



Slocan Lake Complex Wildfire Update

August 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

When traveling through wildfire-impacted areas, the public should exercise extreme caution due to various hazards. One of the greatest dangers is posed by danger trees, which may be weakened by fire, damage, or disease, potentially leading to unexpected falls. Cedar trees are particularly hazardous as they can burn from the inside out, appearing intact before suddenly collapsing. The BC Wildfire Service collaborates with danger tree assessors and fallers to remove these threats in active worksites.

Other hazards include heavy equipment, ash pits, unstable terrain, increased landslide risks, damaged trails, and potential flooding or debris flows.

Weather: Conditions on Monday will be similar to those on Sunday, with temperatures slightly warmer than seasonal—reaching the mid to upper 20s in the north and east, and low 30s in the southwest. Winds will generally be light, though brief gusts up to 50 km/h are possible near storms. The upper trough will persist over the region, with increased convective activity anticipated in the western and central areas of the fire centre in the afternoon, leading to continued isolated thunderstorms. Thunderstorms will weaken by evening, and inversions with potential smoke buildup are expected overnight in valleys, particularly in the Slocan Valley.

Complex resources: Incident Management Team, 35 structure protection personnel and 6 helicopters assigned to the complex

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

Resources: 51 firefighters, 3 fallers

Operational objectives remain consistent at this stage of fire suppression. Fire activity is low along the east flank, where crews are patrolling, mopping up, and using infrared drone scans to eliminate remaining hotspots. The north flank is active but has not grown more than 200 metres per day in recent days. Structure protection on structures north of Slocan remains in place.

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

Smoke and flame will continue to be visible in active areas of the south and north flanks.

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

Resources: 54 firefighters, 4 fallers, 4 pieces of heavy equipment

At this stage of fire suppression, operational objectives remain steady. Mop up along the fire perimeter will continue for the foreseeable future. Crews are constructing a fireguard south of Enterprise Creek and directly attacking the fire edge east of Red Mountain Road. Bucketing operations are ongoing upslope of Highway 6 to reduce fire activity and protect the highway and nearby structures. Danger tree assessment and removal continue along the highway and in active work areas, while BC Hydro is repairing downed powerlines and damaged poles. Smoke will continue to be observed on the east flank, in the Enterprise Creek area, and in pockets of unburned fuel within the fire perimeter.

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

Resources: 90 firefighters, 4 fallers and 8 pieces of heavy equipment.

Operational objectives remain stable at this stage. Crews are focused on mopping up along the north, west, and south fireguards. Danger tree assessment and removal are ongoing along containment lines to ensure crew safety. Crews are demobilizing remaining structure protection equipment. Yesterday, when winds increased from the south, there was increased fire activity in pockets of unburnt fuel in the northeast section of the fire. Smoke will continue to be observed from within the fire perimeter and on the east flank, going forward.

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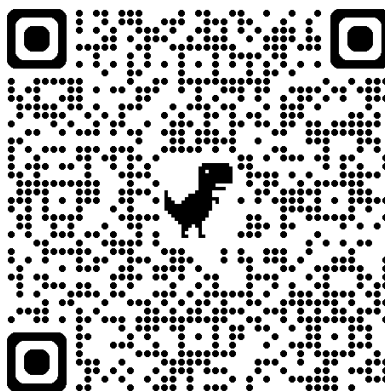
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