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EOC Update – August 31

CRD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE LEVEL ONE FOR LONG WEEKEND

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

PHONE LINE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Our emergency information will be closed as of 4:30 p.m. today until further notice. If situations change, we may open our phone line again.

For information about wildfires or fire bans in the Cariboo Fire Centre, please call them directly at 778-799-2100. For Cariboo Regional District inquiries, please visit cariboord.ca or call our office at 250-392-3351 or toll free at 1-800-665-1636.

CAMPFIRE BAN

A campfire ban remains in effect throughout the entire Cariboo Fire Centre and is expected to remain in effect through the long weekend. For updates and more information, visit gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans.

EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS

Recent Evacuation Alerts Lifted

- Part of Nazko Area Evacuation Alert now all clear
- Narcosli Creek Evacuation Alert now all clear
- Gotchen Lake Evacuation Order now all clear

With many recent changes to orders and alerts, please use our online searchable map to see the revised order and alert areas: <https://bit.ly/2tcpS1e>

Current Evacuation Orders

- 6 current evacuation orders
- About 460 properties impacted

Baezaeko Blackwater Area #2 Evacuation Order

- Modified on Aug. 30 @ 4:15pm
- Due to the North Baezaeko (C11937) and Blackwater River (C12328) fires

Tweedsmuir Park Area Evacuation Order

- Modified on Aug. 29 @ 12:30pm
- Due to the Tweedsmuir Park fires

Shag Creek Area Evacuation Order

- Modified on Aug. 29 @ 12:30pm
- Due to the Shag Creek fire (C11837)

Chutanli Lake Area Evacuation Order

- Modified on Aug. 29 @ 12:30pm
- Due to the Chutanli Lake fire (G41607)

Whitton Lake Evacuation Order

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

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)

Current Evacuation Alerts

- 4 current evacuation alerts
- About 740 properties impacted

Nazko Area #2 Evacuation Alert

- Modified on Aug. 30 @ 4:15pm
- Due to the North Baezaeko (C11937) and Blackwater River (C12328) fires

Tatelkuz Lake Area Evacuation Alert

- Modified on Aug. 29 @ 12:30pm
- Due to the Chutanli Lake fire (G41607)

North of Batnuni Road Area Evacuation Alert

- Modified on Aug. 29 @ 12:30pm
- Due to the North Baezaeko (C11937) and Blackwater River (C12328) fires

Dean River Valley Area Evacuation Alert

- Modified on Aug. 29 @ 12:30pm
- Due to the Dean River Fire (VA1964)

WILDFIRE UPDATES

Cariboo Fire Centre Newsletter

The Cariboo Fire Centre published a newsletter with an update on the current fire situation, campfire ban, fire danger rating and weather forecast. Plus, there is a feature highlighting the work of their staff sections to support the wildfire fighting efforts in the field. Download the PDF version here: <https://bit.ly/2MHthkj>

Baezaeko Complex Update

View the PDF update here: <https://bit.ly/2NESZIM>. It does not include the Shag Creek Fire (C11837). It still remains a Fire of Note; however there has been very little change in its status over the past several days. An aerial assessment carried out yesterday, Thursday Aug. 30th showed no new growth. New mapping confirmed the size to be the same at 12,322 ha. Monitoring will be ongoing and any significant changes will be reported.

Chutanli Lake Fire Update

View the PDF update here: <https://bit.ly/2PmDGPM>.

Tweedsmuir Complex Update

The complex as a whole is responding to an estimated total area of 291,968 hectares of wildfire.

The total number of resources within this area are: 11 single resources, 3 Initial Attack Crews (three crews of three, a total of 9 fire fighters), 1 Structural Protection Unit consisting of 5 crew and one specialist, 3 Helicopters, 1 falling pair consisting of one Danger Tree Assessor/Faller, and one Danger Tree Faller.

Tweedsmuir Fires

VA1964 Dean River, VA1787 Ramsey Creek, R12315 Tesla Lake, R12068 Pandosy Bay: Total area of fires: **263,925 ha**.

Crews continue to work in the Gatcho Lake area, and the spot fire there is now being patrolled and monitored. A guard continues to be constructed in the Upper Dean River to secure properties. The remainder of the properties impacted by these fires are being monitored and Structural Protection equipment is being maintained.

Klinaklini Fires

V92348 Klinaklini Lake, V91119 Monarch Mountain, C52646 Wilderness Lake: Total area of fires: **28,043 ha**
Properties on Klinaklini Lake, Wilderness Lake and Whitton Lake remain intact. Fire is being monitored in these areas. The Monarch Mountain fire grew half a kilometer to the north and saw minimal spread to the east.

Objectives moving forward

The BC Wildfire Service will continue to monitor all fires in the area and ensure that people affected are informed.

Evacuation Order and Alerts

There could be further changes to orders and alerts during this period of uncertain weather.