



Provincial and Local Wildfire Update for WPCIB Community Members

As of Thursday July 13, 2017 – 11:00AM

The Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band administration continues to monitor the serious wildlife situation occurring across the region and locally. It is reported that there up to 183 wildfires burning across BC – 22 of note. Much of the serious wildfire activity is occurring in the Caribou – Chilcotin region, however the Cache Creek and Ashcroft area has been impacted.

To WPCIB's knowledge at this time, there are no active fires burning in close proximity to the Whispering Pines reserve. The closest wildlife activity is occurring to the west and east of Little Fort. There are no evacuation orders in place at this time for our community.

While there is currently no immediate danger posed by wildfires to the Whispering Pines community, the WPCIB is working to mobilize stand-by resources such as water trucks and heavy equipment should they be needed in the event of a nearby wildfire.

Prevailing weather conditions are expected to continue through this weekend with hot temperatures, gusty winds and the potential for dry lightning storms, which could start additional fires.

You will notice smoke in the area from the fires to the east and the burn off that is occurring from Ashcroft area. There is an air quality advisory in effect for the region and people with breathing difficulties should remain indoors. It is important that no one go near active wildlife areas given that conditions can rapidly change creating danger for you and first responders.

There are highway and road closures in effect for Highways 97 and 99 in both directions due the fires and you should consult local news and the **Drive BC website** before planning any travel in the province. Please refrain from starting any fires outdoors at this time to help manage risk related to additional fires starting.

For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, go to: <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>. You can also follow the latest wildfire news on:

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo> AND Facebook <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

To report a wildfire, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone.

THE WHISPERING PINES CLINTON INDIAN BAND IS MONITORING THE SITUATION AND WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DAILY TELECONFERENCES. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PLEASE CONTACT SENIOR EXECUTIVE ADVISOR STEVE KULMATYCKI AT 780-910-7067 or CHIEF TRESIERRA AT 780-531-3725.