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EOC Update

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White Rock Lake fire update 3:00 PM

Way' Members,

The White Rock Lake fire is still estimated at **55,600 Hectares** with no significant growth of the fire yesterday. Today is expected to be the last day of cloudy skies and higher humidity as the high pressure system continues to build throughout the valley.

Currently there are 163 wildland firefighters, 138 structure protection personnel, 14 helicopters, 5 danger tree assessors/fallers and 53 pieces of heavy equipment as well as BC Wildfire Service Incident Management Team and additional support staff. 24/7 BC Wildfire, Structural Protection and RCMP patrols continue within the Evacuation order areas as well as private security personnel.

Yesterday water skimmers and ground crews worked on hotspots in the Nashwito creek while BC Wildfire crews continued to build guards above OKIB IR1 between Nashwito and Whitemans. Guard creation continues today and there is also the possibility of the creating contingency guards above properties in the southeast portion of the 6 mile area.

As the OKIB EOC and Fire Smart program continues to preform preventative measures on properties that were assessed to be Higher risk, Structural protection crews coming in behind them have set up additional protection measures including high flow sprinkler systems.

The OKIB Emergency Operations center continues to monitor the situation and will provide the community with updates as we receive them.