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# 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](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)

### Baezaeko Complex

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

### Other Fires

There are nine active wildfires burning in this zone. One is Being Held, one is Under Control and seven fires are in Out of Control status.

#### Yuzkli Lake Fire (C12330):

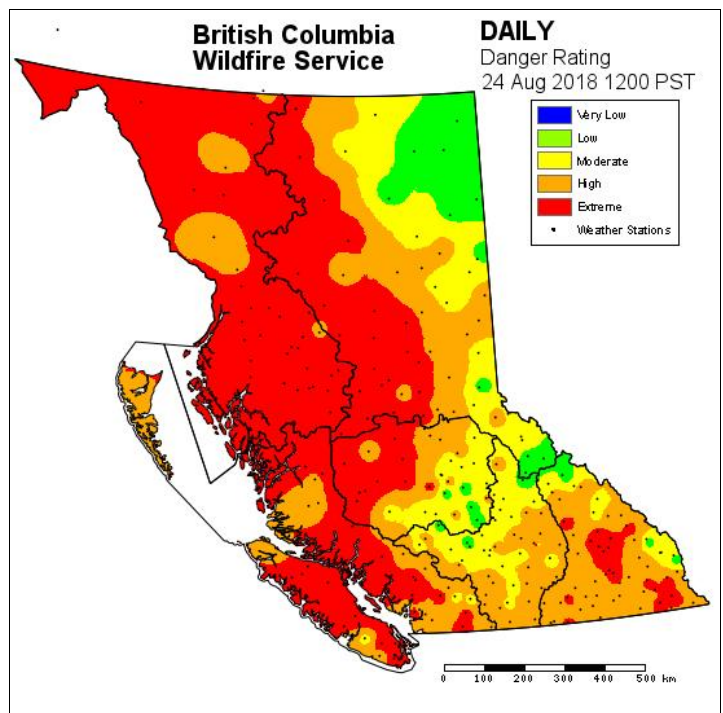
Size: 100 hectares (estimated)

Update: Heavy equipment established guard in areas that were accessible.

#### Fire West of Mustang Lake(C12405):

Size: 123.5 hectares (estimated)

Update: Ground crews will continue to patrol and mop-up where necessary.



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## Incident Management Team

The BC Wildfire Service manages large complex fires and project fires by deploying Incident Management Teams (IMTs). An IMT manages an incident for a two week period on average, until the incident is transitioned to another IMT. Currently, IMTs from the BC Wildfire Service, Parks Canada, as well as out of province are working on large fires burning throughout BC.

IMTs follow a strict organizational structure called the Incident Command System (ICS) led by an Incident Commander who is responsible for all incident activity. The various areas of response are divided into sections, which are led by section chiefs. The different sections are Operations (the doers), Logistics (the getters), Planning (the thinkers) and Finance (the payers). Safety Officers and Information Officers provide support to command sections.

**Command** or the **Incident Commander**: sets objectives and priorities, and has overall responsibility at the incident or event.

**Operations**: develops tactical operations to carry out the plan for fire suppression activities, develop the tactical objectives, organization, and directs all resources for fires within the Fire Centre.

**Planning**: develops the action plan to accomplish the objectives set by the Operations team, collects and distributes valuable information, and maintains resources.

**Logistics**: provides support to meet incident needs, provides organizes resources and all other services for the BC Wildfire Service.

**Finance/administration**: monitors costs related to incidents, provides accounting, procurement, time recording, and cost analyses.

**Dispatch**: maintains constant communication with crews and aircraft over the radio and helps to keep everything running smoothly during times of high fire activity. constantly in communication with crews and aircraft over the radio and help to keep everything running smoothly during times of high fire activity. The use of IMTs helps to relieve pressure from local fire centres and zones so they are able to respond to new fire starts. Since IMTs generally work on very large and complex fires, being able to focus all their attention on once incident allows the IMT to develop in depth knowledge about a particular fire and the area it is burning in, as well as to build connections with affected communities and stakeholders in the area.

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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** Or contact the Thompson-Nicola Region District at <http://tnrd.ca> or call the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Emergency Operations Centre at **1-877-377-8673**

### Questions Regarding Road Blocks and Access:

The public is encouraged to check [DriveBC.ca](http://DriveBC.ca) for information regarding Road Blocks and access restrictions.

### Recreation Trail, Campsite Closures, and BC Parks:

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

For information on BC Parks go to: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/>

### 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](http://www.bcairquality.ca)

## Weather Forecast

Today will be mainly cloudy with a 40 per cent chance of showers changing to a 70 per cent chance of showers late this evening.

Saturday

18°



Sunday

19°



Monday

20°



Tuesday

24°



Wednesday

18°



Thursday

21°



Friday

19°



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