Slocan Lake Complex Wildfire Update

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Recover after a wildfire is an online resource that provides detailed guidance for residents returning home after a wildfire, emphasizing safety precautions and necessary steps for re-entry. It covers food and water safety, structural inspections, cleaning, and repair processes, and offers tips on managing insurance claims. The page also advises on using reputable contractors for repairs and highlights the importance of psychological care post-disaster.

Weather: Today's weather is expected to be sunny and hazy in the morning, with afternoon winds shifting to the south and a risk of thunderstorms. If a storm approaches, winds will increase and change direction, potentially intensifying fire behavior, especially when slope and wind align. Temperatures will reach 29 to 30°C, with relative humidity between 25-30%, likely causing fire behavior to intensify as humidity drops below 30%. Winds will be primarily terrain-driven, moving upslope during the day, with potential for cross-slope movement if winds increase. A weak inversion will extend the burning period, with open canopies showing greater potential for fire movement, while dense canopies will experience slower spread.

Complex resources: Incident Management Team, 72 structure protection personnel and 7 helicopters assigned to the complex

Mulvey Creek wildfire (N51117)

Resources: 52 firefighters, 3 fallers

Fire activity along the east flank is minimal, with crews patrolling up to 100 feet and mopping up 50 feet from established control lines. An infrared drone scan recently completed along the east flank is helping crews locate and eliminate remaining hotspots. The most active areas are primarily along the north flank upslope of Slocan Lake and on the southwest flank in the Mulvey Creek drainage. Structure protection efforts are being demobilized west of the Slocan River and in the Village of Slocan, though protection remains in place for structures north of Slocan.

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.

Komonko Creek wildfire (N51210)

Resources: 63 firefighters, 4 fallers, 4 pieces of heavy equipment

West of Highway 6, crews are using recent infrared aerial scans to identify and extinguish remaining hot spots along the perimeter, focusing on areas up to 100 feet from the fire's edge. East of Highway 6, heavy equipment is constructing a fireguard south of Enterprise Creek at the base of a steep slope, while heavy lift helicopters are consistently bucketing the fire upslope to reduce fire behavior and protect Highway 6 and nearby structures. East of Red Mountain Road, crews are working along the perimeter toward the height of land at Prior Creek. Assessment and removal of danger trees continue along the highway and in work areas, ensuring the safety of worksites and roadways. BC Hydro is also repairing downed powerlines and damaged poles. Yesterday, the new wildfire (N51906) discovered east of the Komonko Creek wildfire was declared out.

Ponderosa FSR (N51069)

Resources: 73 firefighters, 4 fallers and 8 pieces of heavy equipment.

Today, crews are continuing to work along the north, west and south fireguards, mopping up areas where ignitions occurred. Danger tree assessment and falling is occurring along containment lines to ensure worksites are safe for crews. Structure protection crews are demobilizing structure protection equipment in Slocan and along Highway 6.

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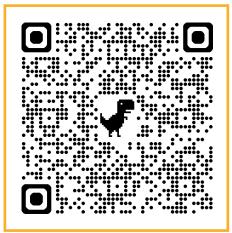


Wildfire Map

SEFC Bans & Restrictions

Recover after a Wildfire







Ponderosa FSR Ignition Update

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