

Slocan Lake Complex Wildfire Update

August 16, 2024 at 10:30 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 16, an upper trough will work its way into the complex area from the south. This trough will reduce temperatures, raise relative humidity values and bring 1-4mm of precipitation. Convection in the area may lead to some thunder cells passing through. Maximum temperature 18-20C with a minimum relative humidity of 90%. Winds are expected to be light from the south/southeast 5-10km/h with gusts 15-20km/h.

Fire behaviour in the complex will be limited to surface fire in all fuel types today. The downturn in conditions and precipitation throughout the complex will not self-extinguish the fires in the area but will greatly improve suppression efforts as crews utilize direct attack operations.

Complex resources: Incident Management Team, 12 structure protection personnel and 5 helicopters assigned to the complex

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

Resources: 41 firefighters, 4 fallers

Yesterday, August 15, fire behaviour was more active, and smoke was visible from inside the fire perimeter, however the 100ft containment line is not exhibiting any heat or smoke. Crews are patrolling the 100ft blackline inside the perimeter on the south flanks and will extinguish hot spots along the southeast flank if found. 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. Smoke may be visible as those flanks work their way deeper into Valhalla Provincial Park. Structure Protection personnel remain engaged on identified values north of the fire to maintain structure protection apparatus.

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

At this stage of fire suppression, operational objectives will remain consistent. The north and south flanks of the fire remain active. Smoke is visible as humidity decreases through the day. Structure protection is being demobilized in areas where risk is low.

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

Resources: 44 firefighters, 4 fallers, 5 pieces of heavy equipment

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 directly attack the fire edge and mop up 100ft into the perimeter. This work will be ongoing as crews work deeper into the fire perimeter. 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. Heavy equipment is working to restore guards in areas where they are no longer needed. An evening drone scan was completed last night, August 15, and will continue to be utilized to identify any hot spots within the fire perimeter. Crews will action identified hot spots as the drone scans are completed.

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

Resources: 65 firefighters, 4 fallers and 12 pieces of heavy equipment.

Yesterday, August 15, crews worked on the west flank north of Ringrose Creek to clean up the fires edge by utilizing low intensity small scale hand ignitions, though smoke was visible the fire behaviour was limited to low severity ground fire. This operation was successful and further reinforced the 25ft containment line along the west flank tying into Lemon Creek. Crews are working their way deeper into the fire perimeter to directly attack the fire and mop up hotspots supported by danger tree fallers. Danger tree assessment and falling is occurring along containment lines to ensure worksites are safe for crews to work in. Along the Ponderosa FSR, an equipment task force leader is working to rehabilitate the guard that was constructed.

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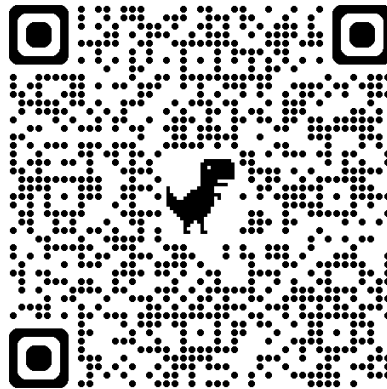


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