
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
BC Wildfire Service

Garrison Lake wildfire Area Restriction Order

KAMLOOPS - The BC Wildfire Service continues to respond to the Garrison Lake wildfire (K62088) which originated approximately 33 kilometres southwest of Princeton in the Merritt Fire Zone. The fire is currently estimated to be 12,000 hectares in size and is classified Out of Control. An Area Restriction Order is now in effect for the Garrison Lake area.

The area, near Manning Park, is popular for outdoor recreation. In the interest of public and responder safety, this restriction is effective immediately and will remain in place until October 15, 2021, or until it is rescinded.

Under this order and Section 11(2) of the Wildfire Act, a person must not remain in or enter the restricted area without the prior written authorization of an official designated for the purposes of the Wildfire Act, unless the person enters the area only in the course of:

- (a) Travelling as a person acting in an official capacity;
- (b) Travelling for the purpose of supporting wildfire suppression activities;
- (c) Travelling to or from his or her principle residence, that is not under an evacuation order;
- (d) Travelling to or from private or leased property for the purposes of accessing a secondary residence or recreational property, that is not under an evacuation order;
- (e) Using a highway as defined in the *Highway Act* (e.g. Hwy 5); and,
- (f) Engaging and/or participating in agricultural activities pertaining to livestock or agriculture management on Crown Range, Crown Grazing Lease, private or leased property.

A detailed map of the affected area is available: <http://ow.ly/OaFb50FMQFH>

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