



WILDFIRE UPDATE

To find out about Evacuation Alerts and Orders please go directly to: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca>

We need people to understand the seriousness of this situation and ask that all those in an Evacuation Order Area please abide by the Order, not only for your safety but for our crews. Your presence in an Evacuation Area hinders operations and makes it more difficult for crews to accomplish their objectives, putting them at risk.

Gilmore Lake Wildfire (R22298), part of the Babine Complex, Northwest Fire Centre

Location: 2.5 kilometers south of Gilmore Lake and 8 kilometers southwest of Topley

Status: 200 hectares estimated as of this morning.

Current Activity: The Gilmore Wildfire is currently 100% contained. Crews were working on the Sunset FSR and putting in wetline 25' in. Crews built guard along the top of the north finger and its holding. Some clean up along the guard with contingency lines will be completed tomorrow and then then will likely be upgraded to 'Being Held'.

Evacuations: The Bulkley Nechako Regional District has implemented an Evacuation Order and Evacuation Alert for this fire. For more information visit: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

Verdun (R11796), part of the Babine Complex, Northwest Fire Centre

Location: 10 km southwest of Grassy Plains

Status: 5,375 hectares estimated

Current Activity: The Verdun Wildfire was holding on many of the guards. The north guard and Takysie Lake guard were holding but the fire has advanced towards Innis Lake as a long finger burned in continuous fuels, Rank 3 and Rank 4, just north of Cheslatta Road. The fire produced a column in the southeast area. Guard at Keefe's Landing Road was holding. The ferry is running 24/7 in the event it is needed. Life and property is the priority for BC Wildfire Service.

Evacuations: The Evacuation Alert and Order was expanded for this wildfire yesterday by the Bulkley Nechako Regional District. For more information visit: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

Nadina Lake Wildfire (R21721), part of the Babine Complex, Northwest Fire Centre

Location: 60km south of Houston

Status: 25,000 hectares estimated as of last night.

Current Activity: Crews were challenged on this fire with the head of the fire moving to the east between the lakes. The head of the fire was 25 km, Rank 5, burning to the northeast. Crews were building guards to Owen Lake and near Nadina Mountain. The fire did cross the Oosta-Nadina Road.

Evacuations: For all Evacuation Alert and Order information go to the Bulkley Nechako Regional District at:

<https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

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Shovel Lake (R11498), part of the Babine Complex, Northwest Fire Centre

Location: 6.7 km north of Endako

Status: 50, 831 ha.

Current Activity: The Shovel Lake wildfire did not experience the same activity and growth as yesterday, however, there was some fire activity again on the east side. The fire is split up into North and South divisions. The North division worked to secure the Hannay Road and the PNG pipeline on the west flank of the fire. They have a secured line at this point. Crews also worked to tie in Tatin Lake northwest to Owl Lake. There are unburned pockets of fuel on the fire side of this guard that will be hand ignited tomorrow if conditions allow. In the South Division the fire did get onto the south side of Stern Lake. Crews built guard on the south side of the fire activity and were successful in guarding this excursion. The big picture plan for the South division is to build a guard from Stern Lake east all the way across the north of Fraser Lake. Equipment will also build guard following a PNG pipeline that runs along the north shore of Fraser lake. This will act as a secondary guard for the properties on the north shore.

There is now a night shift of SPU specialists, and more trucks and trailers are set to arrive for tomorrow.

The management of this fire will be transferred to the Prince George Fire Centre and an additional Incident Management Team will be taking over the Shovel Lake fire on Wednesday, August 15th or Thursday, August 16th.

Evacuations: An Evacuation Order and Alert was expanded at 2100 August 13, 2018 and remains in effect for this wildfire by the Bulkley Nechako Regional District. For more information visit: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

BC Wildfire Service continues to implement an Area Order Restriction to protect public safety due to the wildfire's rate of spread 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/X8Mr30lbPR9>

Closures: The Trout Lake FSR is CLOSED due to fire activity. The Sutherland Road is closed from the 15 km mark.

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Island Lake (R11921), part of the Babine Complex, Northwest Fire Centre

Location: Adjacent to Island Lake

Status: 13,000 hectares

Current Activity: Fire activity picked up in the centre of the fire south of Francois Lake Resort. Crews were to build guard and felt confident that they had put in enough guard to hold for the night and they would be reassessing in the morning.

The management of this fire will be transferred to the Prince George Fire Centre and an additional Incident Management Team will be taking over the Shovel Lake fire on Wednesday, August 15th or Thursday, August 16th.

Evacuations: The Bulkley Nechako Regional District has implemented an Evacuation Order and Alert for this wildfire. For more information visit: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Wildfires of Note: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp?ID=699>

Drifting Smoke: www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html

Smoke Health Concerns: HealthLink BC | dial 8-1-1 | www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

BC Parks: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/wildfire/>

Sites and Trails: <http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/closures.aspx>

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