



# Okanagan Indian Band

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## EOC Update

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### White Rock Lake fire update @ 12:30 PM

Way' OKIB Community,

The White Rock Lake Wildfire is now estimated at 80,745 hectares. Temperatures continue to remain cool today with highs into the mid-teens. Winds will ease slightly today compared to yesterday, but will remain fairly high and gusty throughout the day northwest 10 to 20 km/h, gusting 30 km/h. With fuels continuing to dry throughout the day, fire behaviour is expected to increase into the afternoon as winds pick up.

From an operational standpoint, heavy equipment continues to bolster the guard from Irish Creek to Six Mile Creek. This control line will be completed by the end of the day tomorrow. Ground crews are working to establish hose lay, as required, along pre-established control lines from Westside Road working north towards Irish Creek road and are continuing to hold the line between Irish Creek and McGregor Creek. Work on the Glenemma portion of the fireguard is also expected to be completed within the next day.

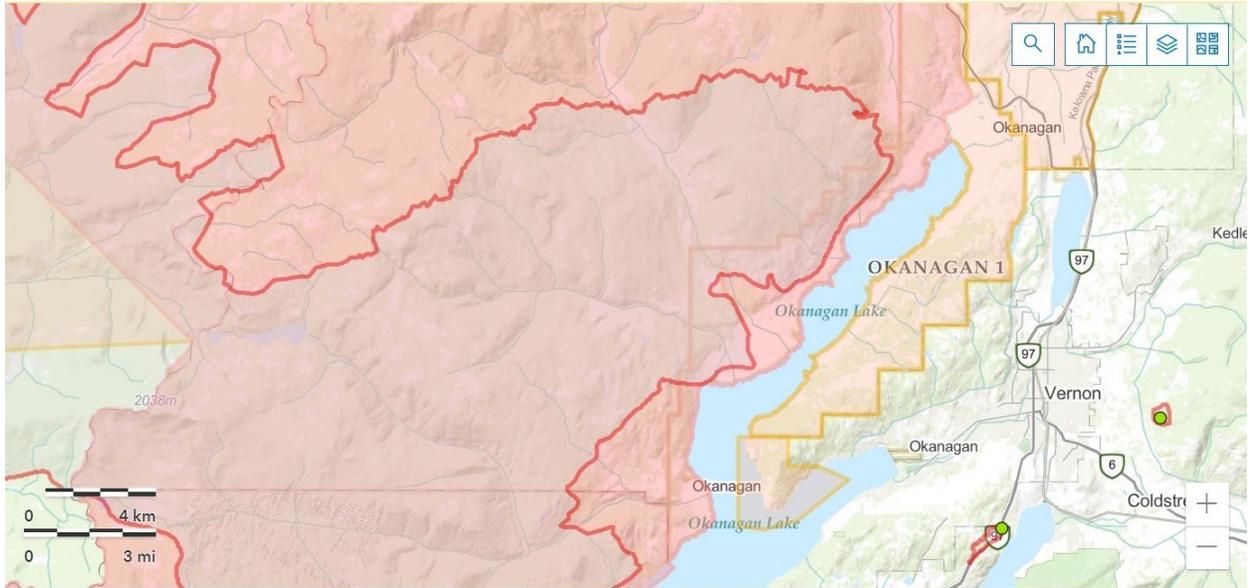
Crews will be conducting small scale hand ignitions today along Westside Road in between Newport and Irish Creek. Be advised that there will be an increase in smoke and flame visible for the duration of these operations. Crews have been preparing for this event for the last two days and will be assisted by aerial support for the duration of the ignition. The goal is to remove all unburnt fuel between the control line and the perimeter of the fire. This should allow crews to better secure access to Westside Road and allow mitigation and recovery crews safer access into affected areas.

There will also be a live community update this evening from 1700 - 1800hrs (5 - 6pm) by Zoom with BCWS and the OKIB EOC. Be sure to check the OKIB Official Facebook forum events page for the Zoom link.

The OKIB EOC will continue to provide the community with updates as we receive them.

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