

WILDFIRE COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

July 29, 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.

The following information is from the BC Wildfire Service:

- Flat Lake Fire is estimated to be 39,584 hectares in size (based on July 26th data).
- 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** – A machine guard in the north is complete. Planning for potential ignition operations in the NW is underway. **The planned ignition may take place today if conditions permit. The N side of the fire was active yesterday but saw minimal growth.**
- **On the West side** – heavy equipment has completed a guard system on the west side of the fire along the Gustafsen Nielson Road. Crews will continue today to secure this side of the fire.
- **On the East side** – crews are making progress on securing control lines on the east side. **Today, crews continue to target hot spots found by an aerial scan that locates heat signatures as well as areas of increased activity from yesterday.**
- **On the South side** – **Increased fire behaviour yesterday caused some growth of the fire perimeter in the SW corner. Personnel will be on-site assessing and planning for machine guard options. Heavy equipment will be working today to contain this area. Crews will be working to extinguish along the perimeter in the SE today. A machine guard is under construction and planning is underway for ignition opportunities that will secure the S side of the fire.**
- The 100 Mile Northeast Complex Incident Management Team is managing response for this incident.
- There are **19** helicopters available to continue to action the fires within this complex with bucketing activities, **76** firefighters, **39** pieces of heavy equipment and **6** structural personnel.

There is a Special Air Quality Statement in effect due to smokey conditions. Hot and dry conditions are forecast, with potential late Saturday for dry lightning, then possible spotty showers into Sunday.

NEXT UPDATE – Friday, July 30, 2021 unless an emergency update is required.

Accurate and reliable information sources:

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.