



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Quesnel Zone—Cariboo Fire Centre

Wildfires of Note

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

Shag Creek Fire (C11837):

Size: 8,410 hectares (mapped)

Resources: No resources are currently on this fire due to safety reasons.

Update: The fire at this time is being closely monitored by the Cariboo Fire Centre.

An Evacuation Order has been implemented by the Cariboo Regional District for properties in the Shag Creek area. For more information, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website: www.cariboord.bc.ca.

Blackwater River Fire (C12328):

Size: 4,519 hectares (mapped)

Resources: Eight personnel, six pieces of heavy equipment and one helicopter is on site.

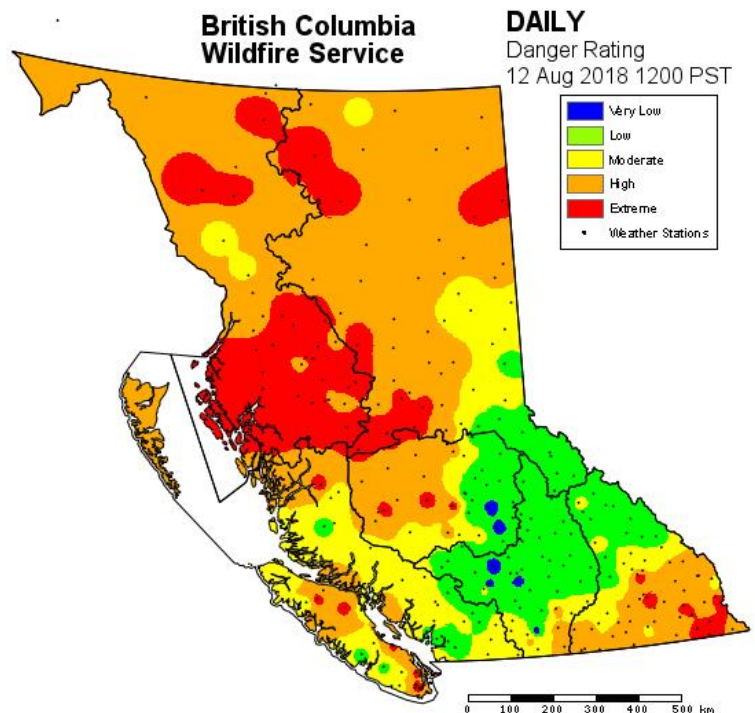
Update: Ground crews will be working to establish guard on the east flank today. An Evacuation Alert is in place and the Order was expanded by the Cariboo Regional District. For more information, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website: www.cariboord.bc.ca.

Narcosli Creek (C12302):

Size: 3,788 hectares (estimated)

Resources: 104 personnel, 10 pieces of heavy equipment and five helicopters are on site.

Update: this fire is 30 per cent contained. Yesterday, successful burn operations were completed to remove unburned fuels from the fires' path. The fire is now 80 per cent guarded around the perimeter. Heavy equipment and ground crews worked through the night. Crews will focus on strengthening containment lines in the west and south



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Other Fires

There are 21 active wildfires burning in this zone. Three fires are Being Held, seven fires are Under Control, and 11 are in Out of Control status. Below are fires over four hectares in size in 'Out of Control' status.

North Baezaeko Fire (C11937):

Size: 1000 hectares (estimated)

Update: This fire is located east of Kluskoil Lake Park. This fire merged with another fire that was in close proximity. An Evacuation order has been implemented by the Cariboo Regional District in this area in relation to the Blackwater River fire and other fires such as this one. For more information, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website:

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Yuzkli Lake Fire (C12330):

Size: 40 hectares (estimated)

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

Fire West of Mustang Lake(C12405):

Size: 100 hectares (estimated)

Update: This fire is in steep terrain that is not accessible to ground crews.

Bald Face Mountain Fire (C12549):

Size: 80 hectares (estimated)

Update: Two new fires are located near Bald Face Mountain, east of the Itcha Ilgachuz Park and are both estimated at 80 hectares. Crews worked last night to develop access routes. There are 40 firefighters and six pieces of heavy equipment working to establish guard on these fires. *Please note one of these fires is located within the Quesnel zone and one is within the Chilcotin zone.

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Information Bulletin

The BC Wildfire Service has been conducting “burn out” operations on various fires. Burn-off operations are a key tactical practice to control and manage the fires currently on the landscape. These operations are carefully planned and monitored by highly skilled Fire Behaviour Analysts and only performed when weather is favourable. Planned ignition operations enhance the overall safety, efficiency and effectiveness of fire management objectives by reducing the amount of fire line requiring fire suppression through direct attack techniques. Often times, direct attack has limited effectiveness, especially on larger fires due to lack of available water, unsafe conditions, inoperable terrain or extreme fire behaviour. These burn-off operations do temporarily increase the amount of visible smoke in the air which can be concerning for people in the area, however the BC Wildfire Service would like to reassure the public that these operations are conducted safely, and only when the operation will provide a significant advantage to fire suppression on the landscape.



A helicopter and bucket that was being used today on the Narcosli Creek Fire (C12302)

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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/>

Weather Forecast

A mix of sun and cloud, becoming sunny in the afternoon. Widespread smoke can be expected with a high of 23 degrees. The smoke will continue into the evening with a low of 10 degrees.



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