

Update on Fires

Since August 11th there has been 72 fires that have started on the North Island. Of those 72 fires 8 of them have been put out so far with 64 still burning. Zeballos, Port Alice and Woss all have significant fires burning around their community and threatening their infrastructure. Oclucje and Kyuquot also have fires threatening their communities. All these fires has made it hard for BC Wildfires to allocate resources to the Ceepeecee fire.

BC Wildfires continues to monitor the fire burning above Ceepeecee Lake and still considers it to be low risk at this point. The fire is still inaccessible for fire crews to fight it and helicopters are being tied up fighting fires that are more of a threat in other communities. BC Wildfires has a strategy in place to deal with this fire if it becomes more of a threat to the community. BC Wildfires will continue to reassess their plans if anything changes.

There is currently 4 new crews coming in from Alberta to help fight fires in the North Island. Due to difficult terrain and falling trees it has made it hard for crews to make much progress. Smoke has also made it hard for helicopters to operate safely in the area. With all this working against fire crews, progress has still been made and BC Wildfires will continue to keep people, property and infrastructure safe from these wildfires.

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