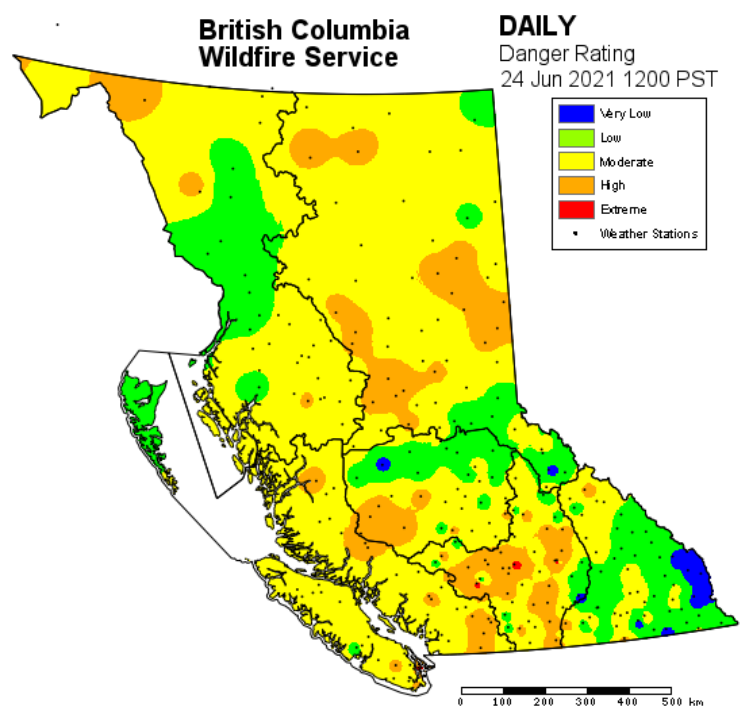
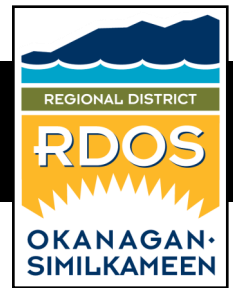


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## 2021 Seasonal Outlook

The **SEASONAL OUTLOOK** (Updated June 24 2021) is a long-range planning tool used by fire resource managers to present predictions of fire weather severity.

- The month of May was significantly drier than normal for the southern half of British Columbia. Many southern regions received less than 40% of their normal precipitation. Penticton received only 33mm of precipitation between March and May, 33% of their normal precipitation for that time period (88mm).
- Despite the dry conditions in the southern part of province, the amount and average size of wildfires have been relatively low when compared to historical data. This reduced fire size is likely due to seasonal 'green up' of grass and other fuels.

**WILDFIRE DANGER** refers to the potential for wildfires to start and grow. Low hazard means they may start but not grow, and extreme means fires will start easily, burn deep, and grow quickly.

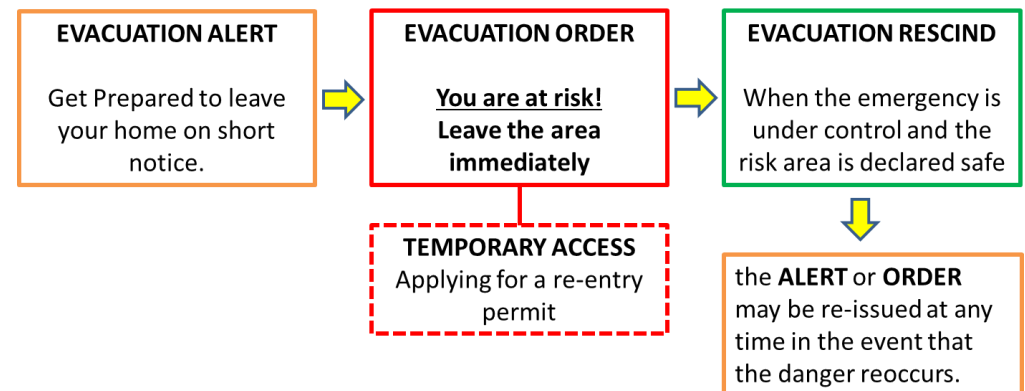
The fire danger rating is updated daily. Fire danger maps (like the example on the left) can be found at [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation/fire-danger](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation/fire-danger).

## Evacuation Stage Explained

There are three evacuation stages that agricultural producers need to know about.

Evacuation alerts are the stage at which ag producers want to be making plans and moving livestock if possible

Temporary Access Permits are only issued when it is safe to do so.





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**TEMPORARY ACCESS PERMITS** may be requested via the RDOS Emergency Operations Centre. Applications will be assessed by RDOS, BC Wildfire Service and agricultural experts. This assessment takes account of many situational variables and considerations to ensure safety of responders and the public.

- Having a farm/ranch wildfire plan will be one those assessment considerations.

Typical temporary access considerations for agricultural premises include:



Critical crop management



Irrigation management



Harvest



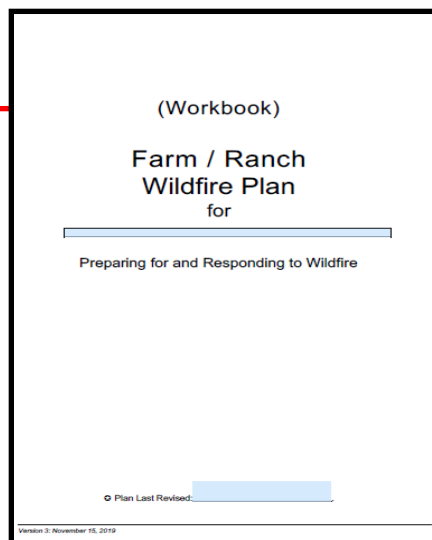
Livestock care, health and relocation



Relocation of product or assets

## Have you completed your Farm/Ranch Wildfire Preparedness Plan?

- Before an event: Download the workbook and guide at [www.bcagclimateaction.ca/wildfire](http://www.bcagclimateaction.ca/wildfire) and share the completed document with the RDOS Emergency Team
- During an event: Keep a copy on-hand for BC Wildfire Service
- After an event: Review the plan information



## OFFICIAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

### REGIONAL DISTRICT OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

- **RDOS** emergency website [emergency.rdos.bc.ca](http://emergency.rdos.bc.ca)  
Find interactive maps and information on emergency preparedness and recovery.
- **Evacuation notifications:** [emergency.rdos.bc.ca](http://emergency.rdos.bc.ca)  
Sign up for CivicReady Notifications
- **RDOS EOC Twitter:** [@EmergMgtRDOS](https://twitter.com/EmergMgtRDOS)
- the latest RDOS emergency information.
- **RDOS** emergency number: **1-250-490-4225**

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BC (EMBC)

- To report an after-hours emergency, contact EMBC's Emergency Coordination Centre **1-800-663-3456**
- [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recover](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recover)

### BC WILDFIRE SERVICE

- **BCWS** dashboard at [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status) has information on fire danger ratings, wildfires of note, an interactive wildfire map and much more

### OFFICIAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- To report a wildfire or irresponsible fire behaviour call: **1-800-663-5555** or **\*5555** (cell)
- Report all Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) **1-877-952-7277** or **#7277** (cell)

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