

Slocan Lake Complex Wildfire Update

August 10, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Hazards present in wildfire impacted areas:

Members of the public should exercise extreme caution when travelling through wildfire-impacted areas.

Danger trees pose one of the greatest hazards to wildland firefighters working on the ground. These are trees that may have been impacted by wildfire, but they can also be compromised by other factors such as damage, defect, or disease, leading to the potential for unexpected falls.

Cedar trees are unique in that they burn from the inside out, often appearing unaffected before falling without warning. The risk of danger trees increases when wind or rain is present.

In order to ensure the safety of BC Wildfire Service ground crews, partners in response, and the public, the BC Wildfire Service works directly with danger tree assessors and fallers to identify and safely remove danger trees along major transportation routes, around structures and in areas where crews are actively working. Other hazards associated with wildfires include:

- heavy equipment, aircraft and personnel engaging in suppression activities
- ash pits, which may be hard to detect and can remain hot long after the flames have died down
- unstable soils and terrain
- increased potential for landslides or rock falls
- damaged trails or irregular trail surfaces
- increased water runoff, which could lead to flooding or debris flows

Area restriction:

In the interest of public and responder safety, an area restriction remains in effect for within the Slocan Lake Complex. Under this Order and section 11(2) of the Wildfire Act, a person must not remain in or enter the restricted area, unless the person first receives written authorization of an official designated for the purposes of the Wildfire Act, or enters the area only in the course of:

- 1) travelling to or from his or her primary residence, that is not under an evacuation order;
- 2) using a highway as defined in the Transportation Act;
- 3) travelling as a person acting in an official capacity as defined in s.56 of the Wildfire Act; or
- 4) travelling for the purpose of supporting wildfire suppression or enforcement patrol activities.

A detailed map of the affected area is available [HERE](#). Road closures and area restrictions are subject to change depending on fire activity. For the most current information please visit the [bans and restrictions section of the BC Wildfire website for the Southeast Fire Centre](#).

Weather:

Today's weather conditions are expected to be sunny and hazy with a risk of thunderstorms in the afternoon. If a storm approaches, winds will increase and shift direction. Fire behaviour intensifies when slope and winds align. Temperatures will reach 28 to 30°C, with relative humidity between 24-30%. Fire behaviour is likely to intensify as humidity drops below 30%.

Winds will be primarily terrain-driven, upslope during the day, with potential for cross-slope movement if winds increase. A weak inversion will contribute to a longer burning period.

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Complex resources: Incident Management Team, 105 structure protection personnel and 8 helicopters assigned to the complex

[Mulvey Creek wildfire \(N51117\)](#)

Resources: 41 firefighters, 3 fallers

Fire activity remains very low along the east flank, crews are mopping up to 100 ft from the fire perimeter. Work to establish a guard along the south flank is ongoing. Smoke and flame may be visible in active areas, primarily along the north flank, upslope of Slocan Lake and on the south-west flank, in the Mulvey Creek drainage.

[Nemo Creek wildfire \(N51103\)](#)

Resources: Structure protection personnel

Fire growth has been minimal, with recent rainfall reducing fire behaviour. Crews have established a heavy equipment guard along the north flank. Structure protection crews continue to patrol for hot spots near structures. Smoke and flame may be visible in active areas of the south and north flanks.

[Wilson Creek wildfire \(N51614\)](#)

Resources: 9 firefighters

Remaining hotspots are being addressed. Three hotspots were found, yesterday. The fire is classified as Under Control.

[Komonko Creek wildfire \(N51210\)](#)

Resources: 73 firefighters, 2 fallers, 5 pieces of heavy equipment

Crews are utilizing a recent infrared aerial scan to identify and eliminate remaining hot spots along the fire perimeter west of Highway 6. East of Highway 6, heavy equipment is constructing a fireguard south of Enterprise Creek at the base of a steep slope. West of Highway 6, crews are directly attacking the fire from existing guards along the perimeter, focusing on extinguishing hot spots up to 100 feet from the fire's edge. On the east side of Red Mountain Road, crews are also working along the perimeter, advancing towards the height of land at Prior Creek.

Demobilization of structural protection equipment along Red Mountain Road is currently underway. The fire is most active in the Enterprise Creek area. Operations continue with the assessment and removal of danger trees along the highway and in active work areas. Additionally, BC Hydro is actively repairing downed powerlines and damaged poles in the area.

On August 8, a new wildfire (N51906) was discovered east of the Komonko Creek wildfire, crews and helicopters responded and continue to work towards total containment. It is currently classified as Being Held at an estimated 0.16 hectares

[Ponderosa FSR \(N51069\)](#)

Resources: 84 firefighters, 2 fallers and 8 pieces of heavy equipment.

Conditions were favorable yesterday to proceed with the planned ignition along the south flank. Ignitions were complete by 3:45 p.m. and successfully removed surface fuels on the forest floor, reducing the risk of uncontrolled fire spreading to the south in the event of high winds. This operation was crucial for the containment of the south and southwest flanks. Today, crews are continuing to work along the north, west and south fireguards, mopping up areas where ignitions occurred.

They are also using hand ignitions to reinforce the guard and eliminate remaining surface fuels. Structure protection crews continue to test and maintain equipment, including a large water delivery system set up to the northwest of the fire using 10,000-gallon high-capacity tanks, pumps, and hoses. Tactical response crews are patrolling for hot spots and standing by to provide support as needed.

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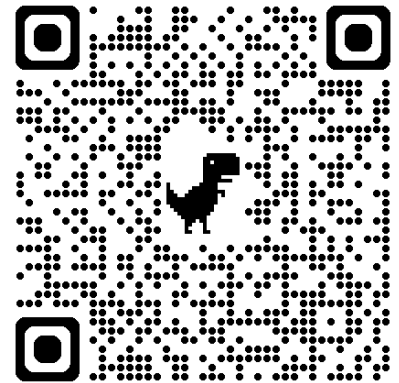
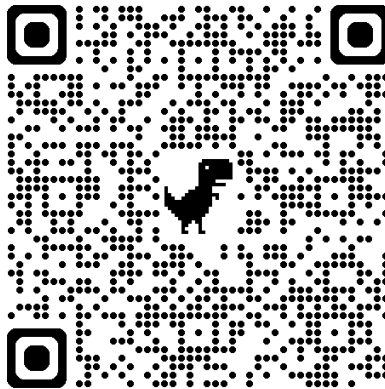


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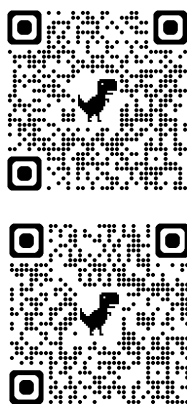
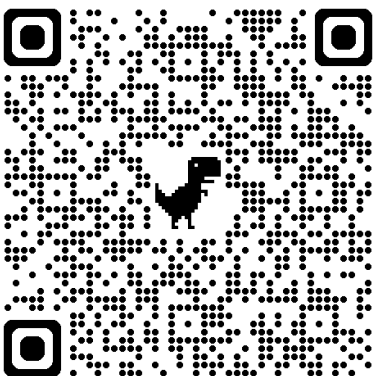
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