

BENDOR RANGE COMPLEX WILDFIRE UPDATE

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

- **Downton Lake (K71649) - 9,506 ha**
- **Casper Creek (K71535) - 10,982 ha**

Overview

An offshore low is moving into the area, bringing an anticipated increase in southerly winds at 10-15 km/h with 25 km/h gusts possible. This could translate into an increase in fire behaviour. Overall conditions are expected to be cloudy with light showers possible near midday. Temperatures are forecast in the low to mid 20s and relative humidity values are likely to be in the 60 per cent range. There is a risk of thunderstorms in the afternoon and expected rainfall amounts in the area of the Bendor Range Complex vary from a trace to 6 mm for today.

Safety

With elevated winds forecast, extra attention will be paid to the potential for trees with weakened root systems to be increasingly hazardous in fire-affected landscapes. With precipitation also in the forecast, road conditions could also be impacted.

Casper Creek (K71535)

Firefighters are extinguishing hotspots and securing guard between Surge Tower and Bear Cub Road while danger tree assessment and falling is ongoing along the west flank. Crews continue to work closely with our partners MOTI and BC Hydro to establish a reopening plan for Mission Mountain Road.

Downton Lake (K71649)

Structure protection crews will continue working in the Gold Bridge and northeast Gun Lake areas to finish implementing and maintaining structural protection equipment. They also continue maintaining sprinkler systems in the Pearson drainage and south of Gun Creek Road. Crews and heavy equipment are firefighting along the West Tyaughton guard to secure the fire's edge, as well as building contingency lines east of Tyaughton and to the south of the fire above Carpenter Lake Road. On the west flank, crews are building machine guard southward along Saddle Road to connect to Highway 40. Firefighters are conducting direct attacks northeast of Lakeview Road to secure the fire's edge and protect structures in the area. .

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

The Tsal'alh First Nation has issued an evacuation order in the vicinity of this fire. Further information is available here: <https://www.emergencyinfbc.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/5/2023/08/August-20-Evacuation-Order-Tsalalh-First-Nation.pdf>

Evacuation Orders and Alerts issued by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District remain in effect. Details are on [its website](#).



A helicopter heads over to refill its bucket while working near the northeast side of the Downton Lake Fire K71649 (Aug. 28, 2023).

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