



Okanagan Indian Band

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EOC Update

August 3, 2021

White Rock Lake Fire update @ 10:30 AM

Way' members,

Fire is estimated to be:

- 12.5 km from Southern reserve boundary near Whitemans area
- 16.5 km from six mile area boundary

The Evacuation Order area is now closed to through traffic to allow BC Wildfire crews to safely set up Mass Water Delivery fire suppression systems along Westside Road. The road closure will likely continue for the duration of the Evacuation Order time period.

Currently there are 136 firefighters, 14 support staff, 42 pieces of heavy equipment, 8 danger tree assessors/fallers, 11 helicopters, 2 structural protection specialists, 110 structural protection fire fighters and 3 structural protection unit trailers. Seven of the structural protection fire fighting crews remain on site throughout the night to provide 24/7 structural protection continuity.

The White Rock Lake fire has not moved a significant amount overnight, currently the fire is estimated at 12.5km from the reserve boundary and an estimated size of 32,500 Hectares. Winds are expected today from 10 to 20 km/hr and continue to push the fire northeast at this time. BC wildfire observed rank 2 and 3 fire behavior yesterday which generally consists of undergrowth and forest floor fuels burning.

The OKIB EOC will continue to keep the community up to date with the latest information as we receive it.

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