



Okanagan Indian Band

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EOC Update

July 31, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

White Rock Lake Fire Update

Fire is approximately 16 km from Sun Valley Ranch, 20 km from Reserve Boundaries

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The White Rock Lake fire is currently estimated at 24,000 hectares and continues to be a challenge for fire crews. Currently there are 117 firefighters, 12 support staff, 38 pieces of heavy equipment, 9 Danger tree assessors/fallers, 8 helicopters including the Skycrane and 50 structural protection fire fighters.

High temperatures and dry conditions continue to persist and hamper fire response on the eastern flank of the fire. Currently there is estimated to be 18 km of active fire perimeter with no containment on the eastern front. The south and west faces of the fire have been successfully flanked and primary containment lines have been established. The Incident command has also been established successfully at Salmon Lake, south of the fire. Significant growth is expected in the next 24 hours on this fire.

Thunderstorm risk has been downgraded to lower risk for the North Okanagan valley, however the forecast still calls for 30 km wind in the future. However, beginning Thursday August 5th, there is an increased chance of showers and lower temperatures for the North Okanagan valley which could help aid conditions for firefighting.

The OKIB Emergency Operations Center will continue to monitor the situation as it develops and provide the community with up to date information as we receive it.

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