



BC Wildfire  
Service



## COASTAL FIRE CENTRE Wildfire Status Update

As of July 16, 2026, at 2 p.m.

### Overview

Effective at 12:00 p.m. (noon) PDT on Thursday, July 16, 2026, [Category 1](#), [Category 2](#) and [Category 3](#) open fires will be prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction, with exceptions for Category 1 in parts of the North Island, Sunshine Coast, and Haida Gwaii. Category 1 campfires remain permitted in the Campbell River Forest District, North Island Central Coast Forest District, Haida Gwaii Forest District, and Sunshine Coast Forest District due to more favorable indices and lower fire danger ratings. See the below map for more detail on prohibitions. We continue to monitor indices daily and will evaluate changes to existing prohibitions based on current and forecast conditions. Visit our [website](#) for full details.

### Contacts

#### CoFC Fire Information

250-951-4209

[BCWS.CoFCInfo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCWS.CoFCInfo@gov.bc.ca)

#### Brunswick Complex Fire Information

236-425-9415

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more information. Drivers may experience delays as the speed limit has been reduced along Highway 1 between the communities of Boston Bar and Boothroyd, please check [Drive BC](#) for the latest information. As this is a dynamic situation please refer to the incident pages on the [BC Wildfire Map and Dashboard](#) for the most up-to-date information.

## Statistics

Fires currently burning: 5

New fires past 7 days: 4

New fires past 24 hrs: 2

|                               | <b>2026</b><br>(Since April 1) | <b>Last Year</b><br>(2025) | <b>10-Year Avg</b><br>(2015-2025) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Total fires to date</b>    | 114                            | 75                         | 80                                |
| <b>Total hectares to date</b> | 19,613                         | 121                        | 1146                              |

For full statistics, please refer to the [BC Wildfire Dashboard](#).

## Notable active wildfires

### [Brunswick Creek \(V10742\)](#)

**Location:** West of the Fraser River in the vicinity of Boston Bar and North Bend

**Discovered:** July 2, 2026

**Suspected cause:** Human, under investigation

**Status:** Out of Control

**Size:** 3,026 hectares

### [Ainslie Creek \(V10755\)](#)

**Location:** East of the Fraser River in the vicinity of Boston Bar and North Bend

**Discovered:** July 4, 2026

**Suspected cause:** Human, result of spotting from V10742 strong winds

**Status:** Out of Control

**Size:** 16,197 hectares

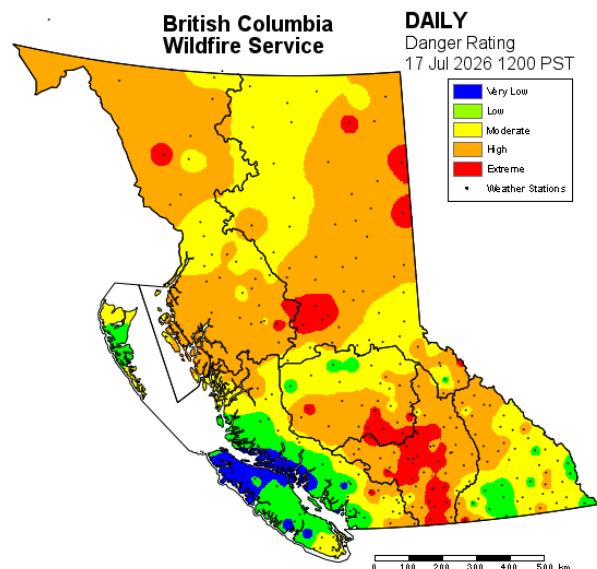
### Public safety information for wildfires within the Brunswick Complex:

- Impacts to Highway 1 can be expected between the communities of Boston Bar and Boothroyd. Visit [DriveBC](#) for information.
- Evacuation orders and alerts are in effect. Visit [EmergencyInfoBC](#) for information.
- There may be power impacts due to wildfire activity in the area. Visit [BC Hydro](#) for information.
- Sign up for emergency notifications in this area through the [Fraser Valley Regional District](#) and the [Thompson-Nicola Regional District](#).

For full incident details, please refer the [BC Wildfire Map and Dashboard](#).

### Fire weather

- Over the last 48 hours and continuing through the day yesterday, activity in the upper atmosphere pulled in a feed of sub-tropical moisture off the Pacific Coast and western US.
- That pattern means we are at risk of lightning storms that may come with very little precipitation and convective wind gusts. With our current fuel condition, these storms could create new wildfire starts and their related winds could fan new activity.

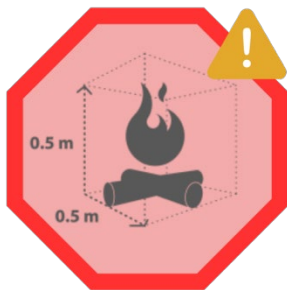


- The particular area of concern is the lower mainland, Fraser Valley, and Southern Vancouver Island.
- On Saturday the weather system should push northward, providing more moisture.

Learn more about [weather and fire danger ratings](#).

### Fire prohibitions and restrictions

The Coastal Fire Centre prohibition area jurisdiction applies to areas outside of local authority boundaries. Municipalities, parks and other local governments may impose their own restrictions on fire-use and associated activities. Know before you go, and abide by local restrictions.



#### Category 1

Partial Prohibition within Coastal Fire Centre jurisdiction



#### Category 2

Prohibited within Coastal Fire Centre jurisdiction



#### Category 3

Prohibited within Coastal Fire Centre jurisdiction

**Report wildfires to \*5555 on a cell, 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or through the mobile app.**

