

Lavina Complex

Wildfire Update

August 8, 2024

FIRE NUMBERS:

N71058: Argenta Creek

N71101: Lower Meadow Mountain

N71144: Howser Ridge 3

ESTIMATED SIZE:

As of August 8 2024 1500

N71058: 18,390ha

N71101: 78ha

N71144: 606.2ha

FIRE STATUS:

N71058: Out of Control

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Argenta Creek (N71058)

Despite instability passing through the area yesterday, no additional lightning or rain was recorded. Thankfully, the rain received over the long weekend continues to limit fire behaviour, allowing crews to make continued progress.

With the downturn in weather over the past week and consistent progress made by crews, heavy equipment, and aircraft, the Regional District of Central Kootenay has made changes to the evacuation orders attached to this wildfire - visit rdck.ca for details.

Operations:

- The guard from Hamill Creek to Carter Creek FSR is complete.
- Crews are mopping-up and patrolling in this area extinguishing hot spots as they are found.
- Crews are working to establish line in the challenging terrain from Argenta Creek up Mount Willet.
- Danger tree assessing and falling work is ongoing
- Large danger trees are common here and the work is continuous though demanding.
- Work in the north Hamill Creek area down to the Duncan FSR is happening in areas of workable ground.
- Structure protection gear has been removed and structure protection crews have finished their assignment on this fire.
- Fire support from the Argenta Community members has wrapped up for the time being and this worthy group has been released from duty with our gratitude.
- Helicopter support will continue when as it is operationally required.



The Argenta Creek fire (N71058) pictured on August 5.

Note: With operations expected to remain fairly similar over the next few days, a formal community bulletin is not planned over the weekend, unless there is a significant operational change.

As temperatures increase, fuel conditions will become drier and fire activity may become more noticeable to the surrounding area. Crews, equipment and aircraft continue to work on the fire.

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Howser Ridge 3 (N71144)

Operations:

- Recent rainfall in the area continues to limit fire behaviour.
- 25 firefighters are assigned.
- Crews are working on the south-southeast flank towards Duncan Lake establishing hand line and mopping up wherever required
- Machine guard protecting property and on the northwest corner of the fire is complete.
- Helicopters are available to support as objectives require and visibility allows.



Crews on site at the Howser Ridge 3 fire (N71144) pictured on August 4.

N71101

Being Held

An area restriction in effect for the Argenta Creek area was amended on August 6.

More information can be found here:

<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/area-restriction-amended-in-argenta-creek-area/>

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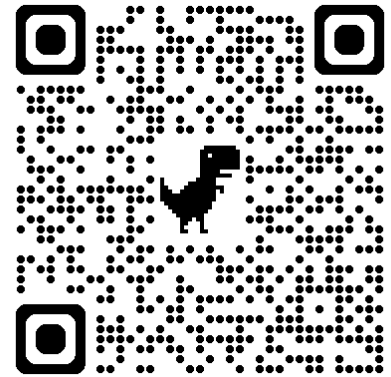
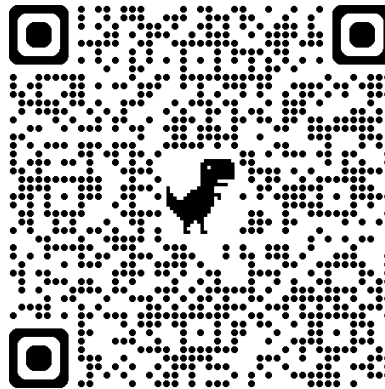
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Wildfire Map

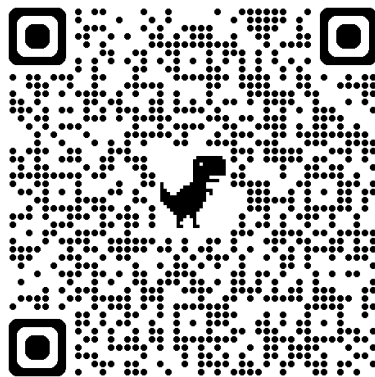
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Area Restriction (August 6)



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