	54
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Note for Media:

- An interview with a homeowner in Soda Creek who lost her outlying structures while her home was saved is available here: <https://youtu.be/oRdyGCGpbOE>
- An interview with a Fire Information Officer explaining how FireSmart practices saved a property on Soda Creek Road is available here: <https://youtu.be/n1X-lcv3kk4>

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