



Wildfire Damage in the TNRD

For Immediate Release (September 12, 2017 – 12:00 p.m.): The TNRD, inclusive of the Village of Cache Creek, has now completed a summary of known structure loss and damage suffered over the last couple of months due to the Elephant Hill, Little Fort Complex and Martin Mountain wildfires. Overall, there was a total of 234 structures lost or damaged. Of this number, 215 structures were completely destroyed and 19 suffered minor damage.

A number of areas throughout our regional district were impacted by the wildfires this summer. The areas hardest hit by the Elephant Hill wildfire this year included Boston Flats with the loss of 45 residences, the Loon Lake community with the loss of 40 residences, and the Pressy Lake area with the loss of 33 residences. A table has been provided to show a complete breakdown by location and wildfire. In the table, “Residence” refers to a structure such as a permanent home or recreational cabin; “Other” refers to outbuildings such as garages, sheds, farm buildings, etc; and, “Institutional” refers to buildings such as the Loon Lake Fire Hall. This property damage and loss is not inclusive of all of the damage that was suffered throughout the region to important infrastructure, such as hydro and telecommunications.

If during a wildfire event there is structure loss or damage reported to the TNRD, we will initiate contact with the property owner. In rural areas within the TNRD, not all owners have registered their civic address with the TNRD nor have they posted their addresses at their properties, so it can on occasion take some investigation to identify the specific property address. The TNRD announced a Civic Addressing program earlier this year (details at: <http://tnrd.ca/content/building-inspection-services>). This summer, the wildfires have really highlighted how important this program is.

When the TNRD initiates a call to deliver the unfortunate news of loss or damage due to a wildfire, we understand that this is a very difficult time for owners. To support them through this difficult time, we provide as much information as possible, including sending all pictures we are able to obtain. For areas of significant property damage such as Boston Flats, Loon Lake and Pressy Lake, the TNRD was also able to arrange for drone footage to be taken to provide owners with an aerial view of the damage caused by the fire.

While our thoughts go out to all those that lost their property, we continue to remain thankful that through these unprecedented wildfires, evacuated residents and those that worked out there to fight fires and protect properties all summer, remained safe.

| ELEPHANT HILL WILDFIRE | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|--|--------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| Location | Destroyed | | | | Subtotal Destroyed | Minor Damage | | | Subtotal Minor |
| | Residence | Other | Institutional | | | Residence | Other | Institutional | |
| Boston Flats Mobile Home Park | 45 | 0 | 0 | | 45 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Boule-Young Lake Road | 0 | 3 | 0 | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clinton-Upper Loon Lake FSR | 0 | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eagan-Bonaparte Lake FSR | 1 | 3 | 0 | | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| French Road | 3 | 2 | 0 | | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hihium Lake | 3 | 0 | 0 | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Little Green Lake Road | 1 | 2 | 0 | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Loon Lake | 40 | 32 | 1 | | 73 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| Pressy Lake | 33 | 24 | 0 | | 57 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Scottie Creek Road | 1 | 2 | 0 | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| South of Cache Creek | 1 | 1 | 0 | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Village of Cache Creek | 2 | 1 | 3 | | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Young Lake | 0 | 5 | 0 | | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 130 | 76 | 4 | | 210 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 18 |

| LITTLE FORT COMPLEX | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|---------------|--|-----------------|--------------|-------|---------------|-------------|
| Location | Destroyed | | | | Total Destroyed | Minor Damage | | | Total Minor |
| | Residence | Other | Institutional | | | Residence | Other | Institutional | |
| Dunn Lake Road | 1 | 3 | 0 | | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| MARTIN MOUNTAIN | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-------|---------------|--|-----------------|--------------|-------|---------------|-------------|
| Location | Destroyed | | | | Total Destroyed | Minor Damage | | | Total Minor |
| | Residence | Other | Institutional | | | Residence | Other | Institutional | |
| Kristianson Road | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

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The TNRD covers 11 municipalities (Ashcroft, Barriere, Cache Creek, Chase, Clearwater, Clinton, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Lytton, Merritt and Sun Peaks) and 10 Electoral Areas - “A” (Wells Gray Country), “B” (Thompson Headwaters), “E” (Bonaparte Plateau), “I” (Blue Sky Country), “J” (Copper Desert Country), “L”, “M”, “N”, “O” (Lower North Thompson) and “P” (Rivers and the Peaks). The TNRD provides over 120 services including planning and building inspection, solid waste management, emergency preparedness and 9-1-1 services, recreation, utilities, television river buoys, transit, tourism, library services and operates a film commission.