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EOC Update – August 24

WILLIAMS LAKE ESS CENTRE CLOSED

City of Williams Lake Media Release excerpt:

Due to decreased demand, the Emergency Support Services (ESS) Reception Centre for evacuees formerly operating out of the Lake City Senior Secondary Carson Campus will be closing at 4:00 p.m., August 23, 2018.

Those needing to contact ESS can call 250-267-6405.

To date, the ESS Reception Centre has registered more than 80 people.

CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT EOC LEVEL ONE FOR WEEKEND

Operations will downgrade to level one for the weekend. If conditions change, operations will be upgraded as required.

PHONE LINE HOURS

Our emergency information line is open on weekdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If situations change, we will extend our phone line hours as necessary. Phone lines will be closed over the weekend.



Why are Evacuation and Wildfire Zones put in place? Why must you stay out of those areas?

SMOKY CONDITIONS

Smoke is expected to remain in the area regularly until fire activity in the northwest region of the province decreases.

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

EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS

Recent Evacuation Alerts Lifted

None

Current Evacuation Orders*

- 7 current evacuation orders
- 118 CRD residents impacted
- 14,099 km² on order

*Does not include changes made on August 24 to orders/alerts

Whitton Lake Evacuation Order

- Issued Aug. 22 @ 10:30 a.m.
- Impacts 6 properties
- Due to Wilderness Lake fire (C52646)

Gotchen Lake Area Order

- Issued Aug. 22 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Impacts 1 property
- Due to C42820 fire

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 Area #2 Evacuation Order

- Issued Aug. 11 @ 8:30 a.m.
- Replaced and reduced on Aug. 24 @ 5:00 p.m. and impacts 357 properties
- Includes the Kluskus and Batnuni areas
- Due to the Shag Creek wildfire (C11837)
- Partial downgrade on a portion of order area on Aug. 24 @ 5:00 p.m. impacting 544 properties
- Expanded evacuation order issued Aug. 11 @ 8:00 a.m. and impacted 901 properties
- 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 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 for evacuation alerts or orders in their region

Current Evacuation Alerts*

- 6 current evacuation alerts
- 1,149 CRD residents impacted
- 4,351 km² on alert

Northern CRD Boundary South to Titetown Area Alert

- Issued Aug. 24 @ 5:00 p.m.
- 544 CRD residents impacted

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 for evacuation alerts or order in their region



Fire Smart Education from BC Wildfire Service

Wildfire Information by Region

A summary of the fire bans and restrictions, wildfires of note, fire statistics and news releases for a particular region can be viewed by following the links below.

- [Cariboo Fire Centre](#)
- [Coastal Fire Centre](#)
- [Kamloops Fire Centre](#)
- [Northwest Fire Centre](#)
- [Prince George Fire Centre](#)

CARIBOO FIRE CENTRE WILDFIRE UPDATE

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

This is a general update on current wildfires and anticipated weather for Friday, August 24, 2018.

There are currently 58 active wildfires within the Cariboo Fire Centre. Yesterday, three fires were called out and no new fires were discovered.

The fire danger rating west of the Fraser River is generally 'extreme' with small pockets of 'high'. East of the Fraser River, it is generally 'high' with pockets of 'moderate'. 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>

We are now in a cooler trough pattern and smoke will continue to persist. We are expecting patchy cloud and extensive smoke throughout the fire centre today. Showers are expected on Saturday and Sunday with winds between 10-15 kilometres per hour, gusting to 25.

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. For more information on evacuation alerts and orders, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website at 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 10 active wildfires burning in this zone. One is Being Held, two are Under Control and seven fires are in Out of Control status.

1. The Yuzkli Lake fire is south of Big Valley Creek and estimated at 100 hectares. Ground personnel and heavy equipment will continue to build guard in areas that are accessible.
2. The fire west of Mustang Lakes is estimated at 123.5 hectares. There are eight ground personnel on site. Ground crews will continue to patrol and mop-up where necessary.

Williams Lake Zone

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

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

Horsefly zone

There are 21 active wildfires burning in this zone. Seven 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. One fire is Being Held, three are Under Control and ten are in Out of Control status.

1. The fire southwest of Clearwater Lake, north of Mahood Lake is estimated at 596 hectares. This fire is a Modified Response fire and is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
2. The Hendrix Ridge fire is estimated at 110 hectares. Ground crews will continue to patrol the perimeter of the fire to ensure that there are no hot spots outside of the guard.
3. The fire three kilometres west of McNeil Lake is estimated at 216 hectares. This fire is a Modified Response fire and is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
4. The fire 16 kilometres north of Canim Lake is estimated at 407 hectares. This fire is a Modified Response fire and is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
5. Fire 1.5 kilometres northeast of McNeil Lake is mapped at 45 hectares. The fire demonstrated minimal fire behaviour yesterday. This fire is a Modified Response fire and is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
6. The fire near Jonah Lake is mapped at 92 hectares. This fire is a Modified Response fire and is being monitored closely by the BC Wildfire Service.
7. The fire located near Gotchen Lake in the Deception Creek area is estimated at 65 hectares. Structural protection is in place and BC Wildfire Service continues to monitor this fire.
8. The located north of Lang Lake is estimated at 497 hectares. There are 18 personnel and heavy equipment on site of the fire. Ground crews will focus on establishing a hose lay on the southeast side of the fire.

Chilcotin zone

The Chilcotin Fire Zone currently has seven active wildfires. Four fires are Out of Control and three fires are in Under Control status.

1. The Bald Face fire is estimated at 10,687 hectares. This fire is burning in high elevation and has experienced increased activity and growth due to winds. BC Wildfire Service is currently assessing the fire to develop a strategy.

2. The Wilderness Lake fire is burning in high elevation and was last mapped at 411 hectares. This fire is now being jointly managed by the Tweedsmuir Complex (please see Wildfires of Note webpage for more information).

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