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Coastal Fire Centre Actioning Spot Fires Following Lightning Strikes

Coastal Fire Centre – The Coastal Fire Centre experienced a lightning storm in the early morning hours of June 28, 2022 (Tuesday). As a result, BCWS has identified eight new spot fires: two are located in the Fraser Valley (one East of Mission and One North of Agassiz); four are in the Bella Coola Valley region; one on North Vancouver Island and one on the Sunshine Coast.

All of these fires are small spot fires and due to relatively low indices, none are expected to grow or challenge firefighting efforts. No values or communities are at risk at this time. Crews have been assigned to these incidents and are currently either accessing or actioning these fires (Initial Attack Crews), and/or determining access routes in more remote locations.

The Coastal Fire Centre will be continuing helicopter and foot patrols over the next several days to monitor for any additional fires that may have been sparked by the lightning.

VA0353: Hump Lake

0.009 ha

North Island, Mid-Coast Zone, East of Nusatsum FD jurisdiction

Crews working to identify best access point

VA0354: West of Thorsen Creek

0.009 ha

North Island, Mid-Coast Zone, South of Bella Coola FD jurisdiction

Crews assigned and assessing

VA0356: Four Mile Mountain

0.009 ha

North Island, Mid-Coast Zone, North of Hagensborg FD jurisdiction

Crews assigned and assessing

VA0355: Noohawk Mountain 9 km

0.009 ha

North Island, Mid-Coast Zone, South of Hagensborg jurisdiction

Crews assigned and assessing

V10348: Rose Creek

0.009 ha

Fraser Zone - East of the Mission FD jurisdiction

Crews working to identify exact location

V10349: Morris Creek

0 .009 ha

Fraser Zone - North of the Agassiz FD jurisdiction

Initial Attack crew responding

V50359: South of Southgate River

0.009

Sunshine Coast Zone - east of Bute Inlet

4-person Initial Attack Crew on route

V80360: Menzies Mainline

0.009

South of Seyward – North Vancouver Island Zone

5-person crew on route supported by Industry

The Coastal Fire Centre covers all of the area West of the height of land on the Coast Mountain Range from the U.S.-Canada border at Manning Park, including Tweedsmuir South Provincial Park in the north, the Sunshine Coast, the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Haida Gwaii.

To report a wildfire, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or \*5555 on a cellphone.

For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, go to <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>

You can also follow the latest wildfire news on:

* Twitter at <https://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo>
* Facebook at <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

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