



FOREST INDUSTRY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Wildfire Management Branch
Coastal Fire Centre

COASTAL FORESTS CONTINUE IN HIGH AND EXTREME

PARKSVILLE – Exceptionally warm and dry September weather conditions are forecast to continue for the next two weeks, and fire danger conditions are anticipated to expand throughout the southern portion of the coastal region of British Columbia. These conditions will increase the threat of ignition from industrial operations.

Current and anticipated outflow winds are minimizing benefits to overnight recoveries.

Most of Vancouver Island south of Kelsey Bay has been in high to extreme fire danger ratings for over two weeks, except where mitigated by heavy sea fog on the outer coast. The mainland continues to dry, with most areas in high fire danger with an expanding are of extreme near Manning Park.

It is important to consider the effect of the recent dry weather, relative to fire prevention, preparedness and response. Be aware of daytime temperatures and lowering humidity's as this drying trend continues.

It would be prudent to ensure that your work sites, particularly high risk activities, are monitored by a representative weather station to ensure compliance with the *Wildfire Act* and *Regulation*, details of which can be found on our web site at: bcwildfire.ca/LegReg/

The BC Forest Service appreciates the coastal logging community's continued cooperation and efforts at fire prevention and reporting.

To report a wildfire, please call directly to the Coastal Fire Centre Dispatch Centre Emergency Line at 250-951-4200, or alternately to 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on cellular networks.

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