

# Slocan Lake Complex Wildfire Update

August 8, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Yesterday, an aerial ignition operation was conducted along the north flank of the Ponderosa FSR wildfire. The ignition successfully removed ground fuel to reduce the risk of uncontrolled growth. The ignition remained within control lines, and was supported by bucketing helicopters and ground crews. Today, if favourable site conditions are present, the next phase of the operation will occur on the south flank.

Various tactics will be employed, including hand and aerial ignitions, depending on accessibility and fuel type. In areas with dense tree cover, a higher intensity fire will be used to ensure adequate consumption of surface fuels.

During the operation, crews, supported by bucketing helicopters and heavy equipment, will use water delivery systems and hand tools to control fire intensity and prevent it from spotting over the guard. Structure protection crews continue to test and maintain equipment. Tactical response crews on engines are patrolling for hot spots and are on standby to provide support as needed.

## Weather and fire behaviour:

Today's weather is expected to be very similar to yesterday. Winds will come from various directions, but none will be from the south. There won't be strong gusts, and the upslope winds in the Lemon Creek area later in the day will be terrain-driven. The forecast calls for light winds, with gusts potentially reaching 25 to 30 km/h. Ridge tops will experience minimal wind, with a slight chance of light northeasterly winds.

There's a very slim chance of a thunderstorm developing, but if one does, it would be further north, with minimal impact on local weather. Winds will increase in the evening but will remain terrain-driven.



Aerial view of the machine guard during the planned ignition.



Surface fuel build up prior to ignition operation

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**Complex resources:** Incident Management Team, 103 structure protection personnel and 8 helicopters assigned to the complex

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

**Resources:** 74 firefighters, 7 fallers and 13 pieces of heavy equipment

Since the rain on Monday night, fire behavior has been low, allowing crews to make significant progress. Direct attack is being carried out along the fire's perimeter both north and south of Enterprise Creek and east of Red Mountain Road, moving north towards the height of land at Prior Creek. Structural protection demobilization is underway along Red Mountain Road, while patrols and hotspot extinguishing continue along Highway 6. Heavy machinery is actively reopening and consolidating guards, connecting them to natural features. BC Hydro crews are repairing transmission lines, and danger tree assessments are ongoing to reduce hazards along highways and near structures. The fire is most active in the Enterprise Creek drainage, on steep slopes, approximately 2-3 kilometres east of the Enterprise Creek bridge on Highway 6.

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

**Resources:** 43 firefighters, 3 fallers and 4 pieces of heavy equipment

Fire activity remains very low along the east flank, crews are mopping up to 100 ft from the fire perimeter. Work to establish a guard along the south flank is ongoing. Structure protection efforts, including equipment testing and FireSmart activities, continue. Smoke and flame may be visible in active areas, primarily along the north flank, upslope of Slocan Lake and on the southwest flank, in the Mulvey Creek drainage.

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

**Resources:** Structure protection personnel and 9 pieces of heavy equipment,

Fire growth has been minimal, with recent rainfall reducing fire behavior. Crews have established a heavy equipment guard along the north flank. Structure protection crews continue to patrol for hot spots near structures. Smoke and flame may be visible in active areas of the south and north flanks.

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

**Resources:** 75 firefighters, 12 pieces of heavy equipment

Today's conditions are favorable for conducting the planned ignition on the north flank of the Ponderosa FSR fire. The goal of this ignition is to create a moderate intensity fire on the forest floor to consume surface fuels. During the operation, crews, supported by bucketing helicopters and heavy equipment, will use water delivery systems and hand tools to control fire intensity and prevent it from spotting over the guard.

## [Wilson Creek wildfire \(N51614\)](#)

**Resources:** 11 firefighters

There is very minimal fire activity. The fire is classified as Under Control. An aerial infrared scan will be conducted to identify remaining hotspots, and crews will use the data to locate and extinguish them.

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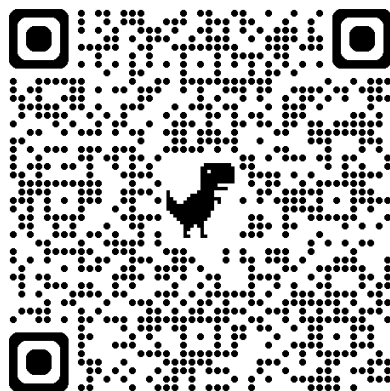
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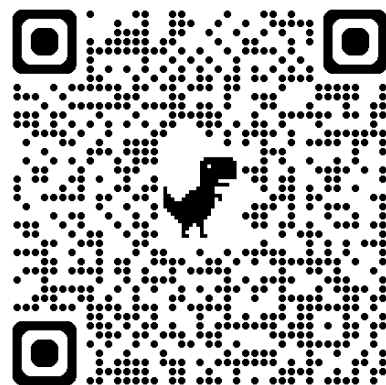
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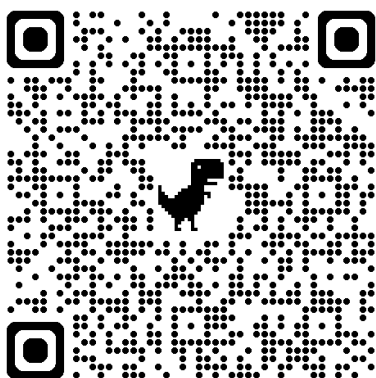
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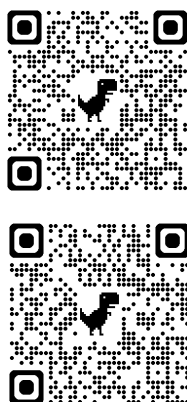
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