

Good Afternoon!

August 26, 2015 - 3 pm

Local wildfire smoke conditions have improved and the Smoky Skies Advisory has been cancelled.

The Pacific Marine Route is open as of 8 am, August 25, 2015. Please remember that the area beyond the actual road is still closed to the public. For your safety and that of the fire crews please limit all activity to just travelling the Pacific Marine Route as necessary.

BC Wildfire Services Update:

Location: 2 kilometre north of Lizard Lake, 27 kilometres SW of Cowichan Lake, 11.5 km NE Port Renfrew

Size: 400.0 hectares (estimated)

Status: Active

- 70% contained

Crews are:

- working progressively up both flanks of the fire and consolidating the work already done
- continuing to assess danger trees and ensure road safety
- continuing contingency work on the top east section
- mopping up above planned ignition along top of horseshoe
- maintaining sprinkler system
- continuing direct attack on east head until unmanageable terrain is reached
- working up existing hose lay from Harris Creek up the North line along Holden Creek between helipad 6 and 7
- maintaining operations in support of incident while safely integrating with traffic flow
- starting rehab where guards are not required

Interface: This is not an interface fire.

More information:

Pacific Marine Drive is open between Lake Cowichan and Port Renfrew. However, the public access restriction for areas surrounding the road remains in place. There are "No Stopping" signs posted from the 7 kilometre mark; for three kilometres. The regular posted speed is 60 kilometres per hour. Fire Crews continue to work in the area; for the safety of the public and the crews we ask that you adhere to the posted speed limit and follow instructions posted.

The Gordon River Mainline provides 4-wheel drive as an alternate access to Honeymoon Bay.

Cause: Human Human Caused
This fire is human-caused and under investigation.

Resources:

- 68 firefighters
- 5 helicopters
- 7 heavy equipment

The management of this fire has been turned over to the local zone.

Area Restriction Map Update: The area closure map has been updated and remains in place.

The Pacific Marine Road reopened 8:00 am August 25, 2015. Please obey this area restriction to protect your life and the life and safety of the firefighters working on this fire.

Under the authority of the Wildfire Act Section 11(1) and for the purposes of Fire Suppression and public safety, an area restriction was put in place Effective August 13, 2015. No one can remain in or enter the restricted area without prior written authorization of an official designated for the purposes of the Wildfire Act. This order applies to both Crown and private lands within the geographic boundaries described and outlined in red on the map.

Take Care!

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