

Slocan Lake Complex Wildfire Update

August 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

The Area Restriction associated with the Slocan Lake Complex fires has been amended. [See the complete order and map here](#). Area restrictions are different from evacuation orders and are put in place to protect the safety of the public and responders in areas of wildfire operations. Unlike an evacuation order, area restrictions allow the following: Travelling to or from a principal residence, that is not under evacuation an order; Travelling to or from a private or leased property for the purpose of accessing a secondary residence or recreational property, that is not under an evacuation order; Using a highway as defined in the Highway Act; Travelling as a person acting in an official capacity as defined in s.56 of the Wildfire Act; Travelling for the purpose of supporting wildfire suppression or enforcement patrol activities.

Weather: Today, August 13, decreased fire behaviour expected and there is potential for 2 mm of rain throughout the Slocan Lake Complex. Reduced visibility will occur in the morning due to smoke but will lift and clear by the early afternoon which will increase visibility. Maximum temperatures will range from 25-28 while the minimum relative humidity ranges from 30-45%. Winds will be predominantly out of the south 5-15km/hr with the possibility of gusts up to 30km/hr in the late afternoon and into the evening.

Complex resources: Incident Management Team, 27 structure protection personnel and 6 helicopters assigned to the complex

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

Resources: 20 firefighters, 3 fallers

At this stage of fire suppression, operational objectives will remain consistent. Fire activity remains low along the east flank. Crews will continue to patrol and mop up 100 ft in from the guard. In the evenings, infrared drone scans are being utilized to identify hot spots for crews to seek and destroy. This work will be ongoing for some time as crews will work deeper into the fire perimeter to ensure any remaining heat is extinguished. Active areas are primarily along the north flank upslope of the Slocan Lake and on the southwest flank in the Mulvey Creek drainage, small pockets of smoke may be visible. Structure Protection personnel remain engaged on identified values north of the fire to maintain structure protection apparatus.

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

Smoke and flame will continue to be visible in active areas of the south and north flanks.

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

Resources: 58 firefighters, 4 fallers, 4 pieces of heavy equipment

At this stage of fire suppression, operational objectives will remain consistent. On the north flank, behind Red Mountain Road, crews are utilizing direct attack operations by tight lining the edge of the fire perimeter and working 50-100 ft in to extinguish hot spots. Crews continue to construct a fireguard south of Enterprise Creek and direct attack 100 ft in from the fire edge east of Red Mountain Road. This work will be ongoing as crews work deeper into the fire perimeter. Bucketing continues upslope of Highway 6 to reduce fire behaviour and limit the impact to the highway and nearby structures. Assessment and falling of danger trees continue along the highway and in areas where crews are working to ensure first responder safety. BC Hydro continues to repair downed powerlines and damaged poles.

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

Resources: 90 firefighters, 4 fallers and 8 pieces of heavy equipment.

At this stage of fire suppression, operational objectives will remain consistent. Crews continue to work along the north, west and south fireguards, mopping up areas where ignitions occurred and directly attacking the fire in other areas. This work will be ongoing for some time as crews work deeper into the fire perimeter. On the northeast flank, crews are extending the guard and establishing access.

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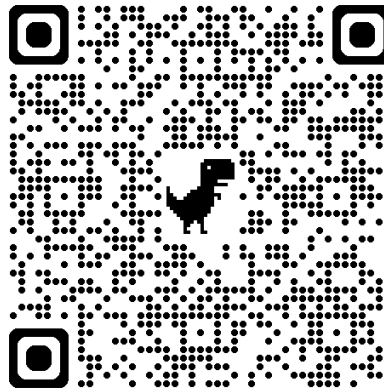
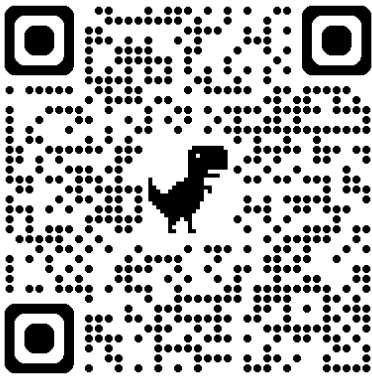
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