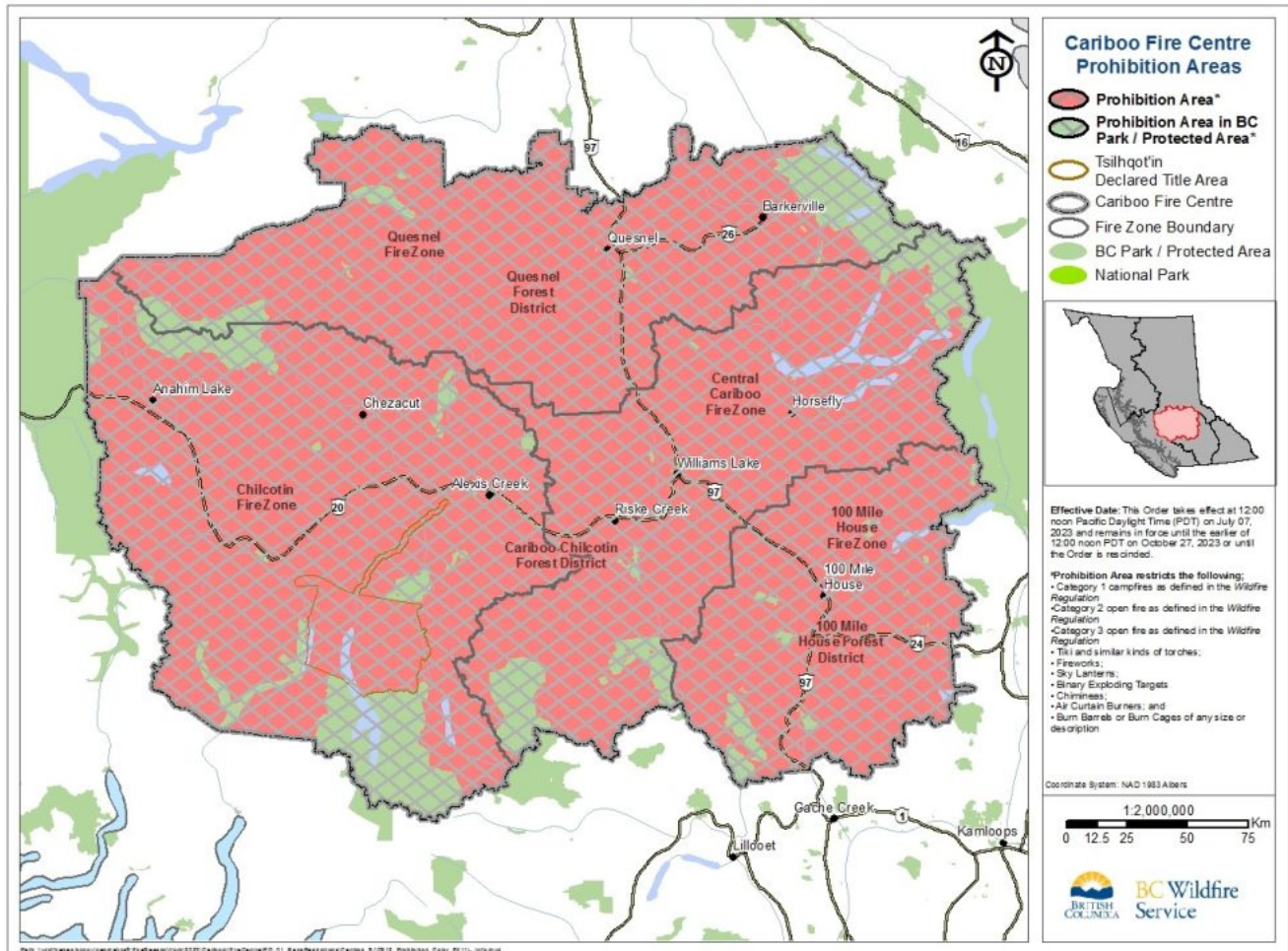


Category 1 campfires prohibited throughout the Cariboo

July 5, 2023

WILLIAMS LAKE – Effective at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Pacific Daylight Time on Friday, July 7, 2023, Category 1 campfires will be prohibited throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre and the Tsilhqot'in (Xeni Gwet'in) Declared Title Area to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. This prohibition will remain in effect until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on October 27, 2023, or until the order is rescinded.

Please view a map of the affected areas below.



On July 7, 2023 the open fires listed below are prohibited in the Cariboo Fire Centre:

- Category 1 campfires as defined in the Wildfire Regulation;
- Category 2 open fire as defined in the Wildfire Regulation; and,
- Category 3 open fire as defined in the Wildfire Regulation.

In addition to open fires being prohibited, the following activities and equipment are also restricted:

- Fireworks
- Sky lanterns
- Burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description
- Binary exploding targets
- Tiki and similar kinds of torches
- Chimineas
- Air curtain burners

This prohibition does not include the use of outdoor stoves. As per the *Wildfire Regulation*, an outdoor stove is a CSA-rated or ULC-rated device used outdoors for cooking, heat or ambiance that burns charcoal briquettes, liquid fuel or gaseous fuel, and has a flame height that is less than 15 cm tall. The use of a campfire apparatus that does not meet these specifications is prohibited.

Camping is a long-standing tradition in this province. The B.C. government recognizes that

people also enjoy having campfires, so it takes any decision to implement a campfire prohibition very

seriously. Wildfire prevention is a shared responsibility. Human-caused wildfires are completely preventable and divert critical resources away from lightning-caused wildfires. The Cariboo Fire Centre appreciates the public and industry for their continued help in preventing wildfires.

Always practice safe, responsible open fire use. Anyone found in contravention of an open-burning prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for \$1,150, may be required to pay an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, may be fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to a year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cell phone.

You can follow the latest wildfire news:

- on the free BC Wildfire Service public mobile app, available for Apple (iOS) and Android devices
- on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo> (<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2F1.envoke.com%2Fct%2F4637%2F3070739%2F784559032%2F1f9960339eb37af8809d4e1dcff4f015&data=05%7C01%7CBCWS.CAFCInformationOfficer%40>)
- on Facebook at: <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo> (<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2F1.envoke.com%2Fct%2F4637%2F3070739%2F784559033%2F1f9960339eb37af8809d4e1dcff4f015&data=05%7C01%7CBCWS.CAFCInformationOfficer%40>)

Contact:

BC Wildfire Service
Fire Information Officer
Cariboo Fire Centre
778-799-2100

Connect with the Province of B.C. at www.gov.bc.ca/connect (<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2F1.envoke.com%2Fct%2F4637%2F3070739%2F784559034%2F1f9960339eb37af8809d4e1dcff4f015&data=05%7C01%7CBCWS.CAFCInformationOfficer%40gov.bc>)

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[Provincial Wildfire Status Update – July 6, 2023](https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/provincial-wildfire-status-update-july-6-2023/) → (<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/provincial-wildfire-status-update-july-6-2023/>)

Read the latest Information Bulletins

[Area Restriction for South Peace Complex rescinded](https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/area-restriction-for-south-peace-complex-rescinded/) (<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/area-restriction-for-south-peace-complex-rescinded/>)

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[Category 2 burning to be prohibited in the Southeast](https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/category-2-burning-to-be-prohibited-in-the-southeast/) (<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/category-2-burning-to-be-prohibited-in-the-southeast/>)

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[Expanded Area Restriction for Nation Lakes Area](https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/expanded-area-restriction-for-nation-lakes-area/) (<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/expanded-area-restriction-for-nation-lakes-area/>)

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[Coastal Fire Centre Enacts Campfire Prohibition July 7, 2023](https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/coastal-fire-centre-enacts-campfire-prohibition-july-7-2023/) (<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/coastal-fire-centre-enacts-campfire-prohibition-july-7-2023/>)

July 4, 2023

[Campfire prohibitions to start in Kamloops Fire Centre](https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/campfire-prohibitions-to-start-in-kamloops-fire-centre-3/) (<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/campfire-prohibitions-to-start-in-kamloops-fire-centre-3/>)

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[Category 1 campfire prohibition planned for the Bulkley Fire Zone](https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/category-1-campfire-prohibition-planned-for-the-bulkley-fire-zone/) (<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/category-1-campfire-prohibition-planned-for-the-bulkley-fire-zone/>)

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[Smoky skies throughout the Cariboo](https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/smoky-skies-throughout-the-cariboo/) (<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/smoky-skies-throughout-the-cariboo/>)

July 3, 2023

[Area Restriction in effect for vicinity of Omineca Complex Area](https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/area-restriction-in-effect-for-vicinity-of-omineca-complex-area/) (<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/area-restriction-in-effect-for-vicinity-of-omineca-complex-area/>)

July 2, 2023

Media information

Members of the BC Wildfire Service information team are available by email or phone to:

- arrange and conduct interviews
- provide backgrounders, photos and B-roll
- arrange access to fire sites

Contact a [Fire Information Officer](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/contact-channels/media-information) (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/contact-channels/media-information>) for more information.

Ministry of Forests news

Read the [latest news from the Ministry of Forests](https://news.gov.bc.ca/ministries/forests) (<https://news.gov.bc.ca/ministries/forests>), which includes the BC Wildfire Service.

Report a wildfire

1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on a cell

Contact

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