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Press Release # 19
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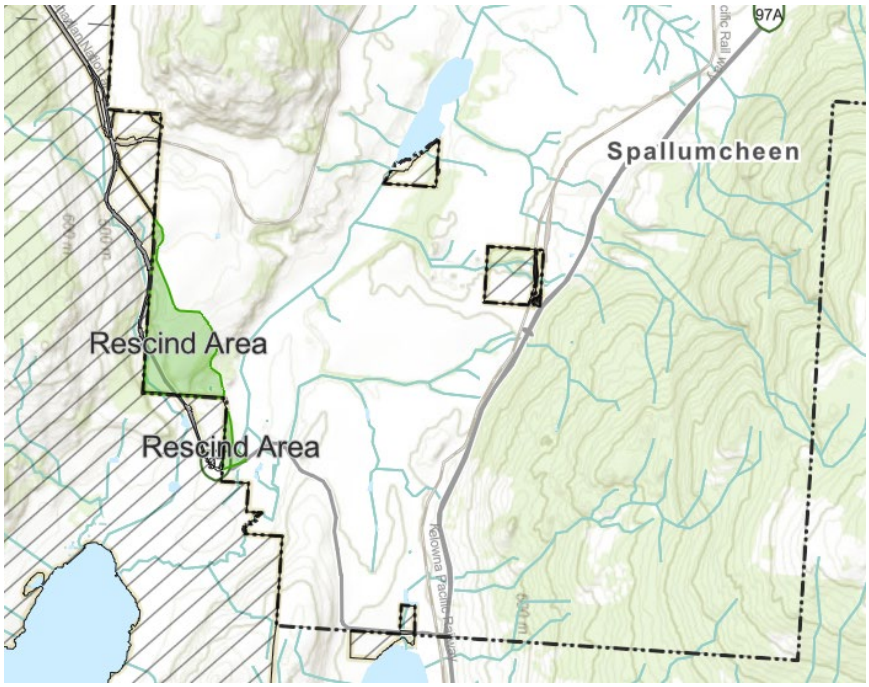
Bradley Creek Wildfire – K41351

[Spallumcheen, BC – August 10, 2026] — Evacuation Alerts previously in effect was rescinded as of 5:00 pm August 10. St Anne's Road will remain open to local traffic only until 6pm this evening and then will revert to normal traffic.

BC Hydro is aiming to have power restored to all properties along St Anne's Road by 6pm this evening.



Environment Canada has issued an orange warning for the North Okanagan. More information about current air quality status can be found at their website: **https://weather.gc.ca/airquality.** Environment Canada recommends that at-risk populations, children and elderly should avoid outdoor physical exertion. The general population should reduce or reschedule strenuous activities outdoors. The observed Air Quality Health Index is currently posted as 10 for the North Okanagan.

- **Pack a Grab and Go bag**
- **Make a family emergency plan**
- **Make a plan for your farm**
- Be prepared to respond quickly if conditions change.

Helpful Links

- **BC Wildfire – Wildfire Activity information**
- **Environment Canada Air Quality**
- **Drive BC – Road Closures**
- **BC Hydro – outage information**
- **Sign up for Alertable notifications**

Wildfire Response

The Bradley Creek Wildfire is now classified as Being Held. For the most current wildfire updates posted by BC Wildfire please refer to their website **https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/map**

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As of the update from this afternoon on BC wildfire's website:

As of August 08 2026, the Bradley Creek wildfire is no longer considered a Wildfire of Note.

The Bradley Creek wildfire is now considered Being Held. At this stage, the wildfire is projected, based on fuel and weather conditions and resource availability, to remain within the current perimeter, control line or boundary. This status change can also be attributed to the collaboration between wildfire crews, local fire departments, partners, aviation, heavy equipment and the tireless work to patrol the entire fire perimeter.

Weather and Fire Behaviour

Unsettled weather conditions are expected today, with light winds in the morning shifting to gusty westerly winds during the afternoon. The unstable atmosphere and increasing afternoon winds have the potential to quickly increase fire behaviour.

Vigorous surface fire and deeper burning in dead and downed woody debris combined with gusting afternoon winds increases the potential for spot fires to establish rapidly and could develop into high-intensity fire with fast rates of spread, particularly later in the day.

Smoke is expected to continue affecting the area, with the best visibility anticipated between approximately 11:00 and 17:00, although visibility will remain limited. Smoke is expected to increase again later in the afternoon.

Operations

Along the northern and southern flanks, crews are continuing to patrol and mop-up directly along the fires edge pushing 25 ft-100 ft on all edges.

Control line construction along Newport Creek working northeast towards Irish Creek Road is complete, meaning the fire is wrapped entirely by guard. Personnel will continue to patrol along the guard as required.

BC Hydro will continue working along the Westside Road, reenergizing powerlines and assessing danger trees near infrastructure today.

Access to Westside Road remains closed due to ongoing suppression efforts in the area. For the most up-to-date information on road conditions and closures, visit DriveBC.

Please refer to your local jurisdictional authority for up-to-date information regarding Evacuation Alerts and Orders for this incident.

Public Safety

Watercraft:

As aerial resources continue to respond to wildfires across the province it's critical people remember that our aircraft require space to collect water safely and efficiently. Please stay clear of aircraft working in and around the lake.

If firefighting aircraft are nearby, clear the area immediately and stay near the shore to avoid interfering with operations and to prevent putting responder and public life and safety at risk.

One unauthorized aircraft can ground an entire aerial firefighting operation.

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Drones:

Operating and flying drones within a wildfire area is strictly prohibited.

Every time an unauthorized aircraft or drone enters the airspace around an active wildfire, our pilots have to delay or suspend operations until it's safe to fly. Those interruptions can delay firefighters, water drops, reconnaissance flights and other critical response activities when every minute counts.

Aircraft not involved in fire suppression activities, including drones, are prohibited within five nautical miles of an active wildfire and up to 3,000 feet above ground level.

If you see a drone or UAV operating near a wildfire, report it immediately by calling *5555 or 1-800-663-5555.

Learn more: https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/drone-safety

Resources Assigned:

- An Incident Management Team has been assigned to this incident
- 129 Firefighters are assigned
- 11 Helicopters
- 40 pieces heavy equipment
- 67 structure protection personnel

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