



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Elephant Hill Wildfire

Information Bulletin August 1, 2017

Fire Size: 84,442 hectares (estimated)

Status: 30 per cent contained

Resources: 359 firefighters, 20 helicopters, 62 pieces of heavy equipment, 86 support persons including an Incident Management Team, 105 structural protection personnel are all supporting efforts on this fire.

Progress to date:

Fire fighters, heavy equipment and helicopters continue their efforts focusing on homes and infrastructure. Unpredictable winds and extremely dry conditions are creating some volatile fire behavior and challenging firefighting efforts. The winds on July 29th caused the fire to jump the Bonaparte River to the north and also ignited several spot fires in areas previously burned over including the Loon Lake area. Within the fire perimeter there are still pockets of dry fuels that have not burned and these ignite when winds change direction sending embers into the unburned fuels within and outside of the fire perimeter. We are seeing this behavior in several areas of the fire. The most effective way to eliminate this effect is to burn off these fuels in a controlled manner when weather conditions permit. Controlled burning south of Chasm Reserve is planned when weather permits and this will create additional smoke. Every effort is being made to protect homes and infrastructure both within and outside the current fire perimeter. Over 500 personnel including night shifts are working hard to achieve our common goal of being safe, ensuring public safety and protecting homes and infrastructure. Support of the communities affected is greatly appreciated.

Please note that this is an active fire and the situation can change quickly. Information on the BC Wildfire Service Wildfire of Notes website is updated as often as possible. Information regarding evacuation orders and alerts is available at: tnrd.ca and cariboord.bc.ca

Bucketing on the Elephant Hill Fire



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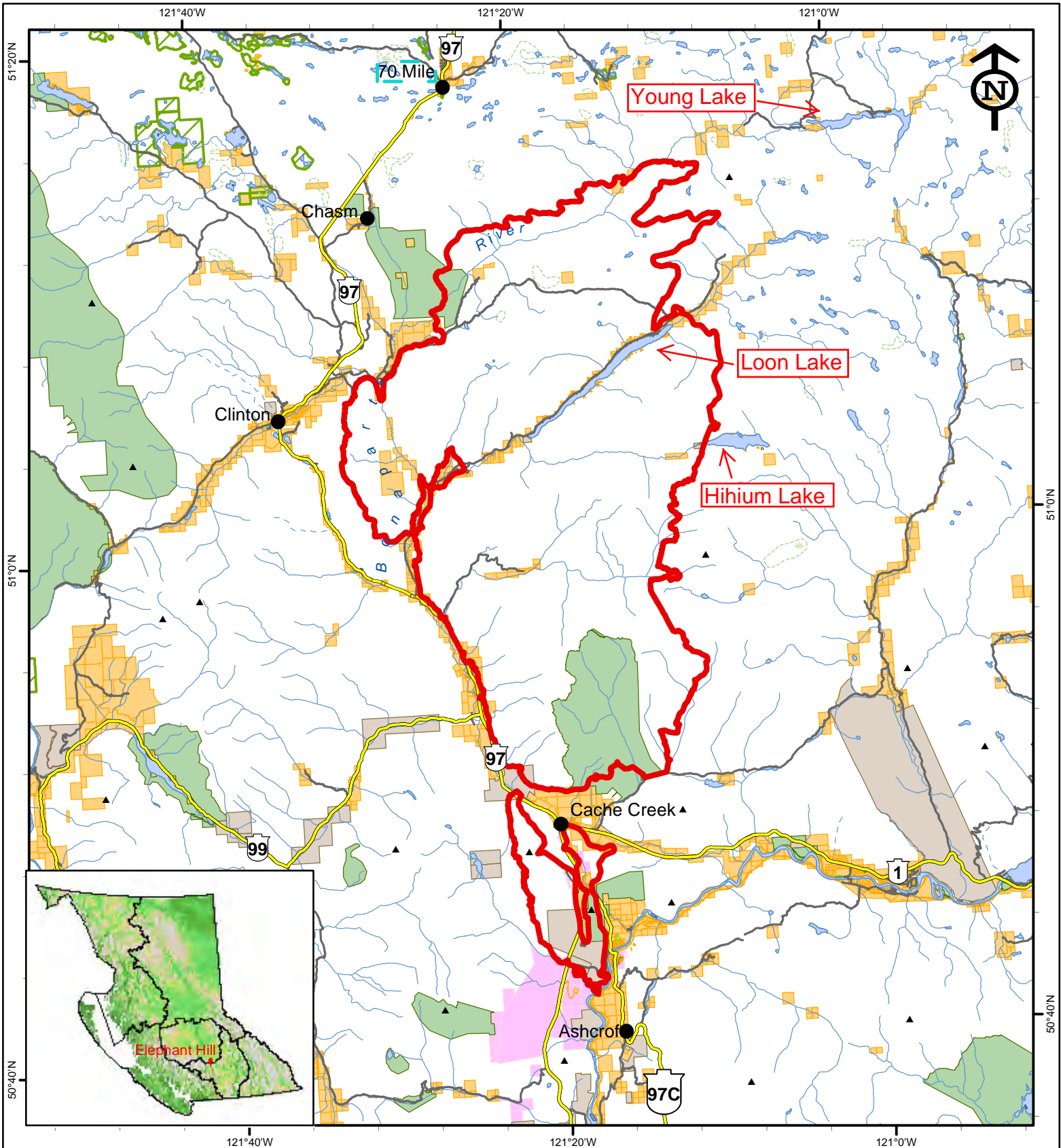
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**Elephant Hill
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Public Information Map**

Perimeter Date: July 31, 2017
Fire Size 84,442 Ha

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- Fire Perimeter
- Indian Reserve
- BC Park, Protected Area, Eco Reserve
- Conservation Admin Land
- Regional Local Park
- Private Land
- Crown Federal
- Crown Municipal

