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## **Update on local Wildfires**

Due to lightning storms that traveled through the North Island last Friday night there has been a large number of fires that have started up in the area. The one at KM 17 and the other one above Ceepeecee Lake have become a growing concern for the community here in Tahsis. Priority has been given to the KM 17 fire as it is located next to the Head Bay mainline. It is also burning next to a power line right of way supplying not just us but other communities such as Zeballos.

Crews at KM 17 have been working hard to contain the fire and keep it from spreading any further. They've kept the fire from jumping the road and kept it from taking out the power lines. Due to high voltage lines and difficult terrain it has made it hard to work in this area. This fire continues to be BC Wildfires main priority in this area and crews will continue to work on it until it is completely extinguished.

The fire above Ceepeecee lake is still active and continues to burn on top of the hill. Due to resources being spread thin with other fires that are larger and more of a threat, this fire has been put at a lower priority. The fire is far enough away from any communities and infrastructure that it does not pose a threat. BC Wildfires is aware of this fire and when resources become available they will be able to deal with the fire.

Currently there is no evacuation alert for Tahsis as there is no immediate threat to this community. There is an evacuation plan for this community and if need be an evacuation order will be given by the acting Mayor. BC Wildfires is aware of our situation and are working hard to deal with the fires that represent the highest threat.

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