



Okanagan Indian Band

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EOC Update

August 12, 2021

White Rock Lake fire update 1:00 PM

Way' Community members,

The White Rock Lake fire is now estimated at 57,900 hectares. Fire behavior today is expected to continue most actively on the south flank of the fire. With the continuing ridge of high pressure temperatures are expected to continue to be very hot and dry with low humidity until Sunday when a lower pressure system will be coming in bringing in cooler weather. This is a mixed blessing because wind weather events are expected along with the cooler weather. Fire conditions are expected to be very active this weekend including the Nashwito Creek area which is currently very active.

With the heat and changing weather conditions forecasted, the OKIB EOC continues to encourage the community to be diligent and remain alert should fire conditions worsen. FNESS and Band fire smart crew and assessments of dwellings have continued on structures within the evacuation order area. The preliminary assessments of dwellings will likely be completed as of today or tomorrow. Crews also continue guard creation to protect structures within the order area and above it.

EOC staff on the ground are actively monitoring fire movement. The picture below is looking down Siwash Road, off reserve at noon on August 12.

The OKIB EOC will continue to monitor the situation as it develops and provide updates to community as they come in.

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