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EOC Update

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White Rock Lake fire update @ 12:00 PM

Way' Members,

The White Rock Lake fire is still currently estimated at 81,139 hectares with no significant fire growth measured. Weather for the next few days is expected to be mild with winds of 10 to 20 km, facing south easterly. We are aware of increased fire activity along the Irish creek and above region and our operations chief is currently in communication with BC Wildfire.

Mop up of hot spots continues today in areas where fire impacted community. Assessments of current guards and potential weaknesses continues and guard tie in along the Cedar hill and Irish creek sides of the fire continues. Fire crews, heavy equipment and aerial bucketing will continue today in and along reserve boundaries. The OKIB EOC is also beginning to set up our first step of our recovery process, which is the hazard assessment and abatement, not included but not limited to assessing: danger trees, downed hydro, and damaged propane systems. This initial hazard assessment is expected to take up to 48 hours and once complete recovery staff can begin to enter the area to mitigate hazards.

The OKIB EOC will continue to monitor the situation for changes and will update the community when we receive them.

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