

CANYON COMPLEX WILDFIRE UPDATE

The Canyon Complex Incident Management team continues to respond to three wildfires within the complex, and monitor four additional fires.

The Ponderosa Creek wildfire (K71705), Texas Creek wildfire (K71415), Rutledge Creek wildfire (K71707) and the Cottonwood Creek wildfire (K72705) continue to be managed through Modified Response.

Resources:

Overall, there are 162 firefighters, 18 operational field staff, 30 pieces of heavy equipment, 12 structure protection personnel, 10 helicopters, and an Incident Management Team assigned to the Canyon Complex.

Overview

Recent rain has reduced fire behaviour on the fires in this complex overall. An upper ridge will briefly rebuild on Friday and Saturday, bringing warm, dry conditions. An upper cold front may move into the region on Sunday.

Stein Mountain (K71634)

The fire behaviour observed on the South flank of the fire after recent rain is favourable to the objectives set out by crews, who are using direct attack methods to move the fire into a burn scar.

In an area where a small-scale planned ignition was done on the South flank on August 29, crews are mopping up to 100 feet and continuing direct attack.

Structure protection has demobilized equipment where it is no longer necessary. Crews will continue to test and maintain the remaining structure protection equipment where it is needed.

On the North flank along the 18-Mile line, crews are coordinating with the Lytton First Nation to work together to put a guard in place to protect identified cultural values in the area.

Night operations on this wildfire have been suspended for the time being due to reduced fire behaviour. If required, night operations may resume again.

Izman Creek (K72771):

The guard along the northeast flank was completed yesterday.

Heavy equipment has now begun to tie the southwest guard into a burn scar in the area.

Bucketing helicopters will continue to support ground crews as required.



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Kookipi Creek wildfire (V11337)**West of the Fraser River**

The Kookipi fire did receive precipitation earlier in the week, and overall fire behaviour has been reduced.

The crews working on Kwioek Road have finished mopping up between the road and the train tracks and have a sprinkler line at the base of the hill which will remain available if required to reduce potential impacts to critical infrastructure.

Assessments are underway for potential heavy equipment and handline in areas south of the Washtock guard in the event that the fire moves Southeast. Yesterday, helicopters bucketed on the hillside south of Washtock to support ground crews.

Crews are de-mobilizing equipment from Kwioek Creek and moving it to focus on the South flank of the fire near Washtok Ranch area.

Crews have completed a control line on the north side of Hannah Lake behind properties, utilizing heavy equipment and handline. Ground crews continue to work upslope just west along the Log Creek drainage cutting in a hose trail and establishing hose lay to work on the fire's edge. They are continuing to build helicopter pads to maintain safety and will work in this area for the next several days. Yesterday, helicopters were bucketing to the west of Log Creek at the top of the ridge to prevent spread down the mountain.

Structure protection crews yesterday ran protection equipment above the cabins on Hannah Lake to increase relative humidity in the area. They have begun demobilizing equipment where able and will continue to test and maintain it today.

East of the Fraser River

Yesterday, ground crews continued to work above Siska at the rock bluffs, using direct attack methods where possible and conducting mop-up operations. Crews continued mop-up above Kanaka Bar, working off Siwash Road and around the guard that was put in behind the community. On Wednesday, crews in Kanaka were forced to pull out of the area during a significant wind event. A danger tree assessment was completed to ensure the safety of responders. Structure protection has now been demobilized in Kanaka Bar and Siska as the fire is no longer an immediate threat, and structure protection is being replaced with mop-up activities. On the southeast corner, crews supported by heavy equipment will be using a combination of direct and indirect attack tactics, basing decisions on fire behaviour and terrain; where equipment is challenged, crews will use direct attack. Crews have made good progress on the guard that runs from the Fraser River to the Mowhokam Forest Service Road. The terrain above the Mowhokam FSR is challenging to heavy equipment. Ground Crews are also working along the fire perimeter on the Eastern flank upslope of the Mowhokam guard, putting in a fuel-free, and following up with mop-up activities.

On Aug. 30, 2023, recommendations were made to downgrade the Evacuation Orders east of the Fraser River to Alerts.

Information about all Evacuation Order and Alerts can be found [here](#).

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Kookipi Creek wildfire (V11337), crews working on the guard behind Kanaka Bar.

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