

**Update #4: May 21, 2023** 

## **EVACUATION ALERT - FONTAS**

Fort Nelson First Nation's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is closely monitoring wildfire events in the region. We are involved in daily meetings with the Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Center (PREOC), and our Emergency Plan is ready to implement as needed.

## WILDFIRE OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN

Status update on the Klua Lakes wildfire (G90273): it is now estimated at 22,657 hectares in size and is classified as <u>Out of Control</u>. Aerial resources and high-level scans are being used to monitor this fire as the forecasted fire behaviour expected today will be beyond resources. With the predicted weather for today there is potential for growth to occur on the southeastern part of this fire.

Smoke is expected to increase in the Fontas area throughout the day, and for up to 48 hours.

This fire poses a threat to individuals living at Fontas, and our EOC advises residents to plan for evacuation. We are asking people to avoid visiting this area as it may pose risk to health and life.

This and other wildfires are currently burning to the east and west of the community of Prophet River First Nation (PRFN).

## Wildfire Resources:

FNFN Website: <a href="http://www.fortnelsonfirstnation.org/wildfire-update">http://www.fortnelsonfirstnation.org/wildfire-update</a>

FNFN EOC: 250-500-2656

NRRM Order: northernrockies.ca/en/news/evacalertorderklualakes.aspx?

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BC Wildfires Map: https: wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/map

FireSmoke Canada <u>firesmoke.ca/</u>
Wildfire Smoke 101 <u>rb.gy/irn1p</u>

Register for Voyent Alerts: https://voyent-alert.com/

Download BC Wildfires App: https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/bc-wildfire-service/id1477675008

