

Slocan Lake Complex Wildfire Update

August 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

In addition to unseasonably high temperatures and ongoing dry conditions, an incoming weather system will likely bring widespread dry lightning to the region beginning Friday evening through until Sunday. Accompanying winds will be gusty and erratic. As a result, fire behaviour is expected to increase significantly through the Slocan Valley, and smoke will settle in the valley bottom.

Wilson Creek wildfire (N51614)

Resources: 8 firefighters, 3 fallers

Crews continue to directly attack the east and west flanks of the fire, searching for an extinguishing hot spot as they move toward the centre of the fire, and to patrol the north and south flanks. There is very minimal fire activity.

Nemo Creek wildfire (N51103)

Resources: Structure protection personnel and 13 pieces of heavy equipment

Heavy equipment operators continue to work on a guard along the northern flank of the fire. Structure protection continues to patrol fire activity around structures.

The Komonko Creek wildfire (N51210) and the Aylwin Creek wildfire (N51065) were combined under one fire name and number. All updates going forward will be provided on the Komonko Creek wildfire (N51210).

Komonko Creek wildfire (N51210)

Resources: 113 firefighters, 6 fallers and 4 pieces of heavy equipment

The fire crossed the Enterprise Creek drainage and has grown south along the ridge. Further growth south will occur. Due to the steepness of the slope where it is burning, there is risk of impact to Highway 6 due to rolling debris from active fire upslope of the highway. Crews are directly attacking the fire from existing guards along its perimeter. Along Highway 6 crews continue to patrol the highway and directly attack the fire that has crossed control lines and hot spots around structures. Danger tree assessment and falling is ongoing along the highway.

Mulvey Creek wildfire (N51117)

Resources: 49 firefighters, 6 fallers and 9 pieces of heavy equipment

From July 31 to August 2, firefighting crews conducted planned ignitions on the Mulvey Creek wildfire (N51117). The last 500 metres of the guard did not catch during the planned ignition due to high humidity levels. The fire has stayed within the east containment line with no spotting across the guard. Crews will continue to directly attack the fire from the guard, searching for and extinguishing remaining hot spots.

Ponderosa FSR (N51069)

Resources: 72 firefighters, 2 operational single resources, 15 pieces of heavy equipment

Preparation is underway for a planned ignition that could occur as early as Monday. The intent of the ignition is to prevent uncontrolled downslope growth by applying low-to-moderate intensity fire to the landscape where the fire currently continues to back down the slope. This operation is a crucial step towards containment of the west flank of the Ponderosa FSR fire. Crews are working to reinforce the guard along the west flank, and establishing a water delivery system to support ignition operations. Increased fire behaviour continues to be observed along the south flank, where the fire is burning in steep, inaccessible terrain. There is the potential for rolling debris to ignite fuel below fire burning at high elevation.

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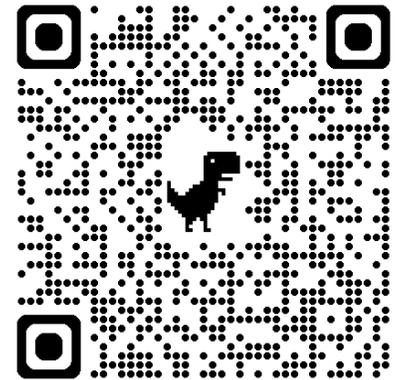
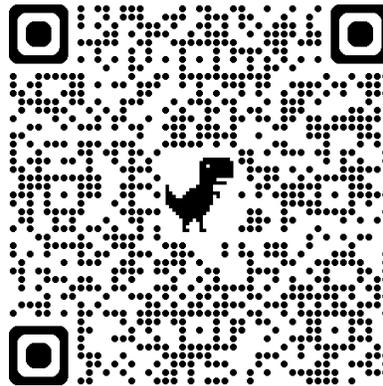
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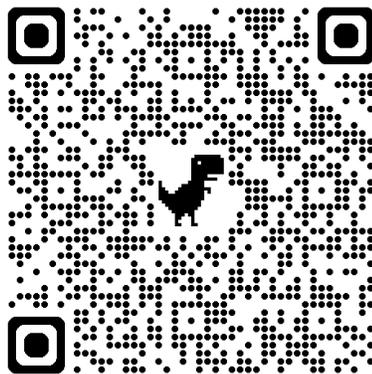
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