



INFORMATION BULLETIN



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Coastal Fire Centre

WEATHER PRODUCES SMOKEY SKIES ON THE COAST

PARKSVILLE – Weather conditions are forcing smoke from wildfires in the interior of British Columbia to the coast, producing smokey skies throughout the Coastal Fire Centre. Outflow winds and an easterly flow aloft is moving the smoke down the Fraser Canyon, Pemberton Valley, and coastal inlets and rivers. Inversion conditions are holding the smoke down to ground level. Heavy smoke has been reported on the lower mainland from the border to Bella Coola, and in all areas of Vancouver Island.

These conditions will continue today, and while the smoke may dissipate overnight, it is expected the smoke will reform tomorrow. These conditions may persist for several days. People who are concerned with their health due to air quality should contact their local health authority.

The Coastal Fire Centre continues in high or extreme fire danger rating, and the public is cautioned to exercise care with any activity that may produce a spark. All open fire is prohibited within the Coastal Fire Centre jurisdiction.

To report a wildfire or unattended campfire please call *5555 on your cell or toll-free 1-800-663-5555.

For the latest information on fire activity, conditions and prohibitions, visit the Wildfire Management Branch website at www.bcwildfire.ca. For Facebook and Twitter updates, as well as details about evacuation orders and alerts, road conditions and air quality advisories, go to www.firesafebc.ca.

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