



# Okanagan Indian Band

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## EOC Update

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### White Rock Lake fire update 1:00 PM

Way' OKIB Community,

The predicted winds are slow to arrive in our area, but the wind speeds and direction are still unpredictable. The fire growth has been minimal over the last 48 -72 hours which provides personnel more time to work on structural protection and fortification of community homes. Currently, we have sustained winds at 15 km/h winds and these are expected to increase later today.

There are 143 Structural Protection Personnel with 2 type-1, and 7 type-2 units, along with 20 engines, and 5 mass-water delivery systems working on the White Rock Lake Fire. There were planned and successful hand ignitions to provide stronger containment and better buffers in the event the fire becomes more active on the east flank of the fire. Structure protection personnel worked through the night and continue today with a roving patrol along Westside Road, prepared to defend threatened neighbourhoods. Every property that is, or has been, at risk from the wildfire has been assessed and triaged. Structure protection is also working in the interface and intermix areas, including rural properties throughout the fire perimeter, where possible to conduct structure protection.

Our crews continue to collaborate with First Nations Emergency Support Services in helping to Fire Smart properties which are currently on alert. If you have time in the next few hours, please remove all flammable materials 10 metres away from your home.

- Relocate wood piles 10 metres from your home
- Sweep porches and decks to clear them of leaves and tree needles. Rake under decks, porches, sheds and play structures.
- Remove items stored under decks and porches and relocate them to a storage shed, garage, or basement.
- Gasoline cans and portable propane tanks should never be stored indoors and should be located away from the home.
- If you have trees with a trunk of less than 6 inches in diameter, you can provide the FNESS crews with permission to cut them down.

See photos on following pages.









