



# WILDFIRE UPDATE

## Central Cariboo Area Command

### Wildfires Information Bulletin



Based on the current and forecasted fire behaviour and weather, the BCWS provides recommendation to local governments such as the City of Williams Lake and CRD. Local governments are responsible for issuing and rescinding evacuation orders and alerts.

## **THEFT AND VANDALISM IN FIRE SUPPRESSION AREAS**

Theft and vandalism of fire suppression equipment continues to occur within active wildfire areas. Criminal acts such as these impact the effectiveness of fire suppression activities and pose safety risks to the public and also to the first responders working to contain these fires.

BC Wildfire Service takes acts of vandalism and theft seriously. Anyone with information about these activities is asked to contact the RCMP or contact BC Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

### **CREWS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE PHOTOS AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

In order for wildfire suppression activities to continue safely and effectively,  
the public must stay out of active fire areas.

## **ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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## Wildfire Updates

### CENTRAL CARIBOO AREA COMMAND – for August 2, 2017

#### Overview information for the area command:

Firefighters 502

Helicopters (16) Heavy 2, Medium 5, Intermediate 7, Light 2

Equipment 139

Air Tankers and Water Skimmers as needed

A fire camp is set up at the Williams Lake airport

Objectives for today: Continue building tight line machine guard, complete mop up from established control lines and work to establish pump sites. Eliminate hot spots picked up by scans and continue DTA/DTF where crews are working. Build guard and wrap up peat bog suppression and demob equip. Burn off operations in areas when conditions permit, widen guards and prep lines. Helicopter resources may be supplemented by airtankers to support fire suppression activities within the complex.

#### **C20645 Spokin Lake, Cariboo Fire Centre**

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 3,731 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

A carefully planned and guarded burn-off of fuel on the South East corner will occur when conditions allow, followed by mop up operations.

#### **C31005 – SW End of Antoine Lake Fire**

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 195 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

#### **Fire C20906 – Big Lake**

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 45 hectares (estimated)

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### **C20735E White Lake Fire - EAST**

Location: NE of Williams Lake (west of the Fraser River)

Status: 4,028 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

West side is guarded. Eliminate hot spots picked up by scans and continue with Danger Tree Assessments and Danger Tree Falling where crews are working.

### **C20729 - Wildwood Fire**

Location: East of Williams Lake, from the 150 Mile area to the Wildwood area

Status: 12,987 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Continue to build tight-line, machine guard from Mountain House road, north, to join up with guard. 25 feet perimeter on guard at south end of section.

### **C20738 - Soda Creek Fire**

Location: NW of Williams Lake

Status: 251 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Crews are working on eliminating hotspots around the perimeter of the fire. Fuel islands within the perimeter will continue to burn off on their own. Security for this fire now onsite.

### **C30870 – UBC Research Fire**

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 220 hectares (estimated)

Cause: Under Investigation

Shared Resources within the area command

### **C30887 – Gavin Lake Fire**

Location: NE of Williams Lake

Status: 160 hectares (estimated)

Shared Resources as needed.

Cause: Under Investigation

Shared Resources within the area command

Cause: Under Investigation

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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](http://DriveBC.ca) for information regarding Road Blocks and access restrictions.

### Recreation Sites and Recreation Site Closures

Until further notice, the public is advised to avoid **all** recreation sites and Provincial Parks in the Chilcotin and Cariboo regions, due to the severe wildfire hazard.

### 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 Summary

**Today:** The upper ridge organizes and builds offshore today, with the thermal trough migrating to the coast as well and leaving the Fire Centre in a general northerly flow at the surface. No change to the pattern is expected tomorrow as the ridge axis continues to hang just offshore along with the thermal trough, with temperatures popping up a few degrees tomorrow compared to today as hot air moves up into the province from the south. No lightning is expected today or tomorrow under stable conditions.

**Outlook:** The pattern continues status quo in this timeframe with the ridge axis remaining offshore along with the thermal trough, which means no change in overall weather conditions. Above seasonal temperatures will continue, with some records likely to be broken. RH values will remain in the teens and 20's for the most part, with single digits likely to appear at some point. Winds are generally expected to remain as a light northerly flow, and overnight issues regarding recoveries and somewhat sustained winds into the midnight hour will continue. Breakdown in the pattern continues to show hints of occurrence on Saturday as things start to shift back inland and some instability moves into the lower mainland.

### For more information about other fires in the Province go to:

Website: [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)

Facebook: BC Wildfire Service

Twitter: @BCGovFireInfo

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## Fire Triangle



Three elements must be present for a fire to start and continue burning: **Oxygen, Heat and Fuel.**

Oxygen is present in the air, B.C.'s forests and grasslands provide the fuel (both light and heavy fuels) and heat is introduced through ignition. Light fuels include grass, dead leaves, brush and small trees and serve as kindling for larger fuels. They can ignite quickly and fire will spread rapidly through them. Heavy fuels include logs, stumps and trees, which generally burn slower

### Central Cariboo Area command and staff get a special surprise visit.



For more information go to: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp>

## Fires of Note

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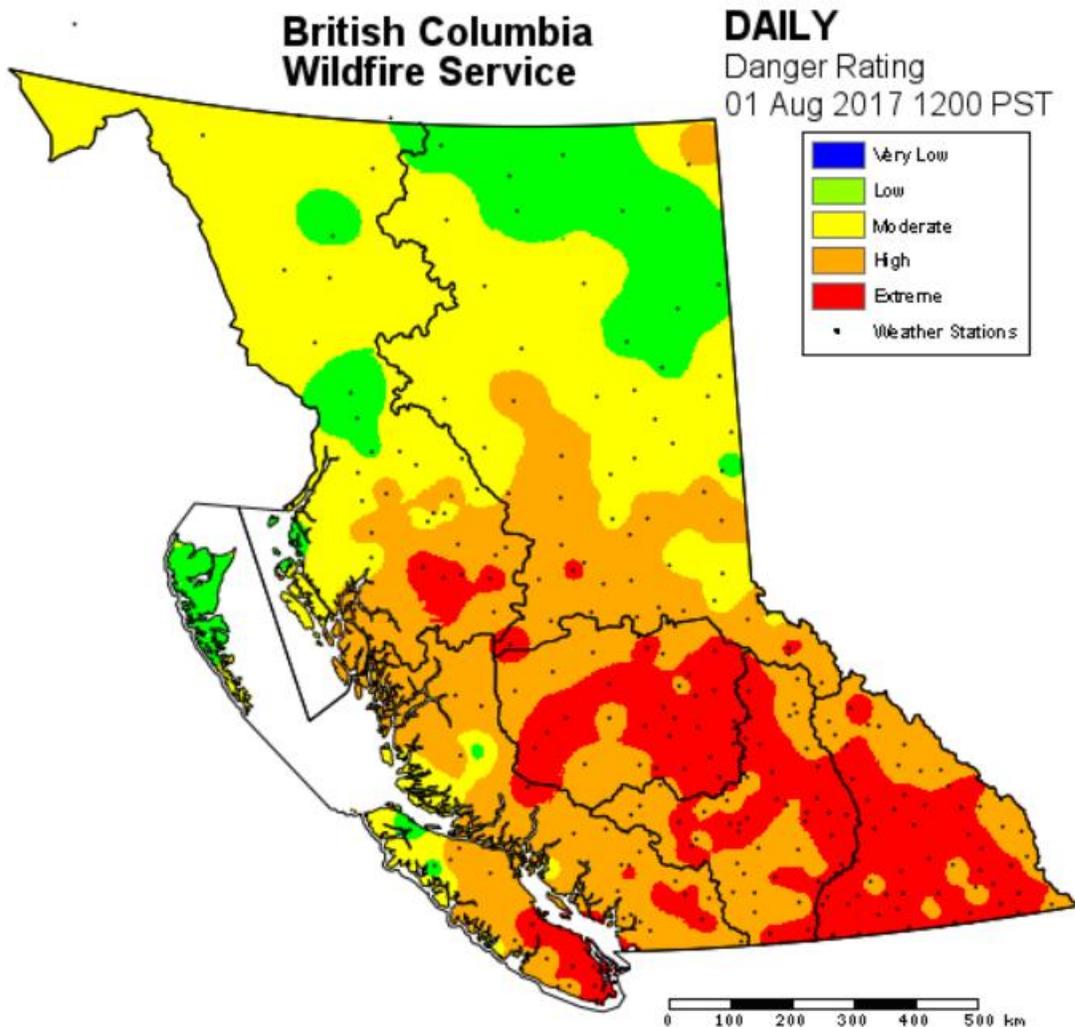


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## Fire Danger Rating

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The fire danger rating (i.e. the risk of a wildfire starting) for the province is updated daily at approximately 2 pm.



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