

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

On Thursday, August 31, expect the rain that started overnight to continue for part of the day with a new low-pressure system moving through the Coastal Range. Cloudy and 5 to 10 mm of precipitation is possible by end of day. Amounts will be highest at elevation while valley bottom sites will see the least amounts. Possibility of thundershowers later in the day with the potential for higher localized precipitation as a result. After which, skies will gradually clear followed by moderate northerly winds. Fog expected early in the day Friday.

Situation Update

On Wednesday evening, the BC Wildfire Service removed personnel from the fire camp located near Goldbridge housing those working on the Downton Lake wildfire (K71649). This was required to ensure the safety of personnel following persistent bear activity within and around the camp.

Approximately 160 personnel travelled to Lillooet where they are presently hosted at T'it'q'et First Nation and Lillooet municipality facilities.

Plans are underway to safely return personnel to an appropriate location to continue working toward objectives on the

Persistent bear activity at the Gun Creek Camp of the Downton Lake fire—K71649 (August 30, 2023)

Downton Lake wildfire. Conservation officers are assessing and advising. Further updates will be provided as they are available.

Thank you to our partners!

The BC Wildfire Service is deeply grateful to its partners, including the T'it'q'et First Nation, Lillooet municipality and the Lillooet Tribal Council, for generously sharing their facilities, expertise and insight, and extending a warm welcome to all fire suppression personnel in the area.

The South Chilcotin Mountains Park and all Rec Sites and Trails in the vicinity of the wildfire have been closed.

The Tsal'alh First Nation has an Evacuation Order in place due to the Casper Creek wildfire. The Squamish Lillooet Regional District has Evacuation Orders and Alerts in place due to wildfires in the Bendor Range Complex. For more information, visit authorities' websites or EmergencyMapBC.

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