



Okanagan Indian Band

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EOC Update

August 18, 2021

White Rock Lake fire update @ 1:00 PM

Way' Members,

BC Wildfire has forecasted that the current weather for this week does not call for erratic behavior or large fire movements. For weather this week, temperatures are expected to stay in the mid to low 20s with potential for Scattered showers from Thursday to this weekend. Humidity in the forecast remains high which helps hamper the rate of spread for the wildfire. Likewise low wind speeds also ensure a low rate of spread and lower fire intensity.

As of today, BCWS is estimating the current size of the fire to be at 81,139 hectares. Like yesterday, no significant growth of the fire is expected and air support will continue to support ground crews.

Along the east flank, crews, equipment, and aerial resources will continue to defend pre-established containment lines above communities. Heavy equipment continues to work on constructing containment lines from Whiteman's to Naswhito Creek and from Beau Park Road towards the Cherry Plantation. Structural protection is still being maintained in the area and being monitored where necessary. Along the northeast flank of the fire towards Head of the Lake. Tied in from Westside Road heavy equipment use is continuing in guard creation towards Irish Creek, north and from Cedar Creek working eastward. Crews are also on the ground extinguishing hot spots as necessary.

The OKIB EOC will continue to monitor the current situation and provide updates to community as we receive them.

Attached Picture: Fire Guard objectives for today, August 18 as described above within the two black ovals.

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See map on following page.

