

# BENDOR RANGE COMPLEX WILDFIRE UPDATE

The Bendor Range Complex Incident Management Team currently has command of seven wildfires located in the Lillooet Fire Zone.

This Community Bulletin covers the following wildfires:

- **Downton Lake (K71649)**
- **Casper Creek (K71535)**

## Weather Overview

We expect to see a strong cold front with southwesterly winds continuing to build Thursday, with gusts reaching 20 - 40 km/h in the afternoon. The strong winds will continue overnight into Friday. Winds are expected to veer abruptly to the northwest and remain strong and gusty through sunrise. **All fires are expected to remain highly active overnight tonight and through Friday.**

## Casper Creek (K71535)

Through today, Aug. 17, the Casper Creek wildfire has continued to grow near the east end of Carpenter Lake. The wildfire is showing aggressive fire behaviour and has crossed Road 40 to the east of the Terzaghi Dam.

Road 40 is currently closed at a check point east of the dam. Travelers west of the closure can follow Road 40 west to Gold Bridge, and continue over the Hurley FSR to Pemberton.

In addition to the road closure, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District has issued additional Evacuation Alerts for properties in the Yalakom Valley, Bridge River Valley, and properties north of Carpenter Lake, including the Marshall Lake area. Full evacuation information can be found on the [SLRD website](#).

The [Evacuation Alert](#) issued by the Seton Lake Indian Band for the community of Shalath remains in place.

## Downton Lake (K71649)

Today, the Downton Lake wildfire is active in the north flank, and is challenging existing containment lines. Helicopters have worked to action this flank of the wildfire today while conditions allow for the safe operation of aircraft.

Due to the closure of Road 40 at the Terzaghi Dam, the Hurley FSR to Pemberton remains open to travelers in the area.

The existing Evacuation Alert for Tyax and Tyaughton Lake areas has been upgraded to an Evacuation Order. Full evacuation information can be found on the [SLRD website](#).

The BC Wildfire Service has implemented an Area Restriction Order as of August 16, 2023 at 8am PST. This order is being implemented in the interest of first responder and public safety. This restriction does not replace or impact the existing Evacuation Alerts or Orders issued by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District. Read the full [information bulletin](#).



The Casper Creek wildfire looking east over Terzaghi Dam  
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