



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Shovel Lake Wildfire

The Shovel Lake wildfire still remains at approximately 5000 hectares in size and uncontained. One-hundred-and-one firefighters, 24 support staff, 33 pieces of heavy equipment and 7 helicopters were on site today. The fire received scattered showers today, with approximately 0.5 mL of rain in the northern end of the fire and the 0.3 mL in southern half and some areas receiving none. While this small amount of precipitation did help to slightly reduce fire activity, its impact will likely only last for a day.

Today, heavy equipment worked on establishing equipment guard along Helene Lake and tying it into Hannay Road. Firefighters worked by reopening the road system between Nest road and Roof road to support the establishment of containment lines. Crew worked to widen Roof Creek road to further bolster containment lines. Heavy equipment also worked on widening the road from Tatin Lake to Hanson Lake today. Crews worked to tie the Shovel Creek Road into the Southern and Northern divisions of the fire. Yesterday crews successfully supported containment lines by performing a burn out operation approximately 1 km northwest of the intersection of Owl Lake Extension and Bomberger Road.



The Bulkley Nechako Regional District has implemented an Evacuation Alert for this wildfire. For more information visit: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/protectiveservices/emergency-center/162-alerts/551-evacuation-alert-shovel-lake-wildfire-july-29-2018-at-14:30-hours>

BC Wildfire Service has implemented an Area Order Restriction to protect public safety due to the wildfire's rate of spread and to avoid interference with fire suppression efforts. The area restriction will remain in place until noon on Sept. 15, 2018, or until the order is rescinded. The area restriction order applies to all Crown land outlined on the map that is available online at: <http://ow.ly/X8Mr30lbPR9>

For information on tracking smoke in the area, visit: <http://firesmoke.ca/> or <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air/air-quality/air-advisories>

If you know of anyone that would like to be added to the distribution list for these updates, please respond back to this email with their contact information and they will be included.

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