



## Ulkatcho First Nation

### Ulkatcho Fire Update July 17, 2023

- Highway 20 west is open to essential traffic only; Highway 20 east is not threatened; check [DriveBC](#) for updates
- There is no immediate threat from wildfires to Ulkatcho or Anahim Lake communities
- Weather forecast indicates today will be a cooler day but upper ridge will build in over the next few days and persist until at least Friday, bringing warmer temperatures; smoke may return but likely not until next week
- Incident Management Team (~13 people) from the USA is arriving Tuesday to take over all these fires - 2 Hotshot crews of 20 people each (likely one to Anahim Peak, one to assist with Lonesome Lake ignition plans)

#### *C41158 Gatcho Lake (last update July 17)*

- Out of control
- 5,800 ha

#### *C4165 South of Lily Lake (last update July 17)*

- Out of control
- 1,680 ha

#### *C41189 7km SE of Moose Lake (Eliguk Lake) (last update July 17)*

- Out of control
- 3,000 ha
- All three fires about 70 km north of Anahim Lake
- No BCWS crews or equipment
- The area around the fires took approximately 20mm of rain and is expected to take rain over the next 2 days, the models are not showing any growth for the next 5 days
- Evacuation orders in place

### C51571 Anahim Peak (last update July 17)

- Out of control
- 1,950 ha
- 33 km north of Anahim Lake
- Incident Commander Bronte Dureault
- 2 x5 Initial Attack crew, 25 Type 3 contract firefighters (Esk'et, Canoe Creek), plus 10-person crew from Yunesit'in, 2 danger tree fallers
- 16 pieces of equipment
- 2 medium helicopters bucketing plus one intermediate
- Dozer guard on N flank to W complete; daylighting Dean River road as contingency
- Fire crossed the Dean River and the Dean River road to the east and expect that excursion to be secured by end of day tomorrow
- Thus S and E are looking secure: crews on them, and any likely spread would be to N or E; however expect to consolidate progress tomorrow and see minimal growth
- ~300 loads logs south of fire are not threatened
- 5-person structural protection crew from Coquitlam Fire Department may be replaced over next weekend
- Public entering the area causing problems for crews fighting fire
- Evacuation order in place and expanded - Dean River road closed

### VA1735 Young Creek (detected July 15)

- Out of control
- 40 kilometres from Anahim Lake
- 2,500 ha
- Incident Commander April Mason
- 28 firefighters and BCWS 22-person unit crew en route
- 1 helicopter
- Burned about 4 km along highway - equipment has cleared roadsides and advice from Coastal FC is that road is open to single lane traffic only with a pilot vehicle: DriveBC says, "3 openings with pilot car this afternoon. 2,4 6 pm leaving bella coola & 3,5,7pm leaving Anahim lake. Closed overnight. Be aware road could close with little warning. Essential travel only."
- Equipment on south flank to establish guard to prevent spread down slope of highway
- Highway 20 is closed between Elsey Road and Corbould Drive - see DriveBC.ca for updated status

### C51562 6km W of Freda Mountain (Punky Lake) (last update July 17)

- Out of control
- 6,500 ha spread to SE (crossed Satah Mtn road)
- 40 km east of Anahim Lake
- Incident commander Jeff Austin
- Initial Attack crew from Stone
- Tsi Del Del strike team (9 pieces of equipment)
- 1 helicopter
- Took lot of rain - mostly rank 1
- Assessed for burnoff on SE side but no go due to rain
- Setting up a fire camp - Puntzi ATB

VA1456 1.5 km NE of Lonesome Lake (Trumpeter Mountain) *(last update July 16)*

- Out of control
- 1,537 ha
- 34 km from Anahim Lake
- No resources
- Kirk Rosk and equipment began guard construction 16 July to establish a control line w/existing fuel breaks west of Kappan Mtn
- Park boundary a trigger point to consider a burn - preparing a burn plan
- Elbow Lake fire shading this fire out
- Fire analysis being done
- Priority for burning off due to rain on other fires

VA1462 3 km SW of Elbow Lake (Knot Creek) *(last update July 16)*

- Out of control
- 414 ha
- 53 km from Anahim Lake
- No resources

### *C11405 Corkscrew Creek (last update July 16)*

- Out of control
- 476 ha
- No resources
- No update

### *C11407 Pan Creek (last update July 16)*

- Out of control
- spot
- No resources
- No update

### *C51597 Morrison Meadows (last update July 17)*

- Under control
- 0.3 ha
- No resources

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Brad Jimmie is working with BC Wildfire Service as an Ulkatcho First Nation liaison

Kayla Topping (BCWS) supervising deployment of SPU equipment

- Priority is Dean River properties
- TNG trailer went back today
- Coquitlam crew to return home on weekend - replacement crew to be determined
- All SPU gear is being tracked for recovery

Fire camp at West Chilcotin Forest Products mill site

Livestock relocation

- Owners have primary responsibility to move their animals from areas affected by wildfire
- Community members may request assistance through Gail Bittner at the local Emergency Operations Centre
- No assistance for pets or hobby farms
- First Nations who raise livestock for community needs - sustenance or cultural - may be eligible, otherwise it is intended for commercial producers
- More details at [Livestock Relocation](#) website