

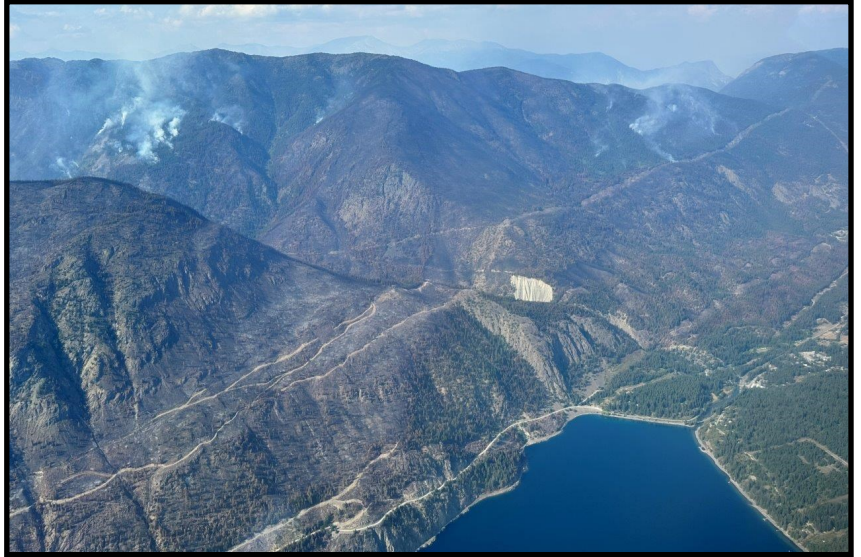
BENDOR RANGE COMPLEX WILDFIRE UPDATE

The Bendor Range Incident Management Team currently has command of five wildfires located in the Lillooet Fire Zone:

- 🔥 Casper Creek (K71535)
- 🔥 Downton Creek (K71649)
- 🔥 Stein Mountain (K71634)
- Blackhills (K71778)
- Ponderosa Creek (K71705)

Key Statistics

Total Fire Size	9,723ha
Firefighters Deployed	202
Aircraft Assigned	15
Heavy Equipment Assigned	26



Fire activity yesterday on Casper Creek (K71535)

Downton Lake (K71649)

Starting as a result of lightning on Thursday July 13, the Downton Lake wildfire is currently 2,476 hectares in size and remains Out of Control.

70 firefighters- supported by heavy equipment and aviation resources - are taking advantage of more favourable fire weather conditions today continue to work on establishing and consolidating guards ahead of drying weather conditions returning over the weekend.

Fire activity remains visible - in particular along the north/north-eastern extent of the fire - but remains behind identified containment options, with no immediate threat to properties around the lake shore.

An Evacuation Order and Evacuation Alert - issued by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District - remain in place. For more information visit slrd.bc.ca/eoc

South Chilcotin Mountains Park - located north-west of Gold Bridge - also remains closed due to wildfire activity for public safety. For more information visit bcparks.ca/south-chilcotin-mountains-park

Road 40 (Lillooet-Pioneer Rd) is closed due to a mudslide between Marshall Lake Rd and Mission Mountain Rd for 20.9 km (64 to 43 km west of Lillooet). Visit the DriveBC website for further updates bcdrive.ca

Casper Creek (K71535)

Discovered on Tuesday July 11, the Casper Creek wildfire remains listed as Out of Control. Following a high-level scan completed overnight, the fire size has increased by 80 hectares to an estimated size of 4,666 hectares.

More favourable fire weather conditions are enabling firefighting crews to continue to target hotspots along containment lines, consolidating these lines ahead of deteriorating conditions into the weekend.

The Seton Lake Indian Band have downgraded the Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert. The Evacuation Order issued by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District remains in place. For more information visit slrd.bc.ca/eoc

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Stein Mountain (K71634)

The Stein Mountain (K71634) wildfire was initially detected on Wednesday July 12, starting as a result of lightning activity in the area. Following an infrared scan overnight, the current fire size has been revised up to 490 hectares and remains Out of Control.

With further rainfall across the fire area, firefighters - in conjunction with Lytton First Nation - are taking advantage of favourable fire conditions and reduced fire behaviour to establish hand guard to complement structure protection deployed.

Work will continue over the coming days to establish further containments lines and implement additional structure protection where required to reduce risk to structures and high value community assets.

Evacuation Orders - issued by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District and Lytton First Nation - remain current. An Evacuation Alert issued by Lytton First Nations, also remains in place. For more information visit emergencyin-fobc.gov.bc.ca

From Wednesday August 9, Stein Mountain wildfire will be separated into a joint Community Bulletin to be issued in conjunction with Lytton First Nation.

Blackhills (K71778)

Starting Sunday July 16 as a result of lightning, the 589 hectare Blackhills wildfire is listed as Being Held.

Firefighters - support by heavy equipment and helicopters - continue to mop up and patrol along established guards, extinguishing hotspots along the fire perimeter.

The Bendor Range Incident Management Team remain confident with the strategy and resources that continue to be assigned there will not be further fire spread beyond the pre-determined boundaries.

There are no Evacuation Orders or Evacuation Alerts current for this wildfire.

Ponderosa Creek (K71705)

Ponderosa Creek (K71705) wildfire - formally known as the 'Lean-to Creek' wildfire - is burning within the Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux Heritage Provincial Park. It continues to burn Out of Control and has increased in size over recent days under hot and dry conditions to 1,502 hectares.

Current favourable weather conditions and rain are assisting with moderating fire behavior.

The Bendor Range Complex Incident Management Team will continue undertake aerial reconnaissance to monitor any fire progression and inform appropriate firefighting strategies moving forward.

There are no Evacuation Orders or Evacuation Alerts current for this wildfire.

The Stein Valley Trail has been closed - in conjunction with the Lytton First Nation and Provincial Government employees through the Stein Management Board - for public safety, however the Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux Heritage Provincial Park remains open.

From Wednesday August 9, Ponderosa Creek wildfire will be separated into a joint Community Bulletin to be issued in conjunction with Lytton First Nation.

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