



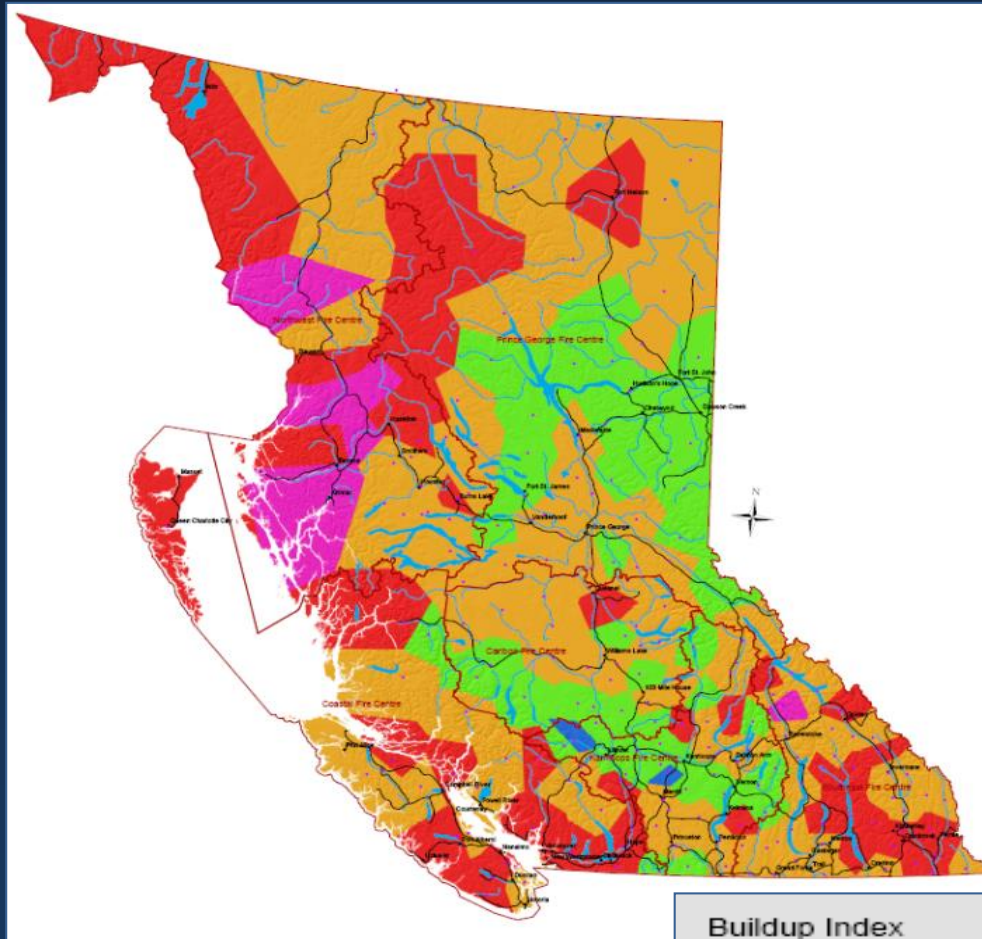
Partnerships and Strategic Engagement

BC Wildfire Service | CFA – WL March 2019

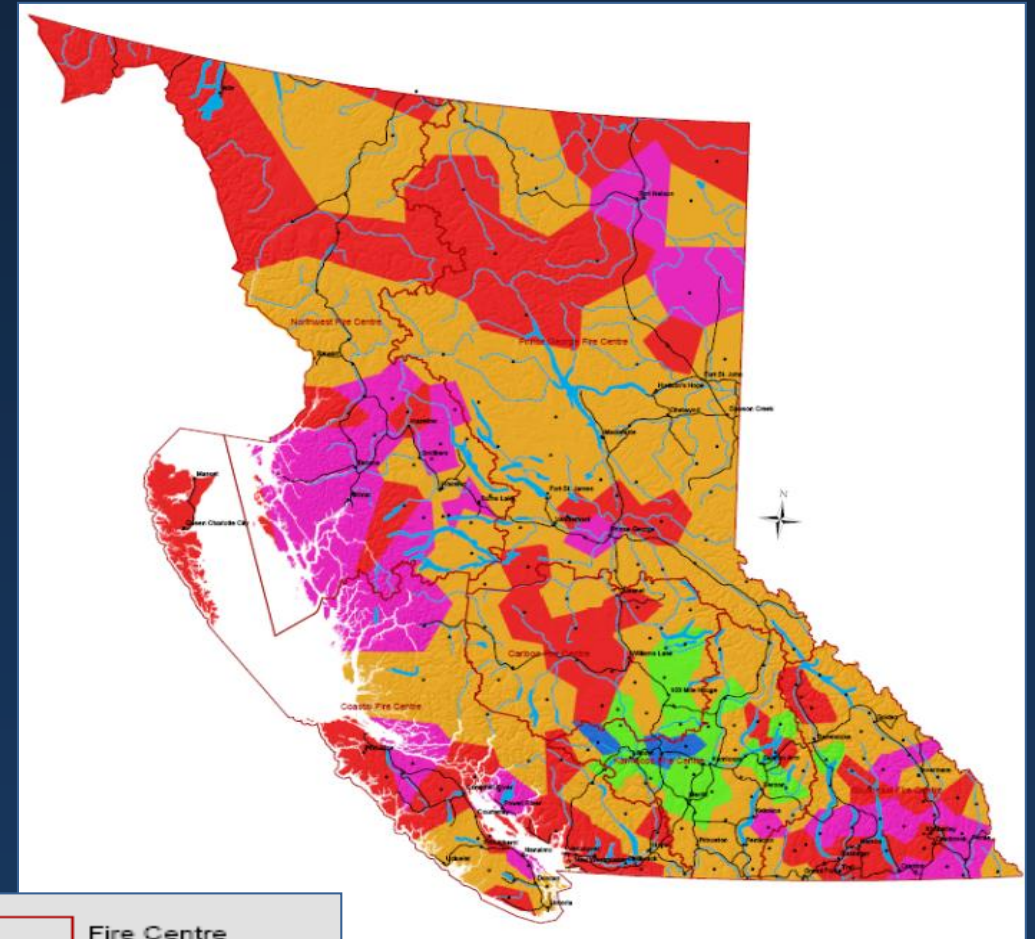


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Provincial Buildup Index (August 2018)



Aug 8, 2018



Aug 22, 2018

Buildup Index

- Below Normal
- Normal
- Above Normal
- New High
- New All-Time High

- Fire Centre
- Weather Stations

Partnerships & Strategic Engagement



- engagement with First Nations
- Stakeholder & Industry Engagement
- Improved Social Media Strategy
- Additional Communications Staff at Fire Centres and Provincial Wildfire Coordination Centre
- Enhanced working integration with EMBC
- Enhanced Interactive Wildfire Map

Protocol Agreement with Woodlot Association and Community Forest Agreements



- Purpose:
 - Basis from which BCWS , CFA Holders and WL Licensees build working relationships
 - 4 phases of Emergency Management
 - Risk mitigation
 - Communication

Purpose:

The purpose of the protocol agreement is to provide the basis from which BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), Woodlot Licensees (WL) & Community Forest Agreement (CFA) holders can build and/or improve their working relationships around emergency management and fire risk mitigation including preparedness, prevention, response and recovery.

Building Relations between Fire Centers & Zones, WLs & CFAs:

WL & CFA holders are important in forest management particularly given their proximity to communities and the opportunities to support fire risk mitigation. BCWS, WL & CFA's will continuously work together to:

- Establish key and trustworthy contacts between the groups at both the provincial and local levels.
- Continuously identify and implement ways to improve communications and build better, more productive relationships between Fire Centers, Zones, WLs & CFAs.
- Improve how WLs & CFAs are incorporated into pre-org plans.

The goal for communication between BCWS, WL, & CFA's is to establish and maintain consistent communication and relationships provincially through all fire centres. This will happen at all levels of the organizations.

- Provincial level Contacts – Director, Strategic Engagement BCWS, Lead, BC Woodlot Association, Lead, BC Community Forest Association.
- Fire Centre Level Contacts – BCWS has six Fire Centres located in Smithers, Prince George, Williams Lake, Kamloops, Castlegar and Parksville. The Fire Centres will engage with local WL Associations/licensees and CFA holders.
- Zone Level Contacts – BCWS has 33 zones within the Fire Centres. Zone leads will engage with local WL licensees and CFA holders.

BCWS and WL & CFA's will work together as outlined above through the four phases of emergency management to prepare for, mitigate, respond to and recover from wildfire emergencies.

Prevention - prevention includes activities on WL & CFA's conducted by licence holders to prevent or

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- Prevention
 - Planning, prescriptions, treatments
 - Funding applications
 - Hazard abatement
 - Resilient stands
- Preparedness
 - Pre season meetings
 - Equipment caches and registry
 - Community fire crews



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- Response
 - Early communication
 - Understanding your role
 - Engagement in fire operations and plans
 - Linkage with industry liaison, local knowledge
- Recovery
 - Land based rehabilitation
 - Shared between BCWS and Resource Districts
 - Guards and trails



Questions?

Thank you for attending.

