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Managing Wildfire Risk During Wetland Construction in BC

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1. Go to **B.C. Wildlife Dashboard** to see which region your project is in & current wildfires:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/f0ac328d88c74d07aa2ee385abe2a41b>

2. Got to **BC Wildfire Service Weather Station Map** to find the closest BC Wildfire Service weather stations to your wetland restoration project site.

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c36baf74b74a46978cf517579a9ee332>

3. Check the current & predicted **Danger Class Ratings** for your project site area:

[Cariboo Fire Centre](#)

[Northwest Fire Centre](#)

[Coastal Fire Centre](#)

[Prince George Fire Centre](#)

[Kamloops Fire Centre](#)

[Southeast Fire Centre](#)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation/fire-danger>

4. Go to **Table of high-risk activities & associated restrictions** to see when restrictions apply based on numbers of days at each Fire Danger Class Rating.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/for-industry-commercial-operators/high-risk-activities>

5. For additional reference: **Wildfire Act Wildfire Regulation** – see Schedule 3 for restrictions on high-risk activities. Review the sections on private land & prescribed municipalities to see if they apply to the project.

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/11_38_2005#Schedule3

Fire risk of **3, 4 or 5 = restrictions** on heavy equipment work. A **fire risk of 5 for 3 consecutive days, means all high-risk activities must cease all day**, unless you have an exemption. Therefore, if there is any chance of this happening during the construction period, it is better to have an exemption in hand before you start work on site, to avoid interruptions.

6. Review the attached **example exemptions and exemption application** to help you prepare an exemption application when needed.

7. Contact the **Fire Center Manager** for the region to submit your application for an exemption and confirm you are providing all the information they need:

[Cariboo Fire Centre](#) (Williams Lake)

[Northwest Fire Centre](#) (Smithers)

[Coastal Fire Centre](#) (Parksville)

[Prince George Fire Centre](#) (Prince George)

[Kamloops Fire Centre](#) (Kamloops)

[Southeast Fire Centre](#) (Castlegar)

Share a copy of your exemption with the local fire department even if your project site falls outside their jurisdiction. Keeping the local fire department informed will help them respond to any reports from the public about heavy equipment working on the wetland restoration site during a shutdown.