

Factsheet: fire prohibitions and restrictions

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SUMMARY:

Area access restrictions are still in effect in some places: To help protect public safety and allow fire suppression efforts to continue efficiently, area access restrictions are in place in some parts of the province (mainly near active wildfires).

The use of off-road vehicles on Crown land will once again be permitted provincially: The operation of off-road vehicles on Crown land will once again be permitted throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre, Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre, effective at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017 — except in those areas where area access restrictions are still in place.

Campfires are still banned in some areas: Campfire bans remain in effect throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre, Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre. (Campfires are permitted throughout the Coastal Fire Centre, Northwest Fire Centre and Prince George Fire Centre.)

	Can I access the backcountry?	Is the use of an off-road vehicle (ORV) permitted?	Are campfires permitted?*
Coastal Fire Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kamloops Fire Centre	Yes, except in areas near active wildfires. See page 2 for details	Yes	No
Southeast Fire Centre	Yes, except in areas near active wildfires. See page 2 for details	Yes	No
Cariboo Fire Centre	Yes, except in areas near active wildfires. See page 2 for details	Yes	No
Prince George Fire Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northwest Fire Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>For an interactive map of fire centre boundaries, visit: http://ow.ly/tXOq30fhtZF</i>			

* Prohibitions cover all BC Parks, Crown lands and private lands, but do not apply within the boundaries of a local government that has forest fire prevention bylaws and is serviced by a fire department. Always check with local authorities to see if any other burning restrictions are in place before lighting any fire.

Area restrictions

Area restrictions are in effect around wildfire worksites in the Cariboo Fire Centre, Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre

Area restrictions are in effect for Crown land in the vicinity of a number of large wildfires in the Cariboo Fire Centre, Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre to help protect public safety and allow fire suppression efforts to continue efficiently. Specifically, access to Crown land is currently restricted around the following areas:

Kamloops Fire Centre:

- Finlay Creek fire
- Diamond Creek fire
- Elephant Hill fire

Southeast Fire Centre:

- Linklater fire
- White River and Quinn Creek fires
- Flathead fire complex
- White Rock Forest Service Road
- Lamb Creek Forest Service Road
- Palliser Forest Service Road
- Quinn Creek Forest Service Road
- White-Schoefield Forest Service Road
- Harrop Mainline Forest Service Road
- East Harrop Mainline Forest Service Road

Cariboo Fire Centre*:

- Elephant Hill fire
- Hanceville-Riske Creek fire
- Plateau fire complex
- Colwell Lake/Kleena Kleene fires
- Precipice fire
- Canim Lake fires
- Prouton Lake fire
- Swift River fire
- numerous fires in the Quesnel Lake area
- Gustafson fire
- Big Lake/Gavin Lake fire
- Castle Rock/Twan Lake South fire

- White Lake fire
- Wildwood fire
- Spokin Lake fire
- Soda Creek fire
- Green Mountain fire

For more details on any of the above area restrictions, including maps of the area restriction boundaries, please visit: www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans

** Please be advised that the area restriction around the Cariboo Fire Centre fires ranges from a 10 km area around the perimeter of the fire to being in place only for the fire perimeter area.*

Off-road vehicle restrictions

Off-road vehicle use on Crown land will once again be permitted provincially

The operation of off-road vehicles on Crown land will once again be permitted throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre, Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre, effective at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017.

Cooler conditions and precipitation in these regions has reduced the flammability of fine fuels, significantly reducing the chance of fires starting from a spark or hot engine.

Campfire bans

Campfires are banned in most areas of the southern and central Interior

Campfires are banned throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre, Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre, but they are permitted elsewhere in the province.

These campfire bans do not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to a portable campfire apparatus with a CSA or ULC rating that uses briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel — so long as the height of the flame is less than 15 centimetres. The use of a campfire apparatus that does not meet these specifications is prohibited.

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