

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) - 16 ha**

Overview

After a return of hot and dry conditions on Friday and Saturday, temperatures are expected to cool, with maximums in the low 20s and relative humidity between 50 and 60 per cent. Fog in the morning should clear by afternoon and a trace to 2 mm of precipitation are expected over the Bendor Range Complex. Increased cloud cover and a possibility of scattered showers continues into the beginning of the week. Southwesterly winds are forecast at 15 km/hr, gusting to 20.

NEW: Nomad Creek Wildfire (K73144)

A wildfire was reported late Saturday afternoon approximately five kilometres east of Bralorne on the north side of the Kingdom Lake Forest Service Road. The local fire department, community members and BC Wildfire Service responded.



A new fire was detected approximately five kilometres east of Bralorne was actioned by local fire crews and the BCWS Lillooet Zone last evening. Named the Nomad Creek Fire (K73144), it has now become part of the Bendor Range Complex as of this morning. (September 2, 2023)

BCWS initial attack crews attended the fire along with multiple aircraft, including helicopters and air tankers. Aircraft actioned the fire along the bottom of the slope, where firefighters established hoselay before working their way up the west flank between the fire and the Bralorne community. By Saturday night, personnel on scene reported fire behaviour had decreased to rank 1, which is a smouldering ground fire.

On Sunday, two unit crews along with initial attack personnel are working on the fire. Two heavy-lift helicopters are assigned to provide crews with tanking support and three further helicopters are available for bucketing. The Bendor Range Complex Incident Management Team has assumed responsibility for the Nomad Creek wildfire. Further updates will be provided as information is available.

To report a new wildfire, dial 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cell phone, or use the BCWS mobile app

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Downton Lake Wildfire (K71649)

Thirty-eight structure protection personnel continue monitoring and patrolling the east side of Gun Lake, Tyaughton and Gold Bridge, where they will extinguish any hotspots around structures, install sprinklers and other equipment if required, and respond to any threats to properties, structures and other values. They will also begin demobilizing equipment from structures where they're confident it is no longer required. [Learn more about structure protection.](#)

An additional 84 firefighters are using results from infrared scans to identify and extinguish hotspots, particularly in priority areas where properties, structures and communities are close by. Patrols continue in the Stafford Lake Road area and along the Hornal Connector guard. Mop up is underway in the Pearson Creek area, with crews working westward. Firefighting equipment will gradually be demobilized where it's no longer needed.

The Jones Creek fire camp for crews working on the Downton Lake wildfire is now fully operational.

Area Restriction

The BC Wildfire Service has implemented an area restriction in the vicinity of this wildfire. More information: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/area-restriction-implemented-for-the-downton-lake-wildfire/>

Evacuation Orders and Alerts

The Evacuation Order issued by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District has been partially rescinded to [an Evacuation Alert](#) for the Bralorne area. An Evacuation Order remains in effect for all other areas. Full details can be found on [the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District website](#), which also offers guidance for those [returning home after a wildfire](#).

Additional Information

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

Casper Creek Wildfire (K71535)

Firefighters are using the results of infrared scans to locate and eliminate hotspots. On the northeast section of the fire, crews continue conducting direct attacks and mopping up along the perimeter. On the southwest side, firefighters have mopped up along guards and continue working along Microwave Road and Mission Road at the top of Mission Mountain Pass to secure the fire edge.

The BC Wildfire Service is working closely with authorities and agencies to establish a reopening plan for Mission Mountain Road. This remains an operational priority.

For more information on road closures, please visit [DriveBC](#).

Evacuation Orders and Alerts

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District has issued Evacuation Alerts and Orders for areas in the vicinity of this wildfire. For information please visit: <https://www.slrd.bc.ca/>

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

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