
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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July 28, 2021

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development
BC Wildfire Service

Campfire prohibition to be lifted in Prince George and Northwest Fire Centres

PRINCE GEORGE—Campfires will be allowed throughout the Prince George and Northwest Fire Centres beginning at 12:00 noon (PDT) on Wednesday July 28, 2021.

Although fire danger ratings have declined in the region due to recent rainfall and cooler temperatures, the public is strongly encouraged to continue exercising extreme caution with any campfire use. It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that burning is done in a safe and responsible manner and in accordance with regulations. Before lighting any fire, check with local government authorities to see if any local burning restrictions are in place.

While campfires will be allowed, Category 2 and Category 3 open fires remain prohibited, which includes the use of fireworks, sky lanterns, burn barrels and burn cages. These restrictions will remain in place until October 15, 2021, or until the order is rescinded.

For a map of Fire Centre boundaries, please visit: <http://ow.ly/OMn950FFxhm>.

A poster explaining the different categories of open burning and applicable regulations is available online: www.gov.bc.ca/openfireregs.

Reminders about campfires:

- A campfire is defined as any fire **smaller** than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide;
- Never light a campfire or keep it burning in windy conditions. Weather can change quickly and the wind may carry embers to other combustible material;
- Maintain a fireguard around your campfire. This is a fuel-free area where all flammable materials (grass, leaves, kindling, etc.) have been removed right down to the soil;
- Never leave a fire unattended;
- Make sure that any fire is completely extinguished, and the ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time.

Other activities which were previously banned, but will now be permitted include:

- The use of tiki and similar kinds of torches;
- The use of chimineas;
- The use of outdoor stoves or other portable campfire apparatus without a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) rating.

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To report a wildfire or an open burning violation, call *5555 on a cell phone or 1-800-663-5555 toll-free. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>.

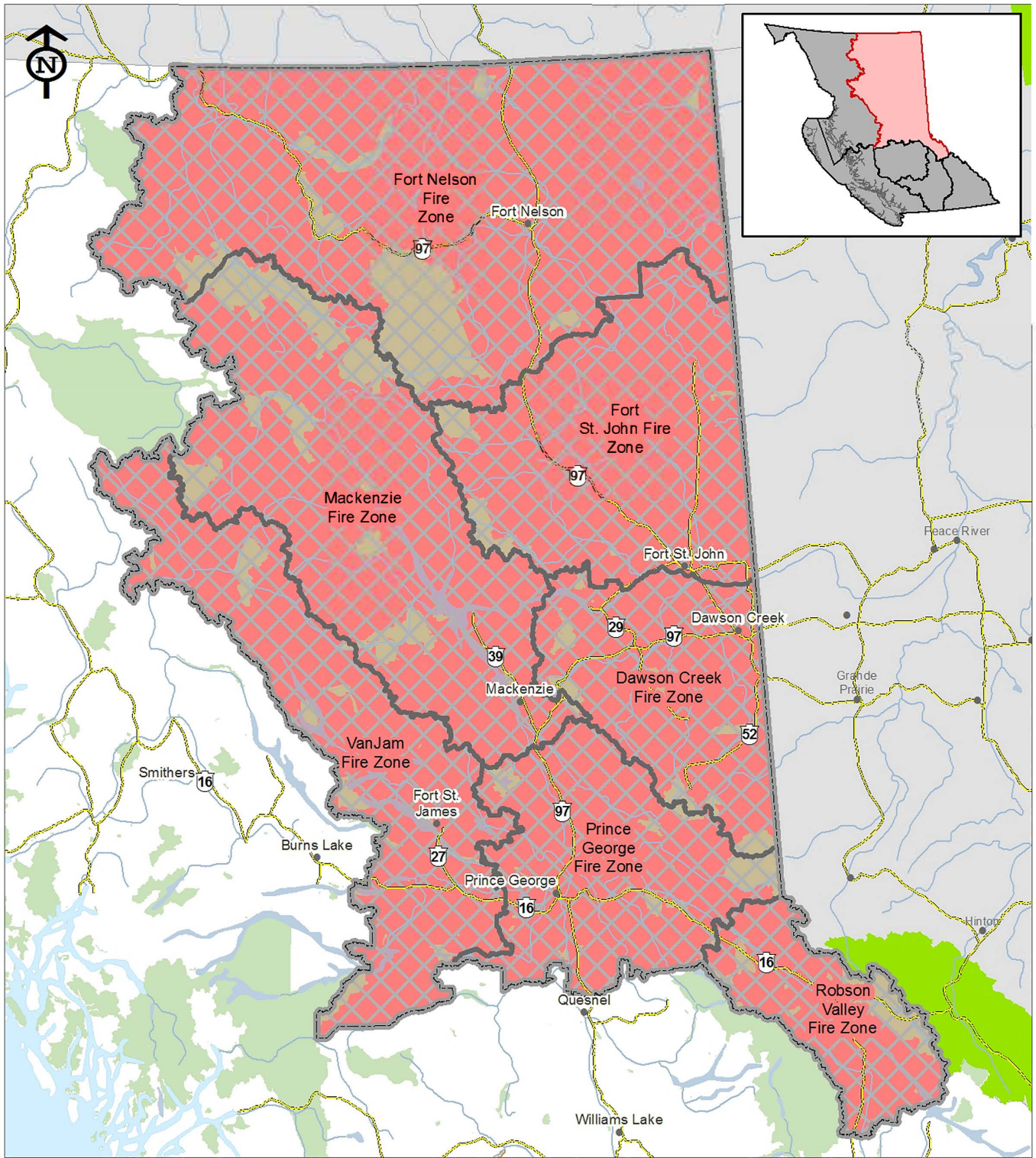
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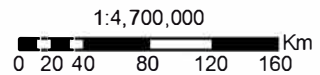


Prince George Fire Centre Prohibition Areas

-  Prohibition Area*
-  Prohibition Area in BC Park / Protected Area*
-  Prince George Fire Centre
-  Forest District Boundary
-  BC Park / Protected Area
-  National Park

Effective Date: This Order takes effect at 12:00 noon Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on July 28, 2021 and remains in force until the earlier of 12:00 noon PDT on October 15, 2021 or until the Order is rescinded.

- *Prohibition Area prohibits the following;**
- Category 2 open fire as defined in the *Wildfire Regulation*;
 - Category 3 open fire as defined in the *Wildfire Regulation*;
 - Fireworks
 - Sky Lanterns
 - Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description
 - Binary exploding targets
 - Air curtain burners



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