



Notice: Nak'azdli Whut'en - District of Fort St James

Joint Emergency Operations Centre

Please see Evacuation Alert for an area for the Pitka Creek wildfire (G41243) for all lands, properties and dwellings to the south of Stuart Lake and west of Stuart River, including those accessed by Sowchea Road or Highway 27, or any local roads as shown on the attached map.

The BC Wildfire Service is responding to the Pitka Creek (G41423) wildfire located approximately 8 kilometres west of Highway 27 and 16 kilometres southwest of the townsite of Fort St. James. This lightning-caused fire was detected the evening of July 19, is estimated at 200 hectares in size, classified as out of control and is currently burning at Rank 3. Ground personnel are responding and are supported by heavy equipment and aerial resources.

Smoke is visible from the highway and surrounding communities; however, travel along Highway 27 is not impacted at this time. Casual use of Forest Service roads within the evacuation zone is not recommended.

More details will be made available online:

<https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/incidents?fireYear=2024&incidentNumber=G41243>

More information on [Wildfire Rank](#) is available online. Please monitor the [BC Wildfire Service public map](#) for updates and visit [DriveBC.ca](#) for the most up-to-date travel information.

For District Updates, visit our [Emergency Information](#) page at:

**[https://fortstjames.ca/services/
protective-services/emergency-information/](https://fortstjames.ca/services/protective-services/emergency-information/)**

Thank you,

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Situation Update July 23, 2024

The Pitka Creek Fire (G41243) displayed stable fire behaviour overnight.

The Evacuation Alert is still in place until further notice.

Rain cells moved through the fire area at 1800h and 2300h, which offset localized lightning strikes. Substantial rain fell on the fire area, aiding firefighting efforts.

Morning Incident Command update reports indicate that control lines that were established have held. Extensive reconnaissance on the outer border of northern control lines indicates that they have held following the wind gusting. Northern control borders are stable at this point.

The Pitka Creek wildfire continues to have 2 unit crews, 2 strike forces of heavy equipment, the Modified Skidder Fire Truck onsite. Heli assistance continues to be available as needed.

Alerts for [Nak'azdli Whut'en IR6, IR3 and IR3A](#) and [RDBN](#) are in place. There is currently no evacuation alert for the District of Fort St. James.

Evacuation Alerts are in place for the area contained in the map below - the evacuation alert has been expanded as a precaution to the eastern side of Hwy 27.

Highway 27 remains open at this time.

Night crews have been able to continue suppression efforts throughout the night - as a result, the fire stayed within the containment lines. Crews are continuing work today with heavy machines and aerial support.

District firefighters have been mobilized in the area. They will be assisting other agencies if and as needed. Increased local firefighter activity is NOT because of an increased threat level but indicates the District's increased preparedness level and commitment to protecting our region.

For any questions, please call the Nak'azdli Whut'en District of Fort St James
Joint EOC Info Line: **778-978-6931**

If you are or care for a vulnerable person, and would like information on advance planning, please call the number above.

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Pitka Creek (G41243) EVACUATION ALERT ISSUED July 21, 2024 at 1400 hours

