

Finlay Creek Fire

Information Bulletin September 6th, 2017

Fire Size: 1,300 hectares (estimated) **Status:** Active, Out of Control, 15 % containment

Resources: There are 47 firefighters, 10 helicopters, 23 pieces of heavy equipment, air tankers, structural protection personnel and an Incident Management Team on this fire. Firefighting personnel and 12 pieces of heavy equipment continue to work on building guard overnight.

Update: There has been some growth of the fire south of Mount Acland, however heavy equipment has had good success building guards day and night around the fire's perimeter. Firefighters are creating hand guards in areas that heavy equipment cannot access. Some hand ignitions are taking place to bolster guards with support of bucketing helicopters. Structural protection units are on site in Garnet Valley and Meadow Valley assessing properties.

The last two days have seen calmer winds resulting in less severe fire behaviour and allowing crews to get the upper hand along the south east flank of the fire.

The hot, dry weather continues resulting in extremely dry fuels in this area of the Okanagan.



BC Wildfire firefighters talk to media about the tough conditions on the Finlay Creek fire

It has been over 12 weeks since significant rain fell in the Finlay Creek area.

These conditions with forecasted stronger winds will create challenges over the coming days for fire fighters. The Finlay Creek fire remains vulnerable and could again become volatile if these winds materialize.

The forecast for Garnet Valley predicts temperatures reaching mid-thirties and sunny, dry conditions until Friday.

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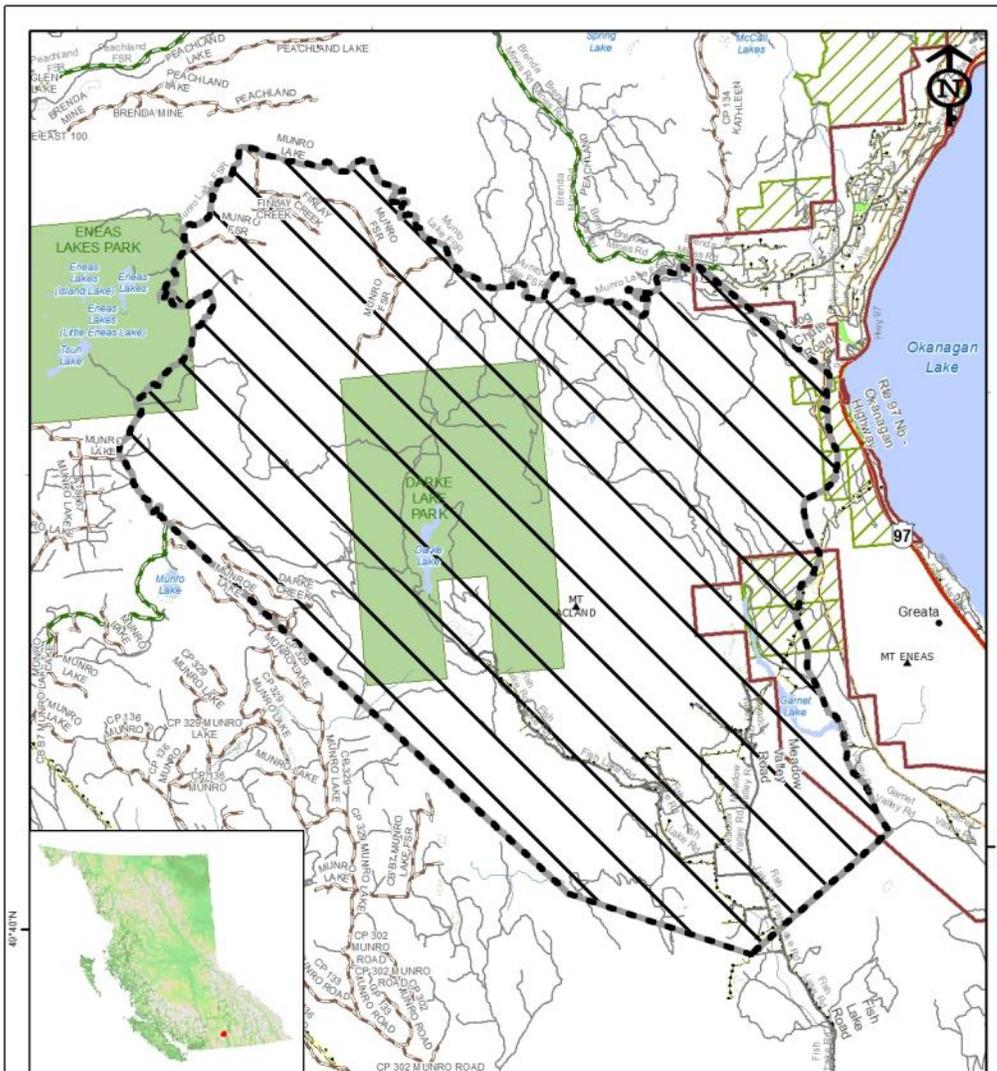
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Central Okanagan Regional District
 (250) 469-8490 or www.CORDemergency.ca

Regional District of the Okanagan-Similkameen
 (250) 490-4225 or www.RDOS.bc.ca

An Area Restriction is now in effect for the Finlay Creek wildfire.
 For more info please go to : <http://ow.ly/Zrrd30eYcJf>



<p>Finlay Creek Area Restriction Map</p>	 <p>Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations BC Wildfire Service</p> <p>Effective Date: 09:00 PDT on September 6, 2017 until 12:00 noon PDT on October 31, 2017 or until the Order is rescinded.</p> <p><small>Disclaimer: Best efforts have been made to provide the most accurate fire information at the time of creation of this map. However, fires are dynamic, and the information shown on the map may no longer reflect the most current fire situation. Accordingly, this map only should be used for reference purposes.</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Area Restriction  Fire Department Boundary  Indian Reserve  BC Park, Protected Area, Eco Reserve 	 <p>0 1 2 3 Kilometers</p> <p>1:80,000</p>
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**Finlay Creek
K52024
Public Information Map**

Perimeter Date: Sept 5, 2017



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Legend

-  Highway
-  Forest Service Road
-  Road Permit
-  Special Use Permit
-  Trail



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Kilometers

1:50,000

49° 40'N