

WILDFIRE COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

July 27, 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 **39,584** hectares in size;
- The fire is active and remains classified as 'out of control';
- Planning for ignitions will be ongoing for the Flat Lake Fire * see notes below;
- **On the North side – Planning for potential ignition operations in the NW is underway, and will take place today if conditions permit;**
- **On the West side – heavy equipment has completed a guard system on the west side of the fire along the Gustafsen Nielson Road. Crews continue to secure the edge of the successful planned ignition areas that took place last week;**
- **On the East side – crews made progress on securing control lines on the east side. An aerial scan that locates heat signatures was completed last night and will allow crews to target hot spots near residences today;**
- **On the South side – yesterday a successful planned ignition operation was completed on the SE corner and crews are working to extinguish along this perimeter today. Planning is underway for guard construction and ignition opportunities that will secure the south side of the fire.**
- 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, **78** firefighters, **44** pieces of heavy equipment and **10** structural personnel;
- Temperatures are warming bringing hot and dry conditions. **The fire remains active and with the higher temperatures, it is expected that fire behaviour will be increasing in the next few days.**

NEXT UPDATE – Wednesday, July 28, 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.