



Okanagan Indian Band

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EOC Update

August 24, 2021

White Rock Lake fire update @ 12:30 PM

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80,951 hectares estimated

Fire activity is expected to be minimal along the south, west, and northern flanks, with the exception of planned ignitions. Warming temperatures are expected which will likely increase fire activity again over the course of the week. Winds will be 10 to 15 km/h, gusting 30 km/h from the east-northeast today. Temperatures are expected to get into the mid-20s by Wednesday.

BC Wildfire crews are currently onsite conducting planned ignition operations on the hillside south of Irish creek. Ground crews are being supported by aerial operations. Again for clarification, these ignitions are to help tie in existing fire guards to the fire perimeter which allows for more secured access to Westside Road.

Mop up operations of spot fires within the Six Mile area will be continuing today and throughout the week with more resources being dedicated to these efforts as the week progresses.

Rapid damage assessments will also begin taking place this week to properties, which have or were suspected to have been impacted by the fire. These rapid damage assessments form the baseline of recovery efforts and help give a more complete view of how much recovery work needs to be completed.

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

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Photo on next page: (1200hrs) Planned ignition operations taking place via hand and aerial ignition to remove combustibles between the fire guard and fire perimeter.

