

WILDFIRE COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

July 26, 2021 – UPDATE

- The District of 100 Mile House remains on Evacuation **ALERT ONLY**;
- BC Wildfire Service has **NOT** made recommendations for the Evacuation Alert to be upgraded to an Evacuation Order;
- There are no fires currently within the District boundaries;
- Current Fire Danger rating in the 100 Mile Zone is High to Extreme;
- Flat Lake Fire is estimated to be 32,194 hectares in size;
- The fire is active and remains classified as ‘out of control’;
- **Yesterday there were planned ignitions completed on the NW and SW corners. Planning for ignitions will be ongoing for the Flat Lake Fire * see notes below;**
- **There was moderate fire behaviour with increased natural fire growth on the S edge of the fire due to elevated winds yesterday afternoon, and minimal growth on the N edge of the fire;**
- **Today on the NE side – Crews continue work on the edge of the July 24 ignitions, extinguishing hot spots and securing the line north of Davis Lake;**
- **Today on the W side – heavy equipment continues to work and crews will be working to secure the edge of yesterday’s successful planned ignition areas;**
- **Today on the E side – crews continue to secure east side containment. If conditions permit, planned ignitions may take place in the SE corner;**
- **Today on the S side – planning is underway for additional ignition opportunities that will secure this side of the fire.**
- **Aviation support will be utilized throughout the day.**
- The 100 Mile Northeast Complex Incident Management Team is managing response for this incident;
- There are 15 helicopters available to continue to action the fires within this complex with bucketing activities, 73 firefighters, 44 pieces of heavy equipment and 8 structural personnel;
- Temperatures will start to warm again. No showers or thunderstorm activity is forecast.

NEXT UPDATE – Tuesday, July 27, 2021 unless an emergency update is required.

REMINDER: There is a lot of misinformation floating around – especially on social media. Please don’t be drawn to believe rumours. Check the following sources for accurate and reliable information:

District of 100 Mile House – <https://100milehouse.com> [or on our Facebook page]

Cariboo Regional District – <https://www.cariboord.ca> or call 1-866-759-4977

BC Wildfire Service - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

Drive BC - <https://www.drivebc.ca/>

***Notes re Planned Ignitions:**

Planned ignitions are essential and effective tactics that the BC Wildfire Service uses to help contain very large wildfires. The objective of the planned ignition is to remove unburned fuels between the fire perimeter and pre-determined control lines such as roads and machine guards. This tactic will bring the fire’s edge to more easily accessible locations where ground crews can safely deliver water directly to the fires’ edge.

Regular 100 Mile House community updates regarding the status of the Flat Lake Fire will be as follows:

- Daily updates Monday to Friday by 2:00 pm on the District’s Facebook page and website as well as posters at the District office and the Post Office;
- After hours or weekend updates will only be posted when emergent information is received and must be communicated immediately to the public;
- This daily update is for the District of 100 Mile House only. Surrounding Cariboo Regional District (CRD) communities are not included;
- As Town Hall Meetings cannot safely be accommodated right now, this daily update will provide current and factual information.