



DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE

Date: July 21, 2021
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA RELEASE

WILDFIRES WITHIN DISTRICT BOUNDARY AND SURROUNDING AREAS

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

The G71138, Tentfire Creek fire, is now estimated to be 2,400 hectares in size and is currently classified as being held, this means that the fire is not likely to spread beyond the existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions, the fire is still approximately 18 kilometres away from the town site of Tumbler Ridge. While there is a small increase in size, there has actually been little actual growth on the fire in the last few days. The reported increase is simply reflective of the actual growth that was previously reported earlier last week of the fire. Rainfall in the area of Tumbler Ridge over the last few days has still been favourable with more forecasted in the coming days. This precipitation in combination with the higher relative humidity values, and the cooler temperatures that we have received has allowed firefighters to attack the flanks of the fire with a high degree of success. The anticipated growth of the fire is still expected to be minimal over the next few days. Crews will remain on scene with firefighters and heavy equipment in the coming days to attack the sections of the fire that are accessible and to maintain guards; much of the fire is in mountainous terrain. 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. The District is aware that the fire has moved closer to Kinuseo Falls and is now visible by boat. The BC Wildfire Services has advised that there is no plans to prohibit access to the area by boat at this time, however, those travelling into the park by river are urged to use caution and to be alert to the current fire conditions in the area. Road access to Monkman Provincial Park remains closed at park boundary, and signage has been put up warning the travelling public of the closure.

While we have seen some favorable weather and precipitation in the last few days, and it is predicted to continue, we would like remind visitors and residents to the area that campfires including Category 2 and Category 3 open fires are still prohibited throughout the province of British Columbia, including the District of Tumbler Ridge. A direct link to current fire bans and restrictions can be found by visiting [here](#).

The District's Emergency Operations Centre remains activated 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>



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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.

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.districtoftublerridge.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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