
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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BC Wildfire Service

Area restrictions in effect for Elephant Hill wildfire

KAMLOOPS – Effective at noon on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, an area restriction for Crown land around the Elephant Hill wildfire (formerly referred to as the Ashcroft Reserve fire) came into effect.

This area restriction will remain in place until the public is otherwise notified.

This restriction has been put in place to protect the safety of the public, as well as firefighting personnel as they continue fire suppression activities.

The area restriction order means that no one, apart from authorized personnel, may enter these areas of Crown land at any time. Individuals who own or lease property within the boundaries of the area restriction may still access their property via the shortest route, once the evacuation order in this area is rescinded. The restriction does not include private land or the garbage dump and transfer station.

The area restriction order applies to all Crown land within the geographic boundaries outlined below:

West boundary

From the junction of the Clinton Upper Loon Lake Forest Service Road and East Twin Creek in the north, south west to the junction of Heritage Ridge road and Highway 97C. From the junction of Highway 97C and the Hart Ridge road in the north, south to the junction of Highway 99 and Highway 97C, then straight South to intersect and follow Cornwall Creek to where it intersects with Highway 97C, but not including IR Grasslands 7 around McLean Lake.

South boundary

From where Cornwall Creek intersects with Highway 97C north to the junction of Highway 97C and Highway 1, and then east along Highway 1 up to the Battle Creek Forest Service Road.

East boundary

From the junction of Highway 97C and the Battle Creek Forest Service Road north along the Battle Creek Forest Service Road up to Clemes Lake, and then straight north to the junction of the Clinton Upper Loon Lake Forest Service Road and the road permit BON 1513 in the north.

North boundary

From the junction of the Clinton Upper Loon Lake Forest Service Road and the road permit BON

1513 in the east to the junction of Clinton Upper Loon Lake Forest Service Road and East Twin Creek in the west.

A map of the affected areas is available online at: <http://ow.ly/FBsD30dJvEP>

Evacuation orders and evacuation alerts issued by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District remain in place. For more information about these alerts and orders, please visit: <https://www.tnrd.ca/>

Smoky conditions may persist in the coming weeks. For information on air quality and smoke forecasts for Western Canada, visit the BC Air Quality website: www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html

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

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>
- Facebook: <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

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