



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Quesnel Fire Zone—Cariboo Fire Centre *Wildfires of Note*

Up to date information on all Wildfires of Note can be found at www.bcwildfire.ca

Baezaeko Complex

The new fire complex consists of the Shag Creek, Blackwater River, Narcosli Creek and North Baezaeko fires. It is now being managed by an Incident Management Team who will be producing a similar bulletin for the complex.

Other Fires

There are 11 active wildfires burning in this zone. Two fires are Being Held, two fires are Under Control and seven fires in Out of Control status.

Yuzkli Lake Fire (C12330):

Size: 32.5 hectares (estimated)

Resources: None

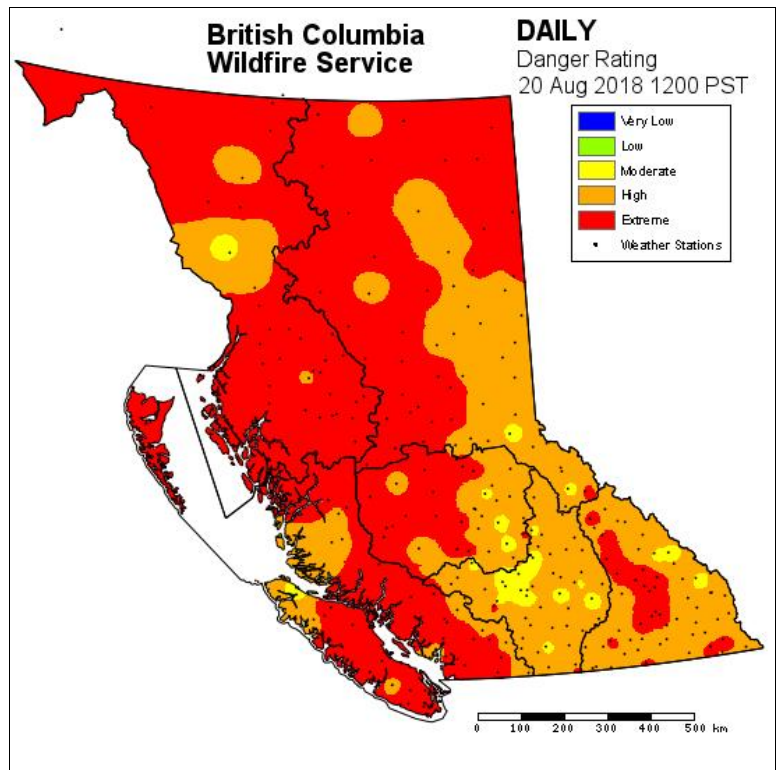
Update: There are no communities or structures threatened at this time.

Fire West of Mustang Lake(C12405):

Size: 123.5 hectares (estimated)

Resources: None

Update: There are six personnel on site auctioning this fire.



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FireSmart

Wildfire prevention is a shared responsibility between the public, business, and government, but the first line of defense is often the homeowner. Homeowners can help protect their properties from wildfire threats by using FireSmart principles.

FireSmart is living with and managing for wildfire in your area, and on your property. FireSmart principles have shown that they are effective at reducing the risk to life and property in the most extreme wildfire conditions. In recent studies, homes where owners adopted FireSmart guidelines survived much more frequently than homes where they had not, despite extraordinarily harsh wildfire conditions. **Home survival is not random or a matter of luck, FireSmart guidelines work!**

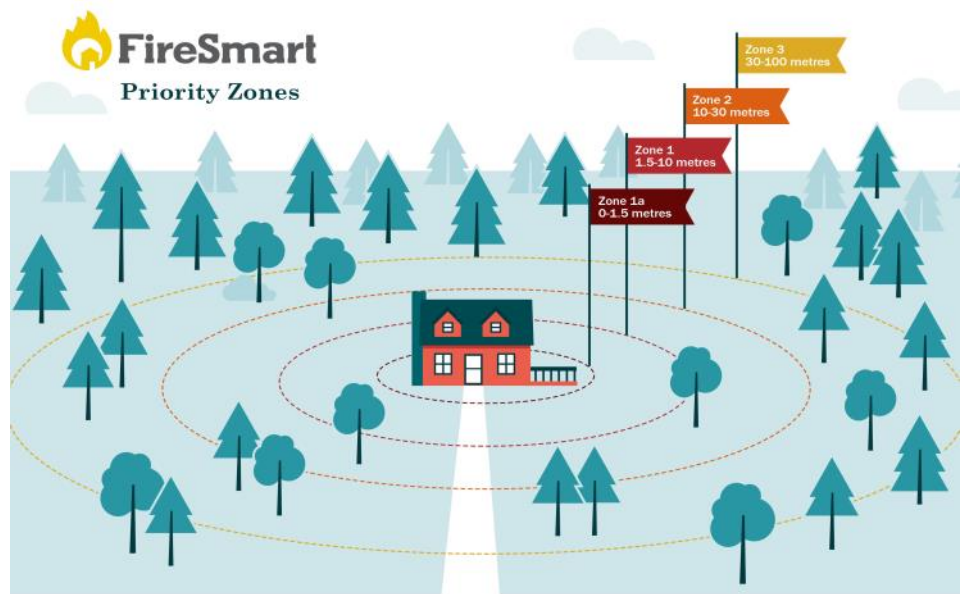
There are several things that make a home a FireSmart one. As shown in the graphic (page 3), there are four **FireSmart Zones**.

Zone 1a is 0-1.5 metres. The non-combustible zone!

Zone 1 is 1.5-10 metres. This should be a completely fire-resistant zone, free of all materials that could easily ignite from a wildfire.

Zone 2 is 10-30 metres. Your outer yard, in this area trees should be thinned and pruned to reduce hazards. Fallen branches, dry grass and needles should be cleaned up to eliminate potential surface fuels.

Zone 3 is 30-100 metre. Your larger yard or neighborhood. Look for opportunities here to create fire breaks by removing potentially flammable vegetation to reduce the intensity of a wildfire.



Work with your neighbours in any overlapping priority zones!

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FireSmart Continued

There are activities that you can engage in within these zones that have little to no associated cost. **Home owners**, you are the first line of defense, consider going next door to get your neighbour involved. If she or he is more resilient to wildfire, then so are you! Below are some ideas of what you can do to get started FireSmarting your property today!

- Remove all combustible surface material in Zones 1a and Zone 1
- Make sure trees are spaced at least 3 metres apart
- Prune all branches that are within 2 metres of the ground
- Clear your roof and eaves of combustible materials, so embers don't have a place to collect
- The chimney should have a spark arrestor to reduce the chance of sparks and embers escaping
- Gutters should be free of debris and screened if possible
- Doors and windows should be fire rated and have a good seal, weather strip your garage door to prevent embers from entering
- Decks should be free of flammable patio decorations and furniture and any space below them should be enclosed and free of combustible material

Visit FireSmartCanada.ca or bcwildfire.ca and learn more. There are several manuals and videos online that can walk you through how to FireSmart your home and larger property. For quick access information on your first FireSmart steps, see below brochures:

[FireSmart Guide to Landscaping](#)
[FireSmart Homeowner's Manual](#)

Together we are prepared.



A crew member on the fire east of Young Lake (C42331). This fire is currently Under Control.

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Questions and Answers

Questions Regarding Evacuation Orders and Alerts:

For information on Evacuation Orders and Alerts, please contact the Cariboo Regional District at <http://cariboord.bc.ca/> Or call the Cariboo Regional District Emergency Information Line at: **1-866-759-4977**

Questions Regarding Road Blocks and Access:

The public is encouraged to check DriveBC.ca for information regarding Road Blocks and access restrictions.

Recreation Trail and Campsite Closures:

For information on recreational campsite and trail closures go to: <http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/>

What about people with respiratory concerns who are having a hard time with smoke?

- Smoke concentrations will vary widely as winds, fire behaviour and temperatures change.
- Residents are advised to consider avoiding strenuous outdoor activities.
- For air quality conditions, visit: www.bcairquality.ca
- To track smoke in the area: <http://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/viewer/run/ops/BSC-CA-01/current/>

For more information about other wildfires in the Province go to:

Website: www.bcwildfire.ca

Facebook: BC Wildfire Service

Twitter: @BCGovFireInfo

Landline: 1-888-336-7378

Weather Forecast

Today and tomorrow will be a mix of sun and cloud with increasing smoke. The remainder of the week will be cooler with a chance of showers.

Tuesday

28°



Wednesday

26°



Thursday

19°



Friday

19°



Saturday

17°



Sunday

16°



Monday

16°



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