



# WILDFIRE UPDATE

## FRASER COMPLEX EVENING UPDATE

### **Shovel Lake Wildfire (R11498)**

**Location:** approx. 6km north of the community of Fraser Lake

**Status:** 91,253 hectares (mapped—infrared scan)

**Cause:** under investigation

**Resources:** 230 firefighters, 47 pieces of heavy equipment, 12 helicopters (shared in the complex)

### **Objectives:**

The fire remains internally active but is still primarily within containment lines. Visibility issues were rampant across the fire with thick smoke over the area due to western winds, but late afternoon clearing meant helicopters were eventually able to provide bucketing support to ground crews.

The growth on the northeast corner has had machine guard built around the end. However, this part of the fire continues to be active within guard lines and is visible from the surrounding areas but it is resourced and the main east flank of the fire has not moved towards Fort St James, Highway 27, or Highway 16 in the last week. Crews continue to work late to take advantage of favourable conditions on the northeast flank tonight conducting hand ignitions to remove available fuels in order to reinforce the containment lines – this will be visible from the surrounding areas. Media reports from earlier today that the fire would eventually run into Stuart Lake were incorrect as the fire has not progressed towards the lake and the probability that it will do so is low given the resources and containment lines in place.

Crews continue to mop-up along the north for completed objectives while further contingency guards on the north and northeast flanks are being established. The fire remains active on the north flank in the Sutherland Drainage, but crews conducted planned ignitions today to secure parts of the flank and protect timber values. In the south, crews are mopping up along Sutherland Road to William Road from yesterday's controlled burn and will have that line secured by end of day.

**Evacuations:** An Evacuation Order and Alert remains in effect for this wildfire issued by the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District. A Partial Rescinded Evacuation Order and Revised Alert Area was issued on August 26 at 0900. [For more information click here.](#)

**Closures:** The BC Wildfire Service continues to implement an Area Order Restriction for the Shovel Lake Fire, and asks for the public to respect this restriction by staying out of the area. This restriction is in place to aid in the safety of the public and first responders, and to avoid interference with fire suppression efforts. The area restriction will remain in place until noon on Sept. 15, 2018, or until the order is rescinded. The area restriction order applies to all Crown land outlined on the map (including recreational campgrounds) that is available online at: <http://ow.ly/EYaT30lyPvw>

**Conservation Officers and Natural Resource Officers will be patrolling the restricted area and ticketing offenders - please respect this closure as the area is not safe for public.**

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### **Island Lake Wildfire (R11921)**

**Location:** Adjacent to Island Lake

**Status:** 20,409.0 hectares (mapped—infrared scan)

**Cause:** Under investigation

**Resources:** 57 firefighters, 23 pieces of heavy equipment, 12 helicopters (shared in the complex)

**Objectives:** Crews put initial focus today on the decked logs that were affected by fire in the Dahlgren Road area in order to protect adjacent areas and keep residents safe. Crews continue to work in the Anzus Lake and Borel Lake areas, and worked along the Arrow Road to manage activity in spruce stands. Crews have completed 50ft of mop up into the fire perimeter on the 238/224 road and will be pushing to 100ft of mop up using water to extinguish any hotspots. Guard continues to be built below Anzus Lake and on the southwest flank. On the western most part of the fire, crews and equipment are pushing in guard from Francois Lake but today were hindered by visibility issues and steep terrain—they will continue this objective tomorrow.

**Evacuations:** An Evacuation Order and Alert remains in effect for this wildfire issued by the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District. A Partial Rescinded Evacuation Order and Revised Alert Area was issued on August 26 at 0900. [For more information click here.](#)

### **Cheslatta Wildfire (R11683)**

**Location:** North of Cheslatta Lake

**Status:** 7,629 hectares (estimated)

**Cause:** under investigation

**Resources:** 20 firefighters, 20 pieces of heavy equipment, 12 helicopters (shared in the complex)

**Objectives:** The primary objective is to establish control lines to prevent fire spread to the east, which crews are beginning to get good progress in on. The eastern flank has guard at the 48 Road pushed in from the east. Dozer guard and contingency guard being pushed into Holy Cross Lake from 48 Road. Crews will continue 20ft wet line tying in from Cheslatta Lake and supporting danger tree assessment and falling. The Verdun wildfire has burned east and is going to run into the west end of the Cheslatta Lake fire and the Binta fire scar. Some burning is occurring in the Binta fire scar due to cured surface fuels and grasses that have regrown over the years. The Verdun fire is currently 3km west of the Cheslatta Lake fire, the Incident Management Teams for the Fraser and Babine Complexes are working together to manage resources in this area. Crews continue to focus on structure protection along the west end and put the main focus into suppressing further movement east.

## Fire Weather Summary

**Tuesday** – A repeat mainly of Monday: a mix of sun and cloud all day. Winds expected to be southwest-west 20 gusting 30 km/h by the afternoon. Min RH near 30%. High near 20 degrees.

**Wednesday** — Mix of sun and clouds with a small chance of light precipitation. Winds southwest-west 20 gusting km/h. High temperature around 19 degrees. Min RH around 30% but could be higher if precipitation occurs.

**Outlook**— Continued mix of sun and cloud with temperatures dipping down to a high of 10 degrees and a 30% chance of precipitation. The winds are forecast to remain similar to preceding days with a prevailing western direction 20-30 km/hr.

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