



# Okanagan Indian Band

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## EOC Update

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### White Rock Lake fire update @ 2:00 PM

Way' Members,

The White Rock Lake fire is now estimated at **55,700 hectares**. Moderate humidity for the last few days has helped hamper fire behavior and movement and allowed BC Wildfire hit the fire fast and hard with the help of heavy machinery and aerial support. Air quality for the rest of the day is expected to be good to moderate so we would recommend if Members want to get some exercise outdoors, today would be a good day to do it.

The upcoming high-pressure ridge is expected to keep building this week, bringing temperatures up to the high 30s; however, localized smoke in the Vernon area may keep temperatures down.

BC Wildfire continues to monitor the situation. With the help of FNESS, EOC employees have begun to do some preventative safety work on properties, which were considered high risk within the Evacuation order area on reserve.

Currently there are 163 Wildland fire fighters, 138 structural protection personnel, 16 helicopters, 53 pieces of heavy equipment and 5 danger tree assessors/fallers assigned to the fire as well as additional support staff.

During the night time hours, There area 22 Wildland firefighters and 20 structural protection crew who remain on site at night time. The RCMP continues to provide perimeter security and roving patrols within the evacuation order area as well as the use of RCMP boat patrols to get eyes on the waterfront. Private security continues to conduct night time patrols as well throughout the Evacuation order area as well.

The OKIB EOC will continue to monitor the situation and provide members with updates as the situation develops.

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