

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) - 24 ha**

Weather

Friday is forecast to be slightly warmer, with highs of 19 to 24 C. Conditions continue to dry and minimum relative humidities may dip as low as 31 per cent.

This warming and drying trend is expected to continue through the weekend, while winds are forecast to remain calm.

Increased smoke from within fire perimeters should be anticipated during this weather and is not cause for alarm. Firefighters, heavy equipment, aircraft and structure protection personnel and equipment are in the area and prepared to respond as required.

Important Safety Reminder

The Squamish Lillooet Regional District has partially downgraded some evacuation orders to alerts and, in other areas, rescinded evacuation alerts. **Evacuation orders and alerts are still in effect.** Visit the [SLRD website](#) for details on current evacuation orders and alerts.

The BC Wildfire Service has implemented an [area restriction in the vicinity of the Casper Creek wildfire](#). BCWS has also expanded an [area restriction in the vicinity of the Downton Lake wildfire](#). These are still active wildfires and fire suppression work is ongoing. Area restrictions are put in place to help keep fire suppression personnel and the public safe. For more information on area restrictions, visit the [BCWS bans and restrictions webpage](#).

Areas affected by wildfires present many hazards, including [danger trees](#), ash pits, unstable slopes and debris. People must stay well outside fire perimeters.

Crews, heavy equipment and aircraft will be working for weeks to come in the area. The public must remain out of active work sites even where an area restriction is not in place.

Please give all work crews, aircraft and equipment plenty of room to operate safely, so we can bring these wildfires under control as safely and quickly as possible.



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Nomad Creek Wildfire (K73144)

The Nomad Creek wildfire (K73144) is now classified as Under Control. This means suppression efforts have ensured the fire won't spread further. [Learn more about wildfire stages of control.](#)

The BC Wildfire Service will continue to monitor this fire and firefighters, heavy equipment, aircraft and structure protection personnel remain in the area and are prepared to respond if required.

For further information on the Nomad Creek wildfire, please [click here](#).

Downton Lake Wildfire (K71649)

Firefighters have been actioning a hotspot near the Gun Creek drainage and Pearson Pond that flared up Wednesday afternoon, producing smoke visible to nearby residents and communities. Crews continued to work to extinguish the fire in this area on Friday.

This flare up is occurring well within the fire perimeter and, as such, poses little threat to surrounding properties, structures and values. Given its location within a burnt area, there is little available fuel for it to spread significantly.

Across the fire, firefighters continue to seek out and extinguish hotspots with the aid of infrared scan results. Mop up and patrols are ongoing in many areas of the fire perimeter as crews ensure there are no remaining areas of heat along guards. Equipment is being demobilized where it is no longer required.

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

For further information on the Downton Lake wildfire, please [click here](#).

Casper Creek Wildfire (K71535)

Crews continue to locate and extinguish hot spots across the fire, conduct direct attacks where feasible and conduct mop up and patrol activities. Expect patrols, monitoring and mop up activities to continue in the coming weeks.

Danger tree assessments and falling are ongoing across the fire and heavy equipment remains available to support crews as required.

BCWS continues to work with its partners MOTI and BC Hydro to reopen Mission Mountain Road. This remains an operational priority.

For further information on the Casper Creek wildfire, please [click here](#).

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