



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Quesnel Zone—Cariboo Fire Centre

Wildfires of Note

Up to date information on all Wildfires of Note can be found at www.bcwildfire.ca

Shag Creek Fire (C11837):

Size: 9,300 hectares (estimated)

Resources: No resources are currently on this fire due to safety reasons.

Update: This fire is being taken over by an Incident Management Team (IMT) today. The IMT will be responsible for the Narcosli Creek, North Baezaeko, Blackwater River and the Shag Creek wildfires. An Evacuation Order has been implemented by the Cariboo Regional District for properties in the Shag Creek area. For more information, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website: www.cariboord.bc.ca.

Blackwater River Fire (C12328):

Size: 4,519 hectares (mapped)

Resources: 23 personnel, seven pieces of heavy equipment and four helicopters on site.

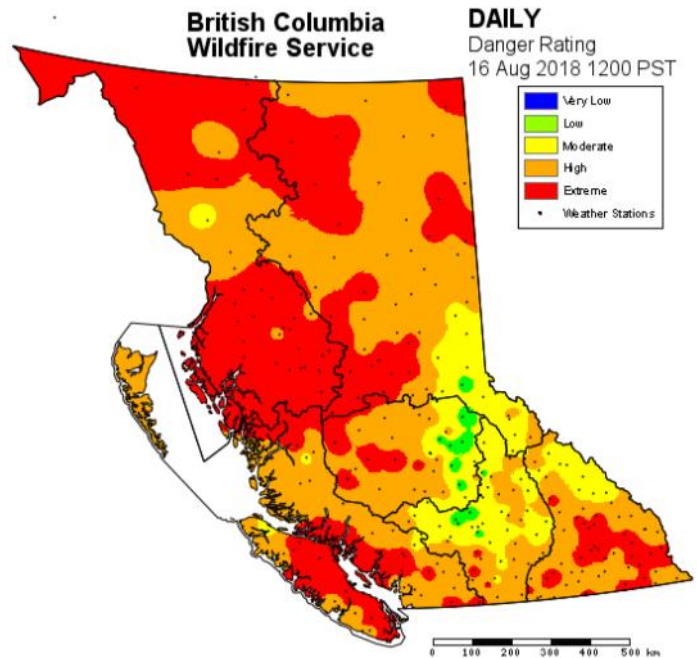
Update: Planned ignitions occurred on the fire yesterday and are set to occur on the west flank of the fire today, weather permitting. This fire is being taken over by an Incident Management Team (IMT) today. The IMT will be responsible for the Narcosli Creek, Baezaeko River, Blackwater River and the Shag Creek wildfires. An Evacuation Alert and Order has been implemented by the Cariboo Regional District. For more information, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website: www.cariboord.bc.ca

Narcosli Creek (C12302):

Size: 3,400 hectares (mapped), 70 per cent contained.

Resources: 99 personnel, 17 pieces of heavy equipment and three water tenders on site.

Update: Heavy equipment will continue to establish control lines, ground crews will focus on mopping up, and burn any unburned fuel where possible. This fire is being taken over by an Incident Management Team (IMT) today. The IMT will be responsible for the Narcosli Creek, Baezaeko River, Blackwater River and the Shag Creek wildfires. An Evacuation Alert and Order has been implemented by the Cariboo Regional District for properties in the West Quesnel area. For more information, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website: www.cariboord.bc.ca



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North Baezaeko Fire—East (C11937):

Size: 4,000 hectares (estimated)

Resources: There are 23 personnel, two helicopters, eight pieces of heavy equipment and one water tender on site.

Update: Heavy equipment worked throughout the night to establish containment lines. The focus today is to secure guard on the east and southeastern flank with heavy equipment. Planned ignitions on the south and southeastern flank will occur, if conditions are suitable, this will be done to reinforce the guard. A contingency guard is still be established. This fire is being taken over by an Incident Management Team (IMT) today. The IMT will be responsible for the Narcosli Creek, Baezaeko River, Blackwater River and the Shag Creek wildfires. An Evacuation Alert and Order was implemented by the Cariboo Regional District due other fires in the area and overlaps with this fire also. For more information, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website: www.cariboord.bc.ca

Other Fires

There are 12 active wildfires burning in this zone. There is one fire Being Held, three fires Under Control and eight fires in Out of Control status.

North Baezaeko Fire—West (C12673):

Size: 370 hectares (estimated)

Resources: This fire and C11937 are being managed as one fire.

Update: An Evacuation order has been implemented by the Cariboo Regional District in this area in relation to the Blackwater River fire and other fires such as this one. For more information, please visit the Cariboo Regional District Website: www.cariboord.bc.ca

Yuzkli Lake Fire (C12330):

Size: 40 hectares (estimated)

Resources: None

Update: There are no communities or structures are threatened at this time.

Fire West of Mustang Lake(C12405):

Size: 100 hectares (estimated)

Resources: None

Update: This fire is in steep terrain that is not accessible to ground crews.

Bald Face Mountain Fire (C12549):

Size: 300 hectares (estimated)

Resources: There are 47 firefighters and nine pieces of heavy equipment working to establish guard on these fires.

Update: There are two fires located near Bald Face Mountain, east of the Itcha Ilgachuz Park. The northern fire is estimated at 1293 hectares and the southern fire is estimated at 110 hectares. There are 43 personnel and 11 pieces of heavy equipment work-

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Information Bulletin

Over the last week, much of the Cariboo Fire Centre experienced some reduced fire activity. We want to remind everyone that fires are still burning on the landscape. We expect to see the weather return to warmer and drier conditions in the coming week and that could cause an increase in fire behaviour again. For homes within the evacuation alert areas, please remain prepared for the potential increase in fire activity. We encourage everyone to take the necessary precautions to protect their homes and communities by participating in the FireSmart program.



This photo is of the Young Lake fire yesterday afternoon (C42331).

More information about the program can be found at <https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/>

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Questions and Answers

Questions Regarding Evacuation Orders and Alerts:

For information on Evacuation Orders and Alerts, please contact the Cariboo Regional District at <http://cariboord.bc.ca/> Or call the Cariboo Regional District Emergency Information Line at: **1-866-759-4977**

Questions Regarding Road Blocks and Access:

The public is encouraged to check DriveBC.ca for information regarding Road Blocks and access restrictions.

Recreation Trail and Campsite Closures:

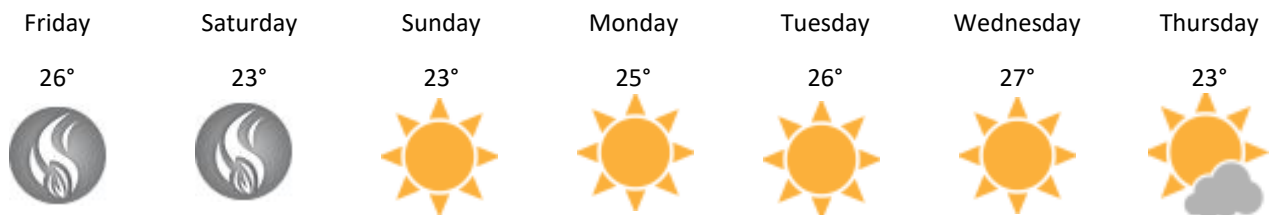
For information on recreational campsite and trail closures go to: <http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/>

What about people with respiratory concerns who are having a hard time with smoke?

- Smoke concentrations will vary widely as winds, fire behaviour and temperatures change.
- Residents are advised to consider avoiding strenuous outdoor activities.
- For air quality conditions, visit: www.bcairquality.ca
- To track smoke in the area: <http://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/viewer/run/ops/BSC-CA-01/current/>

Weather Forecast

A mix of sun and cloud and widespread smoke can be expected with a high of 26 degrees. The smoke will continue into the evening with a low of 10 degrees.



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