

BENDOR RANGE COMPLEX WILDFIRE UPDATE

The Bendor Range Complex Incident Management Team is now in command of the following wildfires:

- **Downton Lake (K71649) - 9,393 ha**
- **Casper Creek (K71535) - 10,892 ha**
- **Nomad Creek (K73144) - 24 ha**

Weather

Sunday continues to bring above-seasonal temperatures with highs of 25 to 30 C and relative humidity dipping to 18 to 25 per cent. Elevated southerly winds of 10 to 15 km/h, gusting up to 25 to 40 km/h, are anticipated, which may result in an increase in fire behaviour and smoke.

Along with localized smoke, haze may drift into some areas from wildfires burning to the southwest. This could impact visibility and the ability of aircraft to fly, while also lowering temperatures and muting fire activity. For further information on smoke conditions, visit firesmoke.ca

Hotspots that have been dormant over the past week may flare up within fire perimeters. To date, this fire activity has been within burnt areas, posing a low risk of spread given the lack of surrounding fuels. Monitoring is ongoing and firefighters, heavy equipment, aircraft and structure protection personnel and equipment are in the area prepared to respond as required.

Important Safety Reminder

The Squamish Lillooet Regional District has partially downgraded some evacuation orders to alerts and, in other areas, rescinded evacuation alerts. **Evacuation orders and alerts are still in effect.** Visit the [SLRD website](https://www.slrld.bc.ca) for details.

The BC Wildfire Service has implemented area restrictions in the vicinity of the [Casper Creek](#) and [Downton Lake](#) wildfires. Visit the Kamloops Fire Centre's [fire bans and restrictions](#) page for details.

These are still active wildfires and fire suppression work is ongoing. Area restrictions are put in place to help keep fire suppression personnel and the public safe. For more information on area restrictions, visit the [BCWS bans and restrictions webpage](#). Areas affected by wildfires present many hazards, including [danger trees](#), ash pits, unstable slopes and debris. People must stay well outside fire perimeters. Crews, heavy equipment and aircraft will be working for weeks to come in the area. The public must remain out of active work sites even where an area restriction is not in place.



The Nomad Creek wildfire (K73144) east of Bralorne is showing heightened activity and smoke during current hot, dry conditions. Crews are suppressing the fire with support from heavy helicopters bucketing. Photo taken Saturday, Sept. 9, at 3:25 p.m.

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Nomad Creek Wildfire (K73144)

The Nomad Creek wildfire exhibited increased fire behaviour as a result of Saturday's warmer temperatures and drier conditions.

Two heavy-lift helicopters bucketed the fire and initial attack crews responded. By late afternoon, these efforts resulted in reduced fire activity.

The fire was consuming areas of unburnt fuel within the perimeter. Wildfires don't burn uniformly and often these "green pockets" are left behind and can catch fire.

Intense fire behaviour for part of the afternoon was influenced by winds and carried embers to the western fire perimeter. Personnel and aircraft actioned this area to prevent spread westward. Crews were back on site Sunday.

As a result of increased fire activity on Saturday afternoon along the fire's edge, the Nomad Creek wildfire has been re-classified as Out of Control. For further information on the Nomad Creek wildfire, please [click here](#).

Downton Lake Wildfire (K71649)

Firefighters have been actioning a hotspot near the Gun Creek drainage and Pearson Pond that flared up Wednesday afternoon, producing smoke visible to nearby residents and communities. Crews continued to work to extinguish the fire in this area.

This flare up is occurring well within the fire perimeter and, as such, poses little threat to surrounding properties, structures and values. Given its location within a burnt area, there is little available fuel for it to spread significantly.

Across the fire, firefighters continue to seek out and extinguish hotspots with the aid of infrared scan results. Mop up and patrols are ongoing in many areas of the fire perimeter as crews ensure there are no remaining areas of heat along guards.

Equipment is being demobilized where it is no longer required.

The [South Chilcotin Mountains Park](#) and all [Rec Sites and Trails](#) in the vicinity of the wildfire have been closed.

For further information on the Downton Lake wildfire, please [click here](#).

Casper Creek Wildfire (K71535)

Crews continue to locate and extinguish hot spots across the fire, conduct direct attacks where feasible and conduct mop up and patrol activities. Expect patrols, monitoring and mop up activities to continue in the coming weeks.

Danger tree assessments and falling are ongoing across the fire and heavy equipment remains available to support crews as required.

For further information on the Casper Creek wildfire, please [click here](#).

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