



<p><b>Nk'Mip Creek</b> (K52061)</p>	<p><b>FIRE SIZE:</b> 13,000 hectares (estimated)</p>	<p><b>FIRE STATUS:</b> Out of Control</p>
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**RESOURCES:**

An Incident Management Team, 140 wildfire personnel, five helicopters, 46 structure protection personnel, 26 pieces of heavy equipment and numerous other support positions are working on the Nk'Mip Creek wildfire. In total, there are 250 personnel currently committed to the response operation.

**DIVERSITY ON THE FIRELINE:**

The 98 firefighters from Mexico have begun work on the fire line. On July 29, 26 women assigned to the Nk'Mip Creek wildfire stepped away for a photo to celebrate gender diversity. This incident has women working in all functions of the incident (firefighters, incident support, incident commander). We also welcome women from BC Wildfire, Parks Canada, Mexico, Australia, Osoyoos Indian Band, and Seneca Consulting.



Women of the Nk'Mip Creek wildfire, July 29, 2021

**ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Nk'Mip Creek Wildfire Information Team | Hours: 0800—1600**

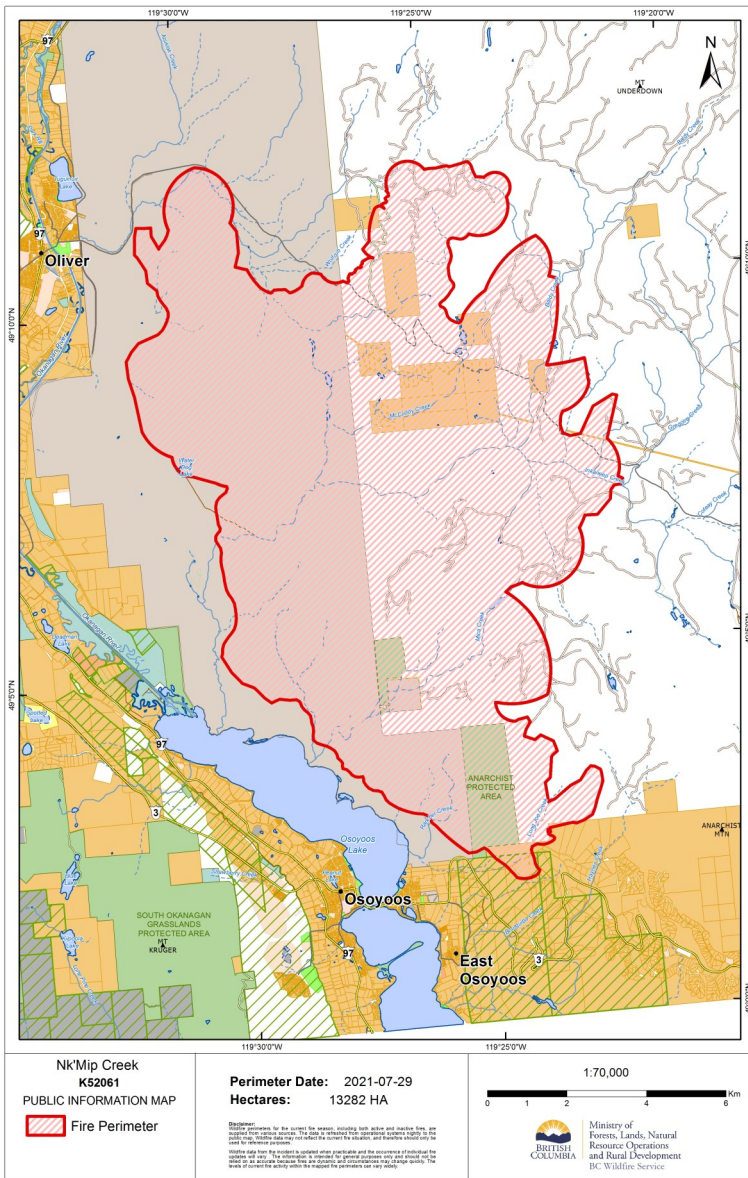
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**UPDATE:**

The new size estimate of 13,000 hectares is a rough estimate based on observed growth; heavy smoke conditions have prevented accurate mapping over the past week. The last aerial mapping occurred on July 23, 2021, showing 6,871 hectares. Fire activity has been moderate with mostly surface fire and some crown fires. Firefighting personnel and heavy equipment remain on site overnight doing structure protection.



**OBJECTIVES:**

Branch A continue to assess and fall danger trees on the north side of the fire as they've done over recent days. Crews will continue to actively suppress fire around structures, patrol and mop up around residential areas near McKinney Rd, Nk'Mip Rd and Shrike Hill. Crews also continue to burn off unburnt fuel to reinforce existing guards and extinguish hotspots. Machine guards and structural protection around impacted communities continues. By removing available fuels from within home ignition zones and around facilities, fires are less likely to impact interface areas.

In areas east of the fire including Mt. Baldy Resort, personnel will continue with structural protection around the community. Heavy equipment remains on site and is continuing with guard construction.

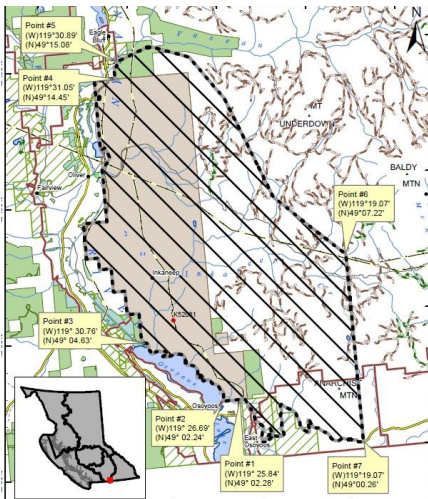
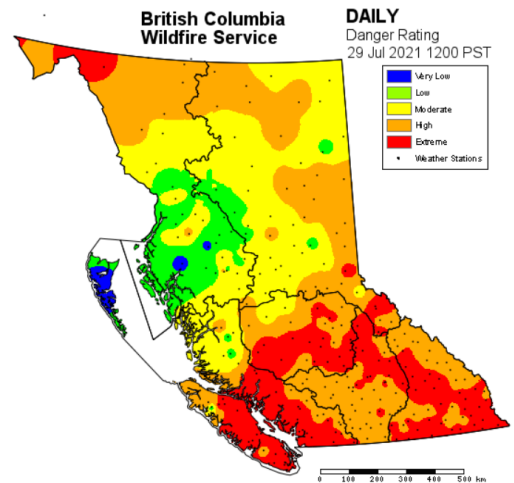
Branch Z is continuing structure protection near the Anarchist Mountain community. Hand guard, direct suppression, patrols and mop up continue on the fire's southern perimeter. Heavy equipment will be strengthening and widening guards on the southeast and eastern flanks.



**FORECAST:**

Yesterday, growth was observed on the north and northeastern flanks, primarily driven by wind, fuel type, and dry conditions. We will continue to see smoke in the valley bottoms through the morning, with some clearing through the afternoon and evening. Fire behaviour is anticipated to increase through the afternoon and into the evening, as the inversion lifts and skies clear.

Today, temperatures will be around 35 degrees Celsius in valley bottoms, 31 degrees Celsius in higher upslope areas, with relative humidity values of approximately 15%. This trend is expected to continue, with hot, dry conditions persisting. Winds are forecasted be out of the south 5-15km/h.



**EVACUATION ORDERS AND ALERTS:**

The [Osoyoos Indian Band](#) (OIB) have issued Evacuation Alerts and Orders for properties within their jurisdiction. Please contact them at 250 498-3117 for details.

The [Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen](#) (RDOS) have issued Evacuation Alerts and Orders for properties in Electoral Area "A", "C" and some properties in the town of Oliver. Please contact the Emergency Operations centre at 250 490-4225 or visit their website for details. The RDOS has declared a local State of Emergency.

The [Regional District of Kootenay Boundary](#) (RDKB) have issued Evacuation Alerts and Orders for Electoral Area "E"/West Boundary. The order and alert areas in the RDKB affect the communities of Sidley, Mount Baldy, Bridesville and Rock Creek. Please contact them at 1 888 747-9119 for details.

**Spot a wildfire, smoke or illegal fire activity?** Call 1 800 663-5555 or \*5555 on your cellphone.