

WILDFIRE UPDATE

FIRE NAME

Mckay Creek (K71030)

FIRE SIZE:

25,015 hectares

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

LOCATION:

Approximately 11.1 kilometers north of Lillooet (in a straight line), along West Pavilion Road (see map attached). Measured from the most recent mapping of the perimeter of the fire after the successful ignition operation yesterday.

CAUSE:

This fire is suspected human-caused but under investigation.

RESSOURCES:

There are 165 personnel, 15 helicopters and 20 pieces of heavy equipment.

OBJECTIVES:

Continue to establish control lines and develop contingency containment plans. Contain the growth on the east side of the Fraser River by establishing fire guards with heavy equipment. Limit impacts to infrastructure and values at risk.

UPDATE:

Yesterday, in the southwest, the planned ignitions to bring the fire down to the Lee Creek guard was successfully completed. The aerial ignition brought the fire downslope towards the machine guard. The crews completed the hand ignitions along the guard. They also actioned the perimeter and it was secure by the end of day. Crews continue to mop-up along the West Pavilion and it is also very quiet in this area. There is ongoing work to determine what road access is available above Lee Creek to continue with containment work for this area. Danger tree assessment and falling is ongoing along the West Pavilion Road system. Above the community of Pavilion, the containment lines are holding, and crews continue to mop-up the area. The crews are also working on a handline in the area to work towards containment and preparing to conduct small scale ignitions from the control lines in the vicinity of the transmission lines. Ongoing danger tree assessment and removal is occurring in preparation for additional crews. There are 45 additional resources arriving today. Yesterday, crews were supported by aerial operations and this will continue today. Structure protection personnel are maintaining existing sprinkler systems in Pavilion without the need for additional installations. Last night crews monitored these systems. Yesterday, structure protection personnel started demobilizing sprinkler systems in secure areas on the West Pavilion Road, and continued maintenance of sites near Lee Creek. For public and crew safety, an area restriction for the McKay Creek fire and surrounding area is in place as of noon, July 3, 2021.



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EVACUATIONS:

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) has issued an Evacuation Order for the West Pavilion road from the 14km mark to the 41km mark in Electoral Area B. As well as an Evacuation Order for the Pavilion Lake area in Electoral Area B. Please contact the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District for more information.

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has also issued an Evacuation Alert for 5 properties in the Bonaparte Plateau area in Electoral Area E. Please contact the Thompson-Nicola Regional District for more information.

WEATHER UPDATE:

Thursday – Increasing cloud with isolated to scattered afternoon thunderstorms. High temperatures near 30°C and minimum RH 30%. Winds S 9-15 gusting to 20km/h

Friday – An upper ridge will be the predominant weather feature Friday and the region will be in a southwest flow. Some isolated thunderstorms may occur with minimal precipitation. Winds will be light from the S-SW 5-8 km/h, high temperatures near 31°C and minimum RH 25%.

Outlook – Saturday will be similar with the possibility of isolated convection. Temperatures will reach near 30°C and winds will be light to moderate southwest. Sunday may see an upper low in the flow move through, but showers or thunderstorms will still be isolated. Temperatures will reach 31°C and winds will be light southeast.

AREA RESTRICTION:

An Area Restriction is in place for the McKay Creek fire and surrounding area. This restriction is in place for public and crew safety. Please respect the Area Restriction.

NOTE: The most up-to-date information is available on the Wildfire of Note page: <http://ow.ly/29Ph30rMiMg>

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HELPFUL RESOURCES:

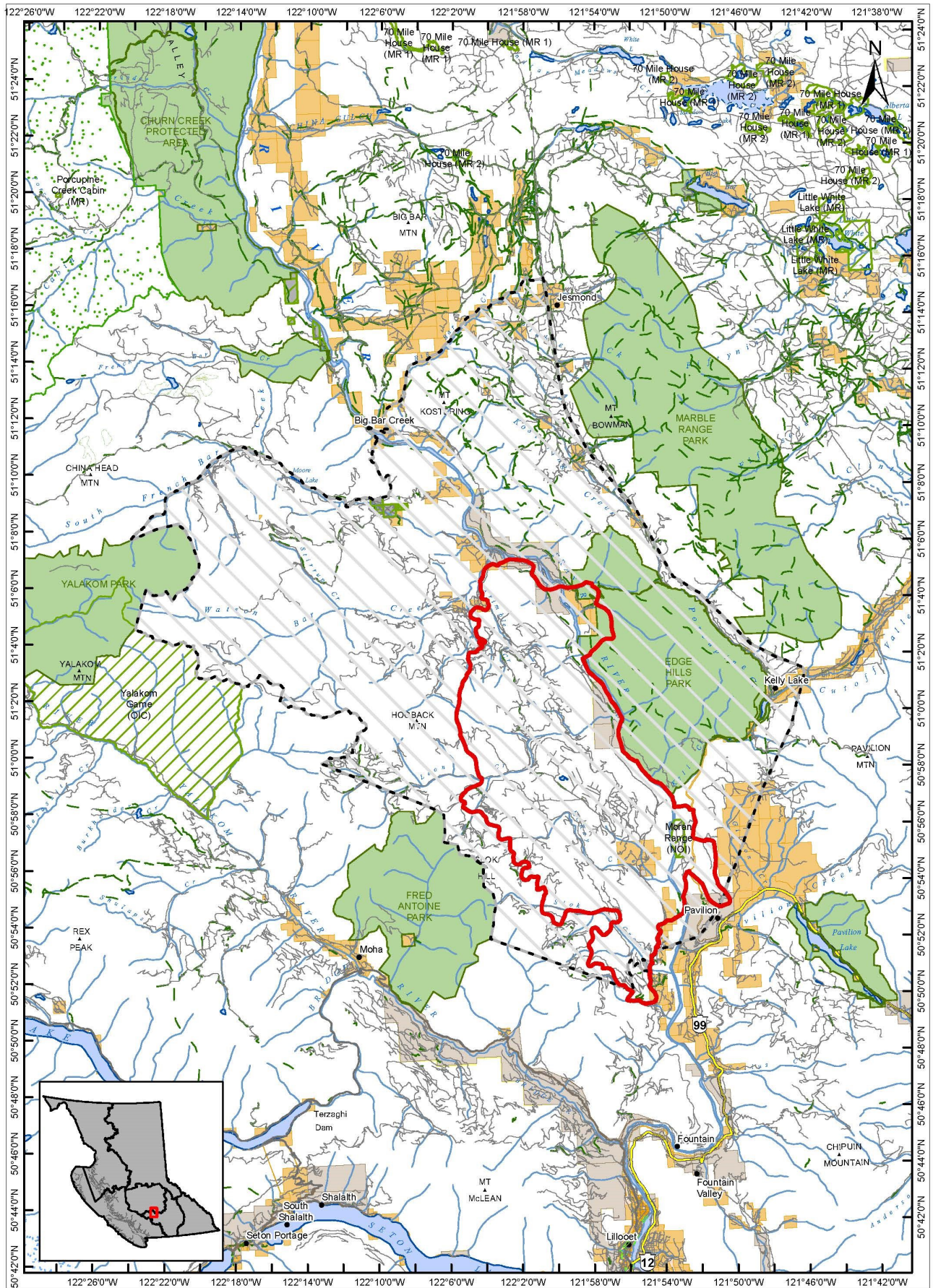
- View an interactive map by clicking [here](http://ow.ly/uo2U30oXqzS) or visiting <http://ow.ly/uo2U30oXqzS>
- **Road Closures:** DriveBC | dial 1-800-550-4997 | <https://www.drivebc.ca/>
- **Drifting Smoke:** www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html
- **Smoke Health Concerns:** HealthLink BC | dial 8-1-1 | www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp
- For info on **Community Support Services**, click [here](https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/) or visit <https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/>
- For **damage** to private property and Reserve Lands, please email BCWSClaims2019@gov.bc.ca.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

BC Wildfire Service	Emergency Management BC	Local municipalities and regional districts	First Nations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BCWS's jurisdiction covers all BC Parks, Crown and private lands, but does not include the boundaries of local governments that have forest fire prevention bylaws and are serviced by a fire department. - BCWS speaks directly about wildfires (i.e. fire status, operations, etc.) and is responsible for disseminating wildfire updates to local governments, stakeholders, First Nations and the public. - BCWS does <u>not</u> announce Strategic Evacuation Orders or Alerts. - BCWS <u>does</u> announce Tactical Evacuations. - In the event of an imminent threat to public safety, BCWS can authorize an immediate Tactical Evacuation of the affected area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EMBC coordinates communication across all agencies and stakeholders to support communities. - EMBC provides advice to evacuees and support to communities regarding Emergency Operations Centres and Emergency Support Services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Municipalities and Regional Districts speak directly about Strategic Evacuation Orders and Alerts in their respective jurisdictions. - Local Municipalities and Regional Districts <u>do not</u> speak about the status of a wildfire unless the fire occurs within their jurisdiction. For example, if a wildfire <u>starts</u> within the boundaries of a local government, BCWS will often assist the local fire department with suppression efforts. If the fire spreads into Crown land to become a wildfire, BCWS will often assume control. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On IR lands, Evacuation Orders and Alerts are implemented by a Band Council Resolution or other. - A designated person(s) from the respective First Nations community will speak to Evacuation Orders and Alerts on IR lands.

ACCESSING INFORMATION

BC Wildfire Service Online Communications	EmergencyInfoBC EMBC Online Communications	PreparednessBC EMBC Online Communications
 @BCGovFireInfo	@EmergencyInfoBC	@PreparedBC
 www.bcwildfire.ca	 www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca	 www.gov.bc.ca/preparedBC
 BC Wildfire Service		PreparedBC



Mckay Creek
K71030
PUBLIC INFORMATION MAP



Perimeter Date: 2021-07-07
Hectares: 25014.7 HA

Disclaimer:
Wildfire perimeters for the current fire season, including both active and inactive fires, are supplied from various sources. The data is released from operational systems nightly to the public map. Wildfire data may not reflect the current fire situation, and therefore should only be used for reference purposes.
Wildfire data from the incident is updated when practicable and the occurrence of individual fire updates will vary. The information is intended for general purposes only and should not be relied on as accurate because fires are dynamic and circumstances may change quickly. The levels of current fire activity within the mapped fire perimeters can vary widely.

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