

WILDFIRE COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

August 6, 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 53,211 hectares in size.
- The fire is active and remains classified as ‘out of control’.
- Planning for ignitions is ongoing for the Flat Lake Fire, and is based on weather, fire activity and anticipated conditions.
- **On the North side** – Yesterday crews successfully conducted small scale hand ignitions to remove un-burnt fuel between the fire's edge and the pre constructed guard on the NE corner. This further secured the line against SW winds that have been driving the fire direction and growth on the north flank of the fire. Crews will continue mopping up to 100 ft from the fire's edge on the NE corner of the fire and options for the growth on the NW corner will be assessed.
- **On the East side** – A partial scan occurred over night to identify additional hotspots on the southern portion of the east flank.
- **On the South & West side** – Crews continue to work the southwest corner and along the south flank, continuing to establish containment and secure the lines on the southwest corner. The postponed planned ignitions on the SW edge of the fire were postponed yesterday morning but conditions aligned in the afternoon and the planned ignition was partially completed in the afternoon. The ignitions operation was then shut down due to winds.
- 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, 108 firefighters, 34 pieces of heavy equipment and 10 structural personnel.
- A Forest Service Road Closure is in effect for the “1100 Road”.
- **Weather:** A Special Air Quality Statement remains in effect for 100 Mile House due to widespread smoke. Environment Canada forecasts mainly cloudy today with a 30% chance of rain and a mix of sun and cloud tomorrow with a 40% chance of showers late this afternoon. Clearing Sunday.

A **Travel Advisory remains in effect** for Highway 97 between Big Bar Rd and 94 Mile Frontage – limited visibility with smoke. [source: DriveBC]

NEXT UPDATE – Monday, Aug. 9, 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/>

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.