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## EOC Update – August 20

### PHONE LINE HOURS

Our emergency information line is open on weekdays (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). If situations change, we will extend our phone line hours as necessary.

### SMOKY CONDITIONS

We've seen a dramatic improvement in air quality over the past 24 hours. There is a possibility of poor conditions to return later in the week, although it is too early to tell yet.

The smoke in the Cariboo is mainly due to the [large wildfires northwest](#) of our region.

- For general information about wildfire smoke and your health, contact HealthLink BC at 8-1-1 (toll free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week).
- If you'd like to track smoke patterns and forecast, you can consult: <http://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/viewer/run/ops/BSC-CA-01/current/>
- For an overview of where current wildfires in BC are located, please visit: <https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ef6f11c8c36b42c29e103f65dbcd7538&mobileBreakPoint=300>
- For more information on current air quality, see: [www.bcairquality.ca](http://www.bcairquality.ca)

### EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS

#### Recent Evacuation Alerts Lifted

None

#### Current Evacuation Orders

- 5 current evacuation orders
- 118 CRD residents impacted
- 14,099 km<sup>2</sup> on order

#### **Klinaklini Lake Area Evacuation Order**

- Issued Aug. 20 @ 10:00 a.m.
- Impacts 14 properties

- Due to fire V92348 (which has also merged with V92268)

#### **Dean River North Area Evacuation Order**

- Issued Aug. 16 @ 6:45 p.m.
- Includes the Dean River North area, including the Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park
- Impacts 57 CRD properties and 5 Ulkatcho properties
- Due to the fires in the Tweedsmuir Park (VA1964)

#### **South West Narcosli Creek Area #2 Evacuation Order**

- Partially downgraded Aug. 16 @ 12:30 p.m.; initial order issued Aug. 11, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Impacts 23 properties in the Narcosli Creek area
- Due to the Narcosli Creek fire (C12302)

#### **North Western CRD Boundary to West of Nazko (Shag Creek) Expanded Evacuation Order**

- Issued Aug. 11 @ 8:30 a.m. and impacts 901 properties
- Includes the Titetown, Kluskus and Batnuni areas
- Due to the Shag Creek wildfire (C11837)
- Initial evacuation order issued Aug. 8 @ 1:00 p.m. and impacted 93 properties
- Initial evacuation alert issued Aug. 7 @ 8:00 p.m. and impacted 17 properties
- Adjacent to the border with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechacko, visit [rdbn.bc.ca](http://rdbn.bc.ca) for evacuation alerts or orders in their region

#### **Tatelkuz Lake Expanded Evacuation Order**

- Issued Aug. 10 @ 8:15 p.m.
- Impacts 71 properties
- Replaced and expanded on the Tatelkuz Lake Alert #2 issued Aug. 7 @ 8:00 p.m.
- Due to the Chutanli Lake wildfire (G41607)
- Adjacent to the border with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechacko, visit [rdbn.bc.ca](http://rdbn.bc.ca) for evacuation alerts or orders in their region

#### **Current Evacuation Alerts**

- 5 current evacuation alerts
- 1,149 CRD residents impacted
- 4,351 km<sup>2</sup> on alert

#### **Mayfield Lake Area Evacuation Alert**

- Initial alert issued Aug. 10 @ 1:30 p.m. and was partially lifted Aug. 17 @ 12:00 p.m.
- Impacts 28 properties
- Due to the Mayfield Lake fire (C22371)

#### **Dean River North Area Evacuation Alert #2**

- Issued Aug. 16 @ 6:45 p.m.; initial alert issued Aug. 11 @ 10:00 p.m.
- Affects 7 CRD properties and 1 Ulkatcho properties
- Due to the Dean River Fire (VA1964)

#### **Electoral Area I Boundary to Michelle Baezaeko FSR Area Evacuation Alert (Reduced Boundaries)**

- Issued Aug. 16 @ 12:30 p.m.
- Nazko, Baker Creek and Blackwater communities remain on alert
- Remaining areas on alert includes 623 properties
- Initial alert issued Aug. 11, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. and reduced the first time on Aug. 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

- Due to the Blackwater River fire (C12328)

### **Narcosli Creek Area #3 Evacuation Alert**

- Issued Aug. 16 @ 12:30 p.m.
- 985 properties included
- Includes communities of Narcosli Creek and West Fraser
- Due to the Narcosli Creek fire (C12302)
- Initial alert issued Aug. 10 @ 11:30 a.m. and expanded Aug. 11, 2018 @ 9:15 p.m.

### **Intersection of Upper Dog Creek Road and Gustafson Dog Creek FSR Area Evacuation Alert**

- Issued August 11, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m.
- 1 property
- Due to the Wild Goose Lake Fire (C41745)
- Adjacent to the border with the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, visit [tnrd.ca](http://tnrd.ca) for evacuation alerts or order in their region

## **CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE WILDFIRE UPDATE**

*The following is the Cariboo Fire Centre's wildfire update bulletins by zone as well as overall update below.*

- Quesnel Zone: <https://bit.ly/2vPzfBg>
- Williams Lake Zone: <https://bit.ly/2PaqMEy>
- Horsefly Zone: <https://bit.ly/2B9MYvL>
- 100 Mile Zone: <https://bit.ly/2Bdbxb3>
- Chilcotin Zone: <https://bit.ly/2PdImrf>

**This is a general update on current wildfires and anticipated weather for Monday, August 20, 2018.**

There are currently 61 active wildfires within the Cariboo Fire Centre. Three fires were called out yesterday. One new fire was discovered yesterday in the Quesnel Zone near Pantage Creek and is estimated at 2.5 hectares. This fire was actioned by airtankers yesterday and crews and heavy equipment will be on site today.

The fire danger rating in the Cariboo Fire Centre is generally 'extreme' or 'high' to west of the Fraser River. East of the Fraser River it is generally 'moderate' to 'high'. The BC Wildfire Service website displays the current fire danger rating for the province here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation/fire-danger>

### **Summary of Wildfires of Note**

There are currently six Wildfires of Note in the Cariboo Fire Centre. Up to date information on the Wildfire of Note can be found at [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca). There will no longer be a summary of the Wildfire of Notes within the daily update email. All of this information is updated on the Wildfire of Note page twice a day. Before this summary is sent out, the Wildfire of Note pages will be updated.

For more information on evacuation alerts and orders, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website at [www.cariboord.bc.ca](http://www.cariboord.bc.ca).

## **Baezaeko Complex**

- [Shag Creek](#)
- [Blackwater River](#)
- [Narcosli Creek](#)
- [North Baezaeko](#)

## **Other Wildfires of Note**

- [Mayfield Lake](#)
- [Wild Goose Lake](#)

## **Summary of Other Wildfires**

Below is a summary of other active fires, by zone, as of first thing this morning. Within this summary, only fires that are over four hectares and are in Out of Control status will be highlighted. For current sizes on wildfires not listed below, please check the [All Current Wildfires](#) web page.

### **Quesnel Fire Zone**

There are 11 active wildfires burning in this zone. There is one fire Being Held, two fires Under Control and eight fires in Out of Control status.

1. There are two fires in the area of North Baezaeko, south of Kluskoil Lake Park. This fire has not merged with the other North Baezaeko fire, however it is being treated as one fire. The Incident Management Team is managing this fire.
2. The Yuzkli Lake fire is south of Big Valley Creek and estimated at 32.5 hectares. There are no communities or structures threatened at this time.
3. The fire west of Mustang Lakes is estimated at 123.5 hectares. Ground personnel attended this fire and have developed a plan of action for this fire.
4. The Pantage Creek fire is estimated at 2.5 hectares. Two sides of this fire were actioned by tankers yesterday. Crews and heavy equipment will be on site today.

### **Williams Lake Zone**

There are nine active wildfires burning in this zone. There are two fires Being Held, and seven fires Under Control.

1. The Mayfield Lake Fire is estimated at 300 hectares (see Wildfires of Note section above).

### **Horsefly zone**

There are 20 active wildfires burning in this zone. All fires have been assessed and actioned in priority sequence. Six fires are Being Held, four are Under Control, and ten are in Out of Control status.

1. The Quartz Mountain fire is mapped at 522 hectares. This fire is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
2. The Boulderly Creek fire, located on the east arm of Quesnel Lake is mapped at 233 hectares. This fire is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
3. The fire west of Warttig Lake is estimated at 50 hectares. This fire is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
4. The wildfire East of Mitchell Lake is estimated at 5.5 hectares. This fire is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
5. The Roaring River Valley fire is estimated at 1000 hectares. This fire is located in the high alpine and is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.

### **100 Mile zone**

There are 14 active fires. All fires have been assessed and actioned in priority sequence. Two fires are Being Held, four are Under Control and eight are in Out of Control status.

1. The fire southwest of Clearwater Lake, north of Mahood Lake is estimated at 596 hectares. Due to clear conditions yesterday, crews were able to fly this fire and get more accurate tracks of the perimeter. This fire is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
2. The Hendrix Ridge fire is estimated at 110 hectares. Ground crews were assisted by aircraft bucketing yesterday. Crews will conduct a planned ignition on this fire when conditions allow. Industry has been assisting on site with this fire.
3. The fire three kilometres east of McNeil Lake is estimated at 167 hectares. Due to clear conditions yesterday, crews were able to fly this fire and get more accurate tracks of the perimeter. This fire is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
4. The fire 16 kilometres north of Canim Lake is estimated at 385 hectares. Due to clear conditions yesterday, crews were able to fly this fire and get more accurate tracks of the perimeter. Some spotting was seen on this fire into cut blocks but there was no significant growth yesterday.
5. Fire 1.5 kilometres east of McNeil Lake is mapped at 40 hectares. This fire is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
6. The fire north of Mahood Lake is mapped at 51 hectares. This fire has burned up to a natural barrier. This fire is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.

### **Chilcotin zone**

The Chilcotin Fire Zone currently has nine active wildfires. Four fires are Out of Control, three fires are in Under Control status and two fires are Being Held.

1. Two fires are located near Bald Face Mountain, east of the Itcha Ilgachuz Park. The northern fire is estimated at 2083 hectares and the southern fire is estimated at 110 hectares. This southern fire is now Being Held. This northern wildfire did see heightened fire activity and we do anticipate the fire size will increase, once there is an

accurate track of the perimeter of the fire. There are 25 personnel, 11 pieces of heavy equipment and three water tenders working to establish guard on these fires. \*Please note one of these fires is located within the Quesnel zone\*

2. The Wilderness Lake fire is burning in high elevation and is mapped at 110 hectares. The BC Wildfire Service was recently able to complete accurate tracking on this fire. This fire is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.

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