Situation Overview

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This Situation Report, based on information from social media, provides useful resources for people impacted by the wildfires. Resources include important phone numbers, shelter locations, assistance for animals, government and social media accounts, and other useful links and situation updates.

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Background
10 Jul: British Columbia wildfires - Weeks of hot weather, followed by strong wind and lightning ignited the bone-dry forest of British Columbia's Interior on Friday, leading to a weekend of wildfires, road closures, evacuations and a provincial state of emergency. Over 10,000 people have been forced from their homes as of Monday morning, with firefighters using all resources to contain the 220 active wildfires burning across the province. source

Significant Updates (most recent first)
11 Jul:
- According to Chief Fire Information Officer Kevin Skrepnek: 219 fires are burning across BC today, 35 new fires yesterday. source
- So far a roughly estimated 14,365 people have been evacuated, the fires have remained stable over the last 24 hours. source
- The City of Prince George is now using a second facility to provide accommodation for evacuees. Nearly 200 beds at CNC are full and evacuees are utilizing the NSC at UNBC - 215 in all. This is less than 10% of the total number of evacuees who have registered at CNC. As of last night, 2700 evacuees have registered in PG, including more than 600 children. About half of have made alt arrangements. Others are staying in RVs/trailers/hotels. Services are being delivered by Northern Health, Canadian Red Cross, Salvation Army, and RCMP Victim Services. source
- Any IH staff displaced by wildfires are being asked to contact Staffing Services 1-888-877-7707 if they can work in other communities. source
- Williams Lake remains under an evacuation alert. Tomorrow’s weather will determine if the city will be evacuated source. Canadian Forces Hercules helicopters are on standby as a last resort if Williams Lake evacuees unable to use roads source. All IH patients and clients have already been relocated source. Highway 97 South remains closed. North on 97 is the only route out of WL source. Williams Lake evacuees are advised to go north if that route is open to them. Prince George is ready to receive 8,000 people source.
- Residents of 100 Mile House are being told the Evacuation Order for their municipality will last for at least another week. source
- Evacuation order in Little Fort rescinded. source

10 Jul
- City wide evacuation alert issued for Williams Lake at 6:00pm. Source
- Public Safety Minister Goodale: 231 fires burning now, "well over 10,000" people forced from homes due to #BCwildfire BC requested access to emergency supplies stockpile; 3,000 cots, 3,000 blankets delivered mostly to Prince George area source
Via BC Hydro - Damage is extensive: 170 poles, 93 cross-arms, and 29 transformers near #Ashcroft #CacheCreek. Numbers expected to rise. #bcwildfire source

Via British Columbia Government - BC’s first priority during this period of extreme wildfire activity has been to ensure the safety of all those directly impacted. All #BCWildfire evacuees are strongly encouraged to register with the Canadian Red Cross, even if aid is not required. source

A fire located at 150 Mile House, just south of Williams Lake, was estimated at 2,500 hectares at 12:15 p.m. on Monday. It’s zero percent contained. Crews had some success Sunday in building containment lines on both the west and east flanks of the fire, but say this is a dynamic situation. The focus is on protecting Highway 97 and nearby structures. source

The Williams Lake Airport remains closed to commercial and private aircraft. It is open to firefighting crews only. source

Via Cariboo Regional Government

- All evacuees are requested to register with Emergency Social Services, in person, at the Emergency Social Services reception centre in Williams Lake at the Lake City Secondary School on Carson Drive and then proceed to the Prince George centre at the College of New Caledonia on 22nd Avenue. source
- If you are under an Evacuation Order you are eligible to register with Canadian Red Cross. Please register online at redcross.ca/gethelp or call the contact centre at 1-800-863-6582 to have an agent help you register. source

Via City of Prince George Government source

- PG is welcoming more evacuees who are seeking refuge from the region’s wildfires. https://goo.gl/Lttja8. #BCWildfire #BCWildfires
- Evacuees arriving in Prince George are reminded first to register at the reception at CNC. https://goo.gl/Lttja8. #BCWildfire #BCWildfires
- Via CBC News - Residents in the town of 100 Mile House (population 2,000) were ordered to leave their homes Sunday evening as winds picked up and fanned the flames of the many wildfires in the tinder-dry B.C. Interior. source
- Authorities are urging evacuees to head north to Prince George — not to go south to Kamloops, which is already struggling to meet the needs of evacuees from other parts of the province. source

Via 511 Alberta - Travelling in or out of BC? For current road impacts & evacuation info for areas affected by #BCWildfire check @DriveBC & @EmergencyInfoBC. source

Canadian Forces have been deployed to assist the wildfire response. Source

City of Prince George Government - An emergency reception centre has been set up in the gymnasium at the College of New Caledonia, which is located along Highway 97 just north of the intersection with Highway 16. Evacuees are requested to register at the reception centre. Assistance is available there with regards to accommodation and lodging right on site, as well
as emergency food and medical services. The College campus also has some room for RVs and trailers in the west parking lot. source

- Via CBC news - The Thompson-Nicola Regional District in the B.C. Interior has declared a local state of emergency, forcing the evacuation of approximately 1,000 Cache Creek residents from their homes. source
- Via CBC news - In Cariboo, around 250 people have been relocated from health care facilities due to air quality concerns source

7 Jul

- Government of British Columbia declares a Provincial State of Emergency source

Official Government Resource Links

Provincial Links

- BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure website twitter facebook
- BC Hydro website twitter facebook
- BC Emergency Information and Alerts website twitter facebook
- BC Wildfire Service website twitter facebook
- Red Cross Canada website twitter facebook

Regional Districts and City Links

- Bulkley Nechako Regional District website, Phone: 250-692-3195 / 1-800-320-3339
- Cariboo Regional District Emergency Operations Centre website twitter facebook, Phone: 250-398-5117. If you need transportation to evacuate, all 250-392-6284 immediately. The EOC has a First Nations liaison to help with communication to local first nations.
  - City of Williams Lake website twitter facebook
  - 100 Mile House website
- Fraser-Fort George Regional District website twitter facebook, Toll Free (BC) 1-800-667-1959, (250) 960-4400, email: district@rdffg.bc.ca.
  - City of Prince George website twitter facebook
- Okanagan Similkameen Regional District. website facebook, phone: 1-877-610-3737, 250-492-0237, emergencies: 250-490-4141, email: info@RDOS.bc.ca.
  - Princeton website facebook, phone: 250.295.3135.
- Thompson Nicola Regional District website twitter facebook, Phone: (250) 377-8673, (877) 377-8673, email: admin@tnrd.ca.
  - City of Kamloops website twitter facebook

Emergency Numbers

support@humanityroad.org    www.humanityroad.org       Support our work
Emergency Phone Numbers

- 911 - life threatening emergencies
- 811 - If you’re unsure if your needs are an emergency, call HealthLink BC to speak to a health care professional.
- To Report A Wildfire - Call Toll-Free 1-800-663-5555
- *5555 on most cellular networks Learn More
- Fire information line: 1 888 336-7378
- Burn registration line: 1 888 797-1717
- Cariboo RD Emergency Operations Centre Public Information Line: 1-866-759-4977

Reunification Hotlines and Websites

- If you are under an Evacuation Order you are eligible to register with Canadian Red Cross. Please register online at redcross.ca/gethelp or call the contact centre at 1-800-863-6582 to have an agent help you register. source
- Redcross - Prince George Office - Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Saturday - Sunday: Closed. 1399 6th Avenue, Prince George BC, V2L 5L6, Tel: (250) 564-6566
- Facebook Safety Check for Wildfire in Cache Creek, BC. Source

Maps and Situational Awareness

- BC Active Wildfires Map Source
- Drive BC Road closures Map Source
- Cariboo Regional District Evacuation Orders and Alert Areas Map. Source
- Very useful information: opendoord.site Source

Shelters and Evacuation Centers

Evacuations

- BC Evacuation Orders
- Cariboo Regional District - If you need transportation to evacuate, all 250-392-6284 immediately.

Shelters / Evacuation Reception Centres

- General:
  - 10 Jul: @AirBnBHelp has activated its disaster service for lodging. All service fees are waived for those affected by the disaster and checking in between July 08, 2017 and July 31, 2017. source
- Kelowna:
  - Kelowna Gospel Mission, 251 Leon Ave, will be open 24/7 for homeless people to escape the smoke. source
- Prince George:
  - Evacuees arriving in Prince George need to register at the emergency reception centre on the College of New Caledonia campus, located at the corner of Highway 97 and
22nd Avenue, north of the intersection of Highway 97 with Highway 16. Services, including lodging, will be assigned there. Source
- 11 Jul: YMCA of Northern BC open for evacuees for free showers, children’s activities, fitness classes. source
- 10 Jul: Prince George Equine and Animal Rescue has space people, pets, and livestock. They also have farm contacts with space. Text 250-981-8458 or email pgequinerescue@yahoo.com. source

- Princeton:
  - An ESS reception centre has been set up at the Riverside Community Centre, 148 Old Hedley Rd, Princeton. All those affected by the evacuation order are asked to register. source

- Quesnel:
  - Evacuation reception center, North Star Rd by the McDonald’s. source

- Surrey
  - 11 Jul: Cloverdale Rodeo - 6050A-176th Street, Surrey, BC, Tel: 604-576-9461. Evacuees will be offered $0 RV hookup and animal stall(s). Source

- Terrace:
  - 10 Jul: Campsites and hotels and motels available for evacuees. Source

- Thompson Nicola Regional District and Kamloops:
  - TNRD Donations and Lodging - Facebook page for people offering lodging to connect with people who need lodging. Source
  - 10 Jul: For shelter w animals &/or livestock contact Kamloops EOC 1-866-377-7188 Source

- Alberta
  - Medicine Lodge Rodeo, Edson, Alberta - open for campers and horse trailers. Pens, grass, potable water, indoor washrooms. source

Food and Supplies

10 Jul
- Food and hygiene supplies available at Kamloops Food Bank, 171 Wilson Street. 12-4pm every day this week. Source

Hospitals and Health

Status
- 11 Jul: URGENT: Any IH staff displaced by wildfires, if you can work in other communities contact Staffing Services 1-888-877-7707 ASAP. Source
- 8 Jul: Via CBC news - In Cariboo, around 250 people have been relocated from health care facilities due to air quality concerns source

Pharmacies
- 11 Jul: London Drugs offering pharmacy support to evacuees. Call 1-844-782-0051. source
- 11 Jul: Safeway pharmacies in BC offering emergency prescription services. Source
- 11 Jul: Thrifty Foods Pharmacies offering emergency prescription services. Source
- 10 Jul: Evacuees who may be running low/out of medications can go to any pharmacy in any town where they can get an emergency refill. Source
Health Information

- Air quality information and advisories from Environment Canada. [Source]

Hospital Lists

- List of Hospitals in BC via Wikipedia. [Source]
- Clinics and Hospitals in BC via government. [Source]

Special Needs Populations

General Resources:

- To find an IH patient relocated by wildfire, call 1-877-442-2001. [Source]
- Services for People with Disabilities in BC. [Source]
- Services for Seniors in BC. [Source]

Animals in Disaster

Where to take Evacuated Animals

- Ashcroft and Cache Creek:
  - Residents that have been evacuated should bring their livestock to the BC Livestock Producers Co-operative Association yard at 10145 Dallas Drive in Kamloops. [source]
- Cariboo:
  - Anyone being evacuated from the Cariboo can call the public information line at (250) 392-4283 or refer to the FAQ found [here].
- Kelowna:
  - Rose Valley Veterinary Hospital offering boarding, food, veterinary care, medications. 2476 Westlake Rd #112, West Kelowna, phone: 250-769-9109. [source]
- Prince George:
  - 10 Jul: Prince George Equine and Animal Rescue has space for pets, livestock and people. They also have farm contacts with space. Text 250-981-8458 or email pgequinerescue@yahoo.com. [source]
  - 10 Jul: Evacuated pets can be taken to CN Centre, 2187 Ospika Blvd S #100, Prince George. [Source]
  - 10 Jul: Prince George Horse Society is housing horses and livestock at the Agriplex, 4199 18th Ave. Phone: 250-563-2200. [Source]
- Thompson Nicola Regional Government and Kamloops:
  - [Support @ humanityroad.org](support@humanityroad.org)
8 Jul: Thompson Nicola Regional District Residents that have any questions or require assistance with their livestock or household pets should call the TNRD Emergency Operations Centre at 1-866-377-7188.  

Evacuees from the North Thompson area should take livestock to Barriere Fall Fair Grounds.

Evacuees from Ashcroft and Cache Creek should take livestock to the BC Livestock Producers Co-operative Association yard at 10145 Dallas Drive in Kamloops.

Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team (CDART) operating an animal reception centre at 5 Star Dog Training facility at 340D – 12th Avenue, Kamloops, BC. (small animals).

Alberta

- Medicine Lodge Rodeo, Edson, Alberta - open for campers and horse trailers. Pens, grass, potable water, indoor washrooms.  

General Resources:

- The BC SPCA has advised that owners call their local Emergency Operations Centre to confirm where they can take their animals.  
- Animal Reunification - Missing animals? Fill out the action request form from Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team (CDART).  
- Livestock: BC Cattlemen’s Association is helping coordinate haulers with livestock needing to be evacuated. With closures of highways and evacuation orders, permits are needed to re-enter evacuated areas for livestock transport. If you have livestock needing to be evacuated please send an email with details to wildfires@cattlemen.bc.ca and we will do our best to get you assistance. 
- Map of animal resources (people offering help, and people asking for help). 
- Facebook Pages:  
  - BC Wildfires Missing Animals  
  - BC’s Emergency Livestock / Animal Evacuation Group  
  - Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team (CDART)  
  - CDART National: Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team  
  - Langley BC Wildfire Horse and Livestock Donations  
  - Kamloops Area Wildfire Resources Group  
  - BC SPCA Kamloops and District Branch  

Airports

Status  
Jul 11:

- 1:30pm: Flights cancelled into Kamloops due to heavy smoke.  
- Kamloops Airport reporting big winds blowing heavy smoke back in from bcwildfires. Check with your carrier for your flight status.
Jul 10:

- WestJet has expanded its discount codes for wildfire evacuees: YXS, YLW, YYF & YKA to CDN & US destinations. [Source]
- Major airlines offering discounts on flights out of fire stricken B.C. Interior [Source]
- The Williams Lake Airport remains closed to commercial and private aircraft. It is open to firefighting crews only. [source]

General - List of Airports in British Columbia. [Source]

**Roads / Bridges**

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**Useful Links**

- [DriveBC](https://www.drivebc.ca) Road conditions and closures. Phone: 1-800-550-4997.

**Communications**

**Internet**

11 Jul:

- Evacuees in Prince George can use the Prince George Library for free internet access (wifi and computers). [source]

**Radio**

- Emergency radio broadcasts continue on [@cbcradiowest](https://twitter.com/cbcradiowest) starting at 3pm PST. [Source]

**Amateur Radio**

- BC Amateur Radio Repeater Book. [Source]
- Radio Amateurs of Canada. [Website](http://radio-canada.ca), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/radio_canada), [ARES Twitter](https://twitter.com/ares_nzw)

**Power, Fuel, Gas**

10 Jul

- Damage to the electric grid is extensive: 170 poles, 93 cross-arms, and 29 transformers near #Ashcroft #CacheCreek. Numbers expected to rise. #bcwildfire [source]

**Useful Links**

- BC Hydro [website](https://www.bchydro.com) [twitter](https://twitter.com/bchydro) [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BCHydro)

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Twitter Accounts

Event Hashtags: #bcwildfire, #BCwildfire, #BCWildfire, #bcwildfires, #BCwildfire2017, #BCFires, #BCfires, #bcfire, #CaribooFire

Location Hashtags: #AshcroftBC, #Burnaby, #Cariboo, #Kamloops, #BritishColumbia, #CacheCreek, #100mile, #100milehouse, #70milehouse, #LittleFort, #cityofPG,

Accounts of Interest:
- Humanity Road Twitter List
- @EmergencyInfoBC
- @BCGovFireInfo
- @RedCrossCanada
- @j_mcelroy
- @BreannaCTV

FaceBook Accounts

- BC Wildfire Service
- British Columbia Search and Rescue Association
- South Cariboo Search and Rescue
- TNRD Volunteer Connections - 2017 Wildfire
- Bonaparte Indian Band
- Kamloops Food Bank

Resource Pages for Evacuees
- Central Interior Wildfire Evacuees in Prince George: Info, Help and Resources
- BC Wildfire Donations
- BC Wildfire Donations group
- BC Wildfires 2017
- BC Wildfire Evacuee Support Group
- TNRD Donations and Lodging

Photos and Videos

11 Jul
- Photo of people lined up to register at Emergency Operations Center in Williams Lake. [Source]
- 'Go fast': Professor films harrowing escape from B.C. wildfire evacuation zone. [Source]

10 Jul
- Video: Boston Flats trailer park and surrounding farm land. [Source]
Volunteers Reporting

Alice, Chris, Cat, Eleonora, Aline, Christoph, Sharon, Elizabeth, George