

BC WILDFIRE SERVICE

Media Handbook

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Key contacts and information sources

Fire information officer (IO)

Scope and responsibilities of fire information officers (IOs) at the incident, regional and provincial level:

Incident IO

MEDIA SCOPE

Wildfire activity and operations for wildfires or wildfire complexes managed by the IMT they are a part of.

Responsibilities:

- Communicate with the public affected by the incident.
- Manage media requests and coordinate interviews.
- Share incident updates with regional and provincial IOs.
- Work directly with partners, liaisons and local governments affected by the specific incident/complex they are assigned to.

Regional IO

MEDIA SCOPE

Regional wildfire information and operations for all incidents within the geographic boundaries of their fire centre.

Responsibilities:

- Address regional wildfire response including strategies, tactics, progress, local resources and fire weather.
- Speak to topics specific and unique to the region including prescribed burn operations, prohibitions, area restrictions, local initiatives and topics.
- Provide updates on local incidents and fire centre operations.
- Support delivery of response information to local and First Nations governments, affected communities, the general public and media.
- Coordinate information requests within the region.

Provincial IO

MEDIA SCOPE

Provincial wildfire situation and province-wide operations, provincial programs, organization-wide policy.

Responsibilities:

- Gather information from fire centres and update social media.
- Address provincial and national media topics, including fire operations, weather conditions, resources (including out-of-province resources), fire prevention, training, climate change and recovery efforts.
- Respond to media and public questions on the organization, provincial programs (including prevention, recovery, aviation and PATC) and political topics (e.g., budgets, policies – often in collaboration with Government Communications and Public Engagement (GCPE)).
- Manage official social media platforms, maintain incident photos/videos and manage photo/video requests.

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Provincial Wildfire Coordination Centre – Kamloops	Provincial fire information officers 250-312-3051 FIREINFO@gov.bc.ca
Government Communications & Public Engagement – Victoria	Media relations officer (Tyler Fleming) 778-679-8203 Tyler.Fleming@gov.bc.ca
Cariboo Fire Centre – Williams Lake	Regional fire information officers 778-799-2100 BCWS.CAFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca
Coastal Fire Centre – Parksville	Regional fire information officers 250-951-4209 BCWS.COFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca
Kamloops Fire Centre – Kamloops	Regional fire information officers 250-554-5965 KFCINFO@gov.bc.ca
Northwest Fire Centre – Smithers	Regional fire information officers 250-876-6844 BCWS.NWFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca
Prince George Fire Centre – Prince George	Regional fire information officers 250-561-4629 INFOPG@gov.bc.ca
Southeast Fire Centre – Castlegar	Regional fire information officers 250-318-7715 BCWS.SEFCInfo@gov.bc.ca

Contact provincial fire information officers for wildfire-related questions with a provincial or BC Wildfire Service organization-wide focus.

Contact Tyler Fleming (media relations officer) for larger or longer-form media requests, or for questions throughout the fire season that are not within the scope of an information officer. Continue to route your requests for specific wildfire information, interviews or fireline access through an information officer.

Contact regional fire information officers at one of our six regional fire centres for questions about wildfires within their geographic boundaries.

If an incident management team (IMT) is deployed to manage one or a complex of wildfires, the IMT will have its own information officer. This will be your contact for incident or complex-specific questions. You can find out whether an incident or complex is being managed by an IMT or by the fire centre by navigating to that fire's incident webpage:

- Visit our [interactive map](#) on a web browser or in our mobile app

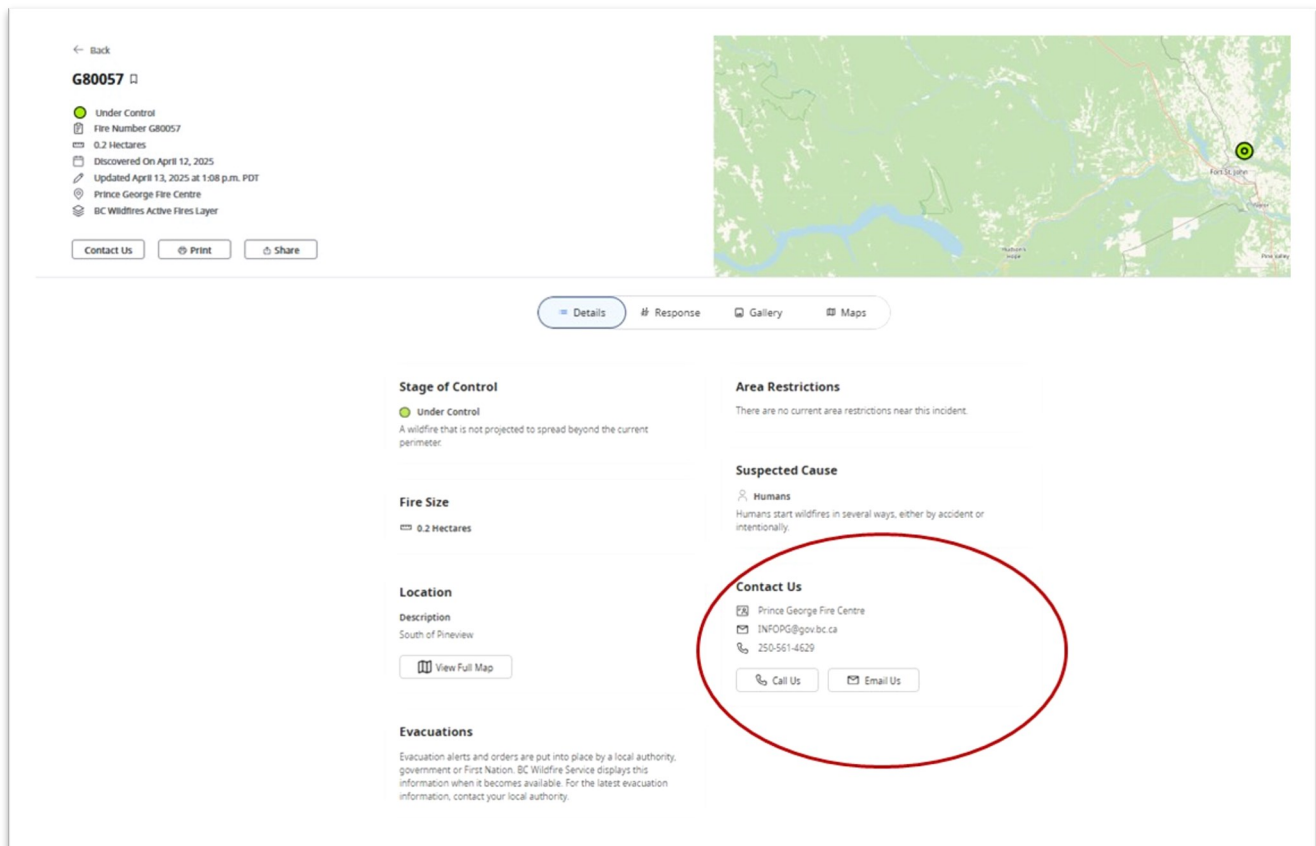
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- Search by fire name or fire number in the search bar
- Click on the specific wildfire on the map and click Full Details icon to view the incident webpage
- Under the Details tab on the incident webpage, scroll down to the Contact Us section to find accurate contact details for this fire (see screenshot below):



Key BC Wildfire Service information sources

- BC Wildfire Service web and mobile app: <https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/dashboard>
 - Web and mobile app reference guide: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/appreferenceguide>
 - App tutorials (YouTube playlist): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1luHktiE348&list=PLidLODukQ6b5mwyUNdp5fsRAUSyCR8YeB>
- BC Wildfire Service official website: [Bcwildfire.ca](https://bcwildfire.ca)
 - Fire prohibitions and restrictions webpage: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions>
 - Season summaries (2003, 2009-2025): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/wildfire-history/wildfire-season-summary>
- BC Wildfire Service blog: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/>
 - Seasonal outlooks: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/category/seasonal-outlook/>

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/bcgovfireinfo/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@BCWildfireService>

Key sources outside of BC Wildfire Service

Local governments

- For questions about evacuation orders and alerts, structure loss
- Locate local governments jurisdictions using the Local government Administrative Areas map: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/facts-framework/local-government-maps>

Other BC Government ministries

Media contacts for BC Government ministries: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/contacts>

- Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
 - ⇒ Community and individual support during wildfire emergencies
 - ⇒ Provincial-level information on evacuation orders and alerts
 - ⇒ To find a list of current emergencies in B.C. (including wildfire evacuation orders and alerts), visit: <https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/>
- Ministry of Environment and Parks
 - ⇒ Wildfires and response in BC Parks
 - ⇒ Tickets and fines for open fire violations (including campfire bans)
 - ⇒ Air quality, smoke effects
- Ministry of Forests
 - ⇒ Natural Resource Officer investigations into human-caused wildfires, penalties/tickets and the Compliance and Enforcement Branch (CEB) database
- Ministry of Transportation and Transit
 - ⇒ Highway and road closures during wildfires, other wildfire impacts to transportation corridors
- Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
 - ⇒ Hydrological conditions and drought

Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC)

- ⇒ Resource sharing, mutual aid and information sharing between federal, provincial, territorial wildland fire management agencies: <https://www.ciffc.ca/about-0>
- ⇒ Daily [situation report](#) for the wildfire situation across Canada, as well as other fire season reports and statistics

About the BC Wildfire Service

Structure of the BC Wildfire Service

- About fire centres: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/fire-centres>
- Organizational overview map including fire zones: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/wildfire-status/fire-centres/bcws_organizationaloverview_2024.pdf

Laws and regulations

- Wildfire Act, Regulation and BC Wildfire Service policies: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/governance/legislation-regulations>

Incident Command System (ICS)

- Incident Command System operational description: https://icscanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/ICS-OPS-Description2012_2.pdf

Fire Science

- Factors that influence fire behaviour (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1COXneXdkl4>
- Fire Danger Rating and the Fire Danger Rating map (updated daily from April-November): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prepare/weather-fire-danger/fire-danger>
- Fire Science 101: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/about-wildfire>
- Fire Weather Index system: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prepare/weather-fire-danger/fire-weather/fire-weather-index-system>
- How we understand fire fuels (YouTube): https://youtu.be/x4_SxpRN8Kg?si=RVBRiCPXfgDWNgiK
- The science behind the Fire Weather Index (YouTube): <https://youtu.be/ZDB3Qb6F3l0?si=JQPOBY2kHxal5xfc>
- Weather maps: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prepare/weather-fire-danger/fire-weather/weather-maps>
- What goes into a campfire prohibition (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qMbj5MGQQY>
- Wildfires and air quality: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prepare/weather-fire-danger/air-quality>

Drought and overwintering fires

- Overwintering fires: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/overwinter-holdover-fires/>
- BC Wildfire Service overwintering response (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSUg1sZsZB8&t=103s>

- Drought and related hazards on northeast wildfires: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/drought-and-related-hazards-on-northeast-wildfires/>
- Drought and danger trees in Fort Nelson, B.C. (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2t6lYwdghdw>
- Impacts of drought on forests in northern British Columbia (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uujgfWsUzvw>

Weather

- Behind the scenes: fire weather forecasting: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/behind-the-scenes-fire-weather-forecasting/>

Weather resources

- AccuWeather: https://www.accuweather.com/en/ca/canada-weather#google_vignette
- Canadian Ensemble Forecasts: https://weather.gc.ca/ensemble/index_e.html
- Environment Canada: https://weather.gc.ca/forecast/canada/index_e.html?id=BC
- Environment Canada venting index: <https://envistaweb.env.gov.bc.ca/aqo/files/bulletin/venting.html>
- NASA worldview: <https://worldview.earthdata.nasa.gov/>
- Smoke Forecast: <https://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/current/>
- Snow conditions and water supply bulletin: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/drought-flooding-dikes-dams/river-forecast-centre/snow-survey-water-supply-bulletin>
- Windy: <https://www.windy.com/?50.887,-120.736,5>
- Maps:
 - BC air quality data map: <https://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/find-stations-map.html>
 - BC Weather stations map: <https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c36baf74b74a46978cf517579a9ee332>
 - Canadian Lightning Danger Map: https://www.weather.gc.ca/index_e.html?layers=,,lightning
 - Weather maps: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prepare/weather-fire-danger/fire-weather/weather-maps>

Prevention

Wildfire causes and investigations

- Compliance and Enforcement Branch (CEB) database: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/research-monitoring-reporting/reporting/environmental-enforcement-reporting>
- What causes wildfire: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/what-causes-wildfire>
- Wildfire investigations: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/wildfire-investigations>

Open burning and prohibitions

- Fire prohibitions and restrictions: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions>

- Category 2 open fire (YouTube): <https://youtu.be/IECvXo5QoG8?si=f-EIN2l7Duf5mt0E>
- Category 3 open fire (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcVarqGnlwQ>
- Open fire and safer burning: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions/open-burning>
- The science behind open fire prohibitions (YouTube): https://youtu.be/lgfuqwFRACY?si=_fBqe090uPIOc1wF
- What goes into a campfire prohibition (YouTube): <https://youtu.be/7qMbj5MGQY?si=WF3uMK2h1g1Q3UaL>

Prevention work

- Wildfire prevention: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention>
- Funding for wildfire prevention: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/funding-for-wildfire-prevention>

Cultural and prescribed fire

- Cultural and prescribed fire (including 2022-2024 annual summary reports): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/prescribed-burning>
- Cultural burning and prescribed fire (dedicated website): <https://prescribedfire.ca/>
- Cultural burning and prescribed fire (YouTube): https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6_L8pe5AliS952Hhy0_ojg
- How to plan a burn (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgA7cnJIYtA>
- Kootenay ʔa-kinʔuku TREX (Prescribed Fire Training Exchange): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zz10sOul2zg&t=113s> and <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/kootenay-%ca%94a%c2%b7kinq%cc%93uku-trex-prescribed-fire-training-exchange/>
- Spences Bridge prescribed burn (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciEgJl2L4gs>

FireSmart

- Case study explores why some homes are more likely to survive a wildland-urban fire: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/case-study-explores-why-some-homes-are-more-likely-to-survive-a-wildland-urban-fire/>
- Find a local FireSmart representative: <https://firesmartbc.ca/local-firesmart-representatives/>
- FireSmart BC: <https://firesmartbc.ca/>
- FireSmart BC (on BC Wildfire Service website): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prepare/firesmart>
- FireSmart (YouTube playlist): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEg6caJxHb8&list=PLidLODukQ6b6kRqDHJVfAXdlCsaBmBx8u>
- Fire and fuel management (including Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis (PSTA) maps, wildland urban interface (WUI) risk class maps): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-fuel-management>
- Wildfire Community Preparedness Day 2023 (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXu9SUx6uHQ>
- Wildfire prevention for industry and commercial operators: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/for-industry-commercial-operators>

Response

Detection and reporting

- How wildfire is detected: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/how-wildfire-is-detected>

- How to report a wildfire using the BC Wildfire Service app (YouTube): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2Vp0uK_fpE&list=PLidLODukQ6b5mwyUNdp5fsRAUSyCR8YeB&index=3
- Provincial Wildfire Reporting Centre (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUo0kWOZ5Ho>

Response methods

- Forecasting fire behaviour: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/forecasting-fire-behaviour/>
- How we respond to wildfires (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEP2tJEKTGw&list=PLidLODukQ6b7ODatgqiVrwITUF4vrmtrR&index=16>
- How we respond to wildfires (YouTube playlist): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tl8jcvTpb8&list=PLidLODukQ6b7ODatgqiVrwITUF4vrmtrR>
 - Initial attack (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5JS-f4oJ3g>
 - Direct and Indirect attack (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDmGToDhgV4&list=PLidLODukQ6b7ODatgqiVrwITUF4vrmtrR&index=10>
 - Hand guards (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EY5QktvV634&list=PLidLODukQ6b7ODatgqiVrwITUF4vrmtrR&index=18>
 - Planned ignitions (YouTube): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BdZqyTqO_c&list=PLidLODukQ6b7ODatgqiVrwITUF4vrmtrR&index=17
 - Importance of mop up for wildfire containment (YouTube): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=273DjQOS_GI&list=PLidLODukQ6b7ODatgqiVrwITUF4vrmtrR&index=6
 - Conducting thorough mop up and patrol (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fhvt1J68WSg>
- Response types and attack methods: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/management-strategies/response-types-attack-methods>
- Stages of control: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/management-strategies/stages-of-control>
- Wildfire management strategies: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/management-strategies>
- Wildfire rank: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/about-wildfire/wildfire-rank>

All-hazards response agency

- BC Wildfire Service flood response support in Grand Forks, B.C. (YouTube): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_R3WSHd7nQ4

Resources

Crew Types

- Type 1 crews (Initial Attack and Unit Crews): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/wildfire-personnel-and-response-tools/wildfire-crews>
- Indigenous Type 1 crews:
 - The history of Indigenous Unit Crews in B.C.: <https://prescribedfire.ca/the-history-of-indigenous-unit-crews-in-bc/#:~:text=In%20its%20early%20years%2C%20the,crews%20were%20contracted%20crews%20that>
 - Simpcw Indigenous Initial Attack Crew: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/simpcw-indigenous-initial-attack-crew/>
 - Ryan Pascal reflects on Unit Crew Supervisor career (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZXbSE0-rW8&t=2s> oily6
- Type 2&3 crews (contract crews): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/wildfire-personnel-and-response-tools/wildfire-crews/contract-crews>

Training

- BC Wildfire and Thompson Rivers University collaboration (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fa4BRKVD460>
- Becoming a BC Wildfire Service firefighter: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/employment-and-contracts/employment/wildfire-fighters>
- Becoming a BC Wildfire Service Parattack wildfire fighter: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/employment-and-contracts/employment/wildfire-fighters/parattack-wildfire-fighters>
- First Nations Boot Camp (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gu6awAFy6ml>
- New Recruit Bootcamp 2024 (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bsva0qmNUzQ>

Other BC Wildfire Service response resources

Aviation

- How we use night vision technology (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YImFW6UtE4o>
- Wildfire aviation: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/wildfire-personnel-and-response-tools/wildfire-aviation>

Field and support resources

- How we respond to wildfires - Fire Camps (YouTube): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeKW3M5_Uls&t=1s
- Incident Management Teams (IMTs): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/wildfire-personnel-and-response-tools/incident-management>

Fire Services program

- About: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/employment-and-contracts/bc-wildfire-service-fire-services>
- How BC Wildfire Service responds to wildfires: Structure protection (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHTDHJIUiIU>
- Interagency agreement with fire departments: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/inter-agency_agreement.pdf
- Structure protection and structure defence: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/wildfire-personnel-and-response-tools/structure-protection-and-structure-defence>
- What is BC Wildfire Services' Fire Services? (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tl8jcvTplB8> Fire Services

Contractors and other partners

Contractors

- Heavy equipment: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/wildfire-personnel-and-response-tools/heavy-equipment>
- Heavy equipment operations on the fire line (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndiPz8dn2HY>
- Wildfire contractors: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/employment-and-contracts/contract-opportunities/contractors>

Partnerships

- Cultural liaison program (Facebook): <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1086215115346496> Partners and additional support: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-response/wildfire-personnel-and-response-tools/partners-additional-support>
- Preparing for wildfire in Invermere, B.C. (how BC Wildfire Service and partners work together to prepare for WUI wildfires) (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfN-nJSGUOM&t=2s>
- Rancher liaison program
 - Rancher liaison program (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMZWUzfYbc8>
 - BCWS Rancher Liaison Program - Gordon Burns (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMZWUzfYbc8&t=5s>
 - BCWS Rancher Liaison Program - Warren Fowler (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzw-pE6MleA>
- Wildfire collaborative partnership guide: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/partners>

Recovery

- Browns Creek wildfire restoration project (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87Re0-kC6zM&t=16s>
- Post-Wildfire Natural Hazard Risk Hub: <https://pwnhr-bc.gov03.hub.arcgis.com/Wildfire> Land-based Recovery Program: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/recovery/wildfire-land-based-recovery>
- Post wildfire safety hazards: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/wildfire-status/fire-danger/know_before_you_go.pdf
- What is wildfire land-based recovery?: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/what-is-wildfire-land-based-recovery/>
- Wildfire suppression rehabilitation (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CE4uBZ5jqM>

Innovation

- Enhanced technology will help better predict wildfire movement, growth: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024FOR0013-000364>
- Innovating for a resilient future: BC Wildfire Service Research and Innovation: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/innovating-for-a-resilient-future-bc-wildfire-service-research-innovation/>
- Reducing exposure – Respiratory protection: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/reducing-exposure-respiratory-protection/>
- Studying the impacts of smoke and ash on wildland firefighters: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/bcwildfire/research-innovation-studying-the-impacts-of-smoke-and-ash-on-wildland-firefighters/>

Key terms and concepts

- BC Wildfire Service wildfire glossary: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/glossary>
- CIFFC Glossary: <https://glossary.cifc.ca/>

BC Wildfire Service news

News releases (2024-2026)

- To learn more about the BC Wildfire Service and TRU wildfire training and education centre, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024PREM0017-000483>
- To learn more about BC Wildfire Service fleet and equipment upgrades, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/30312>
- To learn more about the enhanced wildland-firefighter recruitment strategy, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/30188>
- To learn more about the new BC Wildfire Service wildfire predictive technologies, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024FOR0013-000364>
- To learn more about the Premier's Expert Task Force on Emergencies, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/emergency-management/emergency-activation/em-taskforce>
- To learn more about the upgraded BC Wildfire Service mobile app and other new emergency preparedness and response tools, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024EMCR0024-000712>
- To read the full list of task force recommendations, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/emergency-management/emergency-activation/em-taskforce>
- To learn more about how the province is taking early action to prepare for the 2024 wildfire, drought season: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024EMCR0015-000376>
- B.C. reflects on another year fighting wildfires, building climate resiliency <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024FOR0049-001687>
- BC Wildfire Service crews welcomed home from California: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2025FOR0004-000082>
- BC Wildfire Service has record application numbers ahead of wildfire season: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2025FOR0014-000233>
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