

Slocan Lake Wildfire Complex

Wildfire Update

Aylwin Creek

3 Evacuation Orders

Wildfire Of Note

- Out of Control
- Fire Number N51065
- 400 Hectares
- Discovered On July 18, 2024
- Updated July 25, 2024 at 12:17 p.m. PST
- Southeast Fire Centre
- BC Wildfires Active Fires Layer

Stage of Control

Wildfire of Note

This wildfire is highly visible or poses a potential threat to public safety.

Out of Control

A wildfire that is spreading or it is anticipated to spread beyond the current perimeter, or control line.

Fire Size

400 Hectares

Fire size is based on the last known estimated size in hectares.

Suspected Cause

Lightning

When lightning strikes an object it can release enough heat to ignite a tree or other fuels.

Area Restrictions

An Area Restriction is a legal order that prohibits access to certain areas in order to limit the risk of fire, address a public safety concern or avoid interference with fire control.

Slocan Lakes Complex Area Restriction

Southeast

Issued on July 22, 2024

Response Update

Updated on Jul 25, 2024

On the evening of July 24, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) **expanded** the evacuation order for the Aylwin Creek wildfire to include Village of Silverton. More information is available on the [RDCK website](#).

For information on all Aylwin Creek wildfire related evacuation alerts and orders, visit the [RDCK's emergency information webpage](#).

Operations:

- Yesterday, gusty winds escalated fire behaviour to rank three and crews withdrew to safety zones so structure protection personnel could conduct operations to defend structures. Learn more about fire ranks and behaviour on the [BC Wildfire Service website](#).
- Airtankers and skimmers supported the response, delivering retardant and suppressant to slow the fire's growth.
- The fire's progression stalled near Bannock Point and did not pass Highway 6, but behaviour remains active.
- Crews continue to focus on the construction of control lines, keeping the fire from advancing over Highway 6, and structural protection.
- Structure protection crews continue to deploy structure protection apparatus and equipment on areas of concern. Assessment, testing and monitoring of structure protection apparatus is ongoing. Learn more about structure protection in this [YouTube video](#).

Weather and Fire Behaviour:

Today

- Variable cloud
- Temperatures will be in the mid-20s, a return to seasonal values
- Relative humidity has minimally improved and is around 20-30%
- Winds will be generally southerly with some westerlies are ridgetops
- Wind speeds will be 10-20 km/h with gusts up to 40-50 km/h, and could see shifting direction and increased speeds due to nearby convection
- The convective activity will not provide much precipitation, only trace amounts are expected

- Winds should ease throughout the day

Overnight

- A low moves off the region to the east, decreasing temperatures and slightly improving relative humidity
- Clouds begin clearing and sunny conditions will return the following day

Fire Behaviour

- Fire behaviour will increase with daytime heating and increased winds. Winds will drive fire behaviour and direction of spread.
- Crews have reported fire behaviour between rank 1 and rank 3 depending on the fuels, terrain and weather conditions.

Road Closures and Area Restrictions:

- Road closures are in effect at Highway 6 and Red Mountain Road. Visit [drivebc.ca](#) for updates and details.
- An Area Restriction is now in effect for the Slocan Lake Complex. View the [restricted area map](#) and [information bulletin](#) for details.

Advisory:

- We are asking that the public stay away from active worksites for safety reasons. Seeking out wildfires and entering fire perimeters is dangerous and should be avoided. BC Wildfire Service personnel are trained to be in these areas, and have a thorough understanding of present dangers. Members of the public entering these worksites and traveling on adjacent roads can cause safety concerns for both themselves and our crews.
- When visibility improves and aviation resume operations, we request that recreators stay off of the lakes in the area. Skimmers and helicopters will continue to support response efforts, and will be using local water sources, particularly in the Arrow, Kootenay Lake and Columbia fire zones. In the interest of crew and public safety, the public is urged to keep well away from areas where airtankers or helicopters are operating. People using other watercraft in the intended flightpath present a serious safety risk for air crews and anyone else in the area. This behaviour is extremely dangerous and interferes with our ability to fight wildfires.

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Wildfire Update

Komonko Creek

Wildfire Of Note

-  Out of Control
-  Fire Number N51210
-  534 Hectares
-  Discovered On July 19, 2024
-  Updated July 25, 2024 at 12:20 p.m. PST
-  Southeast Fire Centre
-  BC Wildfires Active Fires Layer

Stage of Control

Wildfire of Note

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Out of Control

A wildfire that is spreading or it is anticipated to spread beyond the current perimeter, or control line.

Fire Size

534 Hectares

Fire size is based on the last known estimated size in hectares. The persistent hot and dry weather has continued to dry out fuels, making them ignite more easily and increasing fire behaviour. There has been some growth and the size will be updated when visibility allows.

Suspected Cause

Lightning

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Slocan Lakes Complex Area Restriction

📍 Southeast

📅 Issued on July 22, 2024



Response Update

✎ Updated on Jul 25, 2024

For information related to evacuation alerts and orders, visit the [RDCK's emergency information webpage](#).

Operations:

- Conditions have been difficult and resulted in increased fire behaviour.
- Yesterday, crews were focused on structural protection along Red Mountain Road and Highway 6.
- Today crews are establishing guard east of Red Mountain Road, moving north toward Silverton Creek.
- Heavy equipment continue to support the construction of control lines from the Red Mountain Road area, northwards.
- Assessment and planning for containment lines is ongoing.
- Structure protection crews continue to deploy structure protection apparatus and equipment on areas of concern. Assessment, testing and monitoring of structure protection apparatus is ongoing. Learn more about structure protection in this [YouTube video](#).

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Wildfire Update


Nemo Creek

-  Out of Control
-  Fire Number N51103
-  823 Hectares
-  Discovered On July 18, 2024
-  Updated July 24, 2024 at 2:19 p.m. PST
-  Southeast Fire Centre
-  BC Wildfires Active Fires Layer


Stage of Control

-  Out of Control
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Fire Size

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
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Slocan Lakes Complex Area Restriction

-  Southeast
-  Issued on July 22, 2024

Response Update

 Updated on Jul 25, 2024

An evacuation order has been put in place by the RDCK for this wildfire. More information can be found at <https://www.rdck.ca/EN/meta/news/news-archives/2024-news-archive/evacuation-order-issued-due-to-the-nemo-creek-1-and-nemo-creek-2-wildfires.html>

Operations:

- Yesterday there was significant growth on the face of the mountain, northward.
- Crews been working to maintain structure protection systems on the structures in and near Valhalla Park.
- The eastern flank has reached the water's edge and teams continue to work around the structures, monitoring and checking the structure protection equipment.
- Crews will continue to focus on providing structural defence and to bring the fire's eastern flank to workable ground near the lake's edge.
- Long term response planning is ongoing.
- The fire is burning upslope in steep and inoperable terrain within the Valhalla Provincial Park. When daytime heating is at it's peak, fire behaviour is likely to increase and become more visible to surrounding areas.

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Nemo Creek wildfire the afternoon of July 24

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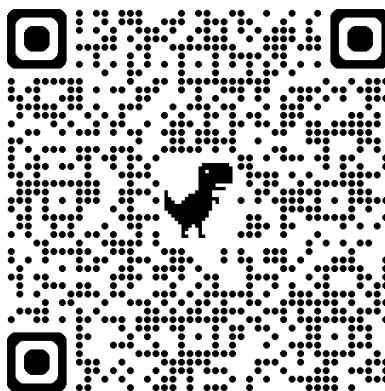
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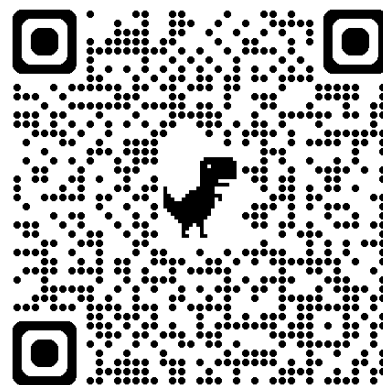
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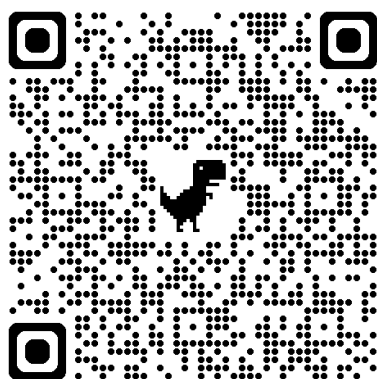
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