

### **White Rapids Fire in Extension Being Held**

The BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) has updated the status of the White Rapids Wildfire (V71945) within the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) near Extension, in Electoral Area C to being held late this morning. This means the wildfire is projected, to remain within the current perimeter, control line or boundary. Fire crews remain on scene and will continue working throughout the day. The public is asked to avoid the area, specifically McDonald Road and the Gun Barrel Access Route, to allow fire control operations to effectively access and manage the site.

For information on the fire and the BCWS-lead response, residents can visit the incident [webpage](#) or contact the BCWS directly at [BCWS.COFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCWS.COFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca) or 250-951-4209.

For further information on wildfires in British Columbia, residents can check the [BC Wildfire Map](#) or follow BC Wildfire Service on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) (formerly Twitter). For updates on fire weather and smoke across Canada visit [firesmoke.ca/](https://firesmoke.ca/).

To learn more about the RDN emergency program, how to be prepared and to receive emergency alerts directly from the RDN signup for Voyent Alert visit: [rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program](https://rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program)

#### Wildfire safety reminders:


- It is likely smoke will be visible in surrounding areas. If it is smokey in your area, it is best to keep indoors and close your windows when possible.
- Avoid all areas near the wildfire, obey signage and give fire crews the space to work.
- The operation of any aircraft not associated with fire suppression activities (including drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) near a wildfire is illegal. It also poses a serious threat to the safety of firefighting personnel.
- If you detect a wildfire, call 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 from your cellphone. You can also report a wildfire via the free BC Wildfire Service mobile app.

#### **For more information, please contact:**

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