



DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE

Date: July 16, 2021
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MEDIA RELEASE

WILDFIRES WITHIN DISTRICT BOUNDARY AND SURROUNDING AREAS

There are currently no evacuation alerts or orders issued for the District of Tumbler Ridge.

Over the last few days, the Tentfire Creek Fire has reportedly grown to an estimated size greater than 1700 hectares. The growth of this fire was anticipated by the BC Wildfire Service based on the increased winds that were received. Crews remain on scene with firefighters and heavy equipment to attack the head of the fire and to maintain/establish new guards as required. The fire is now located near kilometer 23 on the Kinuseo Falls road and it is now estimated to be 18 kilometres away from the town site. Heading into the weekend and into early next week, a reasonable amount of rainfall is forecasted for our area. This, in combination with the cooler temperatures also forecasted, will assist in efforts to cool the fire and assist crews in their confinement activities. A direct link to the BC Wildfire G71138 page is can be found by visiting [here](#).

The G71134 fire near Hook Creek is still being monitored by BC Wildfire Service and BC Parks representatives. We are aware that the fire has moved to closer to Kinuseo Falls and is now visible by boat. River access to the park is not prohibited at this time, however, those travelling within the park boundary by river are urged to use caution and to be alert to the current fire conditions in the area. Monkman Provincial Park remains closed at park boundary, and signage has been put up warning the travelling public of the closure.

The District's Emergency Operations Centre will remain activated over the weekend in order to coordinate the gathering and dissemination of information. Media releases may not occur daily as they will be issued as relevant information on conditions/events becomes available. The most updated information from the EOC will be posted on the District's [website](#). Additional information on the wildfires in our area can be found by visiting the BCWS current wildfire activity page <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation>

Poor air quality conditions are still possible as winds push the smoke from nearby wildfires as well as wildfires in the Prince George and Caribou regions into our immediate area. These smoky conditions may cause adverse health affects for some residents with respiratory problems. Please take the appropriate precautions to protect yourself if you are susceptible to poor air quality. Visit <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/prevention-public-health/wildfire-smoke> for more information on wildfire smoke and air quality.



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Emergency preparedness is an invaluable tool to help keep you and your families' safe in the event that you may need to leave quickly. Please take a moment to visit www.preparedbc.ca to learn how you can plan ahead. In order to further assist the public with their emergency preparedness activities, we have developed a fact sheet and checklist to act as a guide. This resource will be available on the District's website as well as printed versions are available at various locations around town and in District buildings.

Are you registered for the North East BC Emergency Alerts System? This system is specifically designed to allow you to get notifications such as an evacuations alert or orders in the fastest way possible. Visit www.NEBCAlerts.com to register your contact information today.

Important Links:

District of Tumbler Ridge Website
www.districtoftumblerridge.ca

For a current wildfire map, visit
<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b>

BC Wildfire G71138 wildfire of note link.
<http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp?ID=822>

More information on health effects and how to protect yourself from wildfire smoke, visit
<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/prevention-public-health/wildfire-smoke>

To register for the Northeast BC Emergency and Public Alerts System
www.NEBCAlerts.com

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