

Event Overview – 23 Jul 2026

SITUATION OVERVIEW

GOC is tracking wildfires of note and evacuations in BC, ON, and NT. **As the situation in ON has stabilized and all evacuations have been completed, BC is now the primary area of concern; provincial APL has increased to level 4 due to hot, dry conditions, and recent thunderstorms which have contributed to worsening wildfire conditions. Fire danger is also increasing in the NT.** There are no fire-related Requests for Federal Assistance (RFAs) at this time. CIFFC National Preparedness Level remains at Level 4. The demand for the mobilization of firefighters and equipment from other jurisdictions is high, and ON is requesting international fire fighter support.

Fires of Note:

NT ([Map](#))

Wrigley – FS015: 19,717 ha (Out of Control)

A State of Local Emergency remains in effect, and the community remains fully evacuated. As of **22 Jul**, the wildfire remains approximately 5 km north of Wrigley (Pehdzeh Ki First Nation) and there is no additional update as of this time.

ON ([Map](#))

Whitesand FN, Namaygoosisagagun (Collins), Armstrong, and Gull Bay FN Cluster – THU036 (315,431 ha) (Out of control), DRY034, DRY035, THU054

As of 22 Jul, values protection activities continue in the communities of Armstrong, Whitesand First Nation, and Obonga Lake Junction. Crews continue to work alongside heavy equipment to create fuel breaks on southern portions of the fire.

Cat Lake FN Cluster (SLK001, SLK64, SLK66, SLK070, SLK071, SLK072), Mishkeegogamang FN Cluster (SLK074, SLK086, SLK089, SLK090), and Armstrong Clusters (THU036, DRY034, DRY035, THU054)

As of 22 Jul, all at-risk communities have completed their evacuations. Fire conditions are being continuously assessed, and decisions on the movement of people will be made accordingly.

OUTLOOK – NEXT 48 HOURS / RISK ASSESSMENT

Over the next 48 hours, BC will remain the primary area of concern, particularly across the southern and central Interior, where hot and dry conditions, dry fuels, very high to extreme fire danger, and the risk of lightning and gusty outflow winds could drive new starts or rapid changes in fire behaviour. Localized showers are unlikely to provide broad relief. In NT, rainfall should provide some benefit in western areas, while central and eastern sections remain comparatively dry and at elevated fire risk, with shifting winds affecting fire behaviour. In northwestern ON, showers and thunderstorms may provide temporary moderation, although lightning, strong winds and uneven rainfall could still contribute to renewed fire growth or new starts. Smoke will persist across parts of BC, NT, the Prairies and northwestern ON, with cross border impacts near the BC and Washington State border and into the northern US Plains.



GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS CENTRE
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BC ([Map](#))

Critical infrastructure impacts
Highway 1 (Trans-Canada Highway) has been closed for approximately 45 km in the Boston Bar area, and highway 3 is closed in both directions near the US border. This has left Highway 5 (the Coquihalla Highway) as the only route between the Lower Mainland and the Interior of BC, which has the potential to impact or disrupt supply chains. The Port of Vancouver remains operational, but wildfire-related rail disruptions near Boston Bar and North Bend are expected to cause delays to vessels and the movement of goods.

Brunswick Complex – Brunswick Creek (V10742: 6,139 ha), Ainslie Creek (V10755: 17,298 ha) and Anderson Creek (V11090: 4,332 ha) (Out of Control)
As of July 22, Boston Bar remains under evacuation order. On 21 Jul, the Fraser Valley Regional District expanded the evacuation order to nearby settlements due to wildfire threat. The fire is causing impacts and continues to pose a threat to critical infrastructure such as to agriculture (2897 livestock impacted), power and telecommunications outages (approximately 574 customers) and disruption to transportation (road and rail).

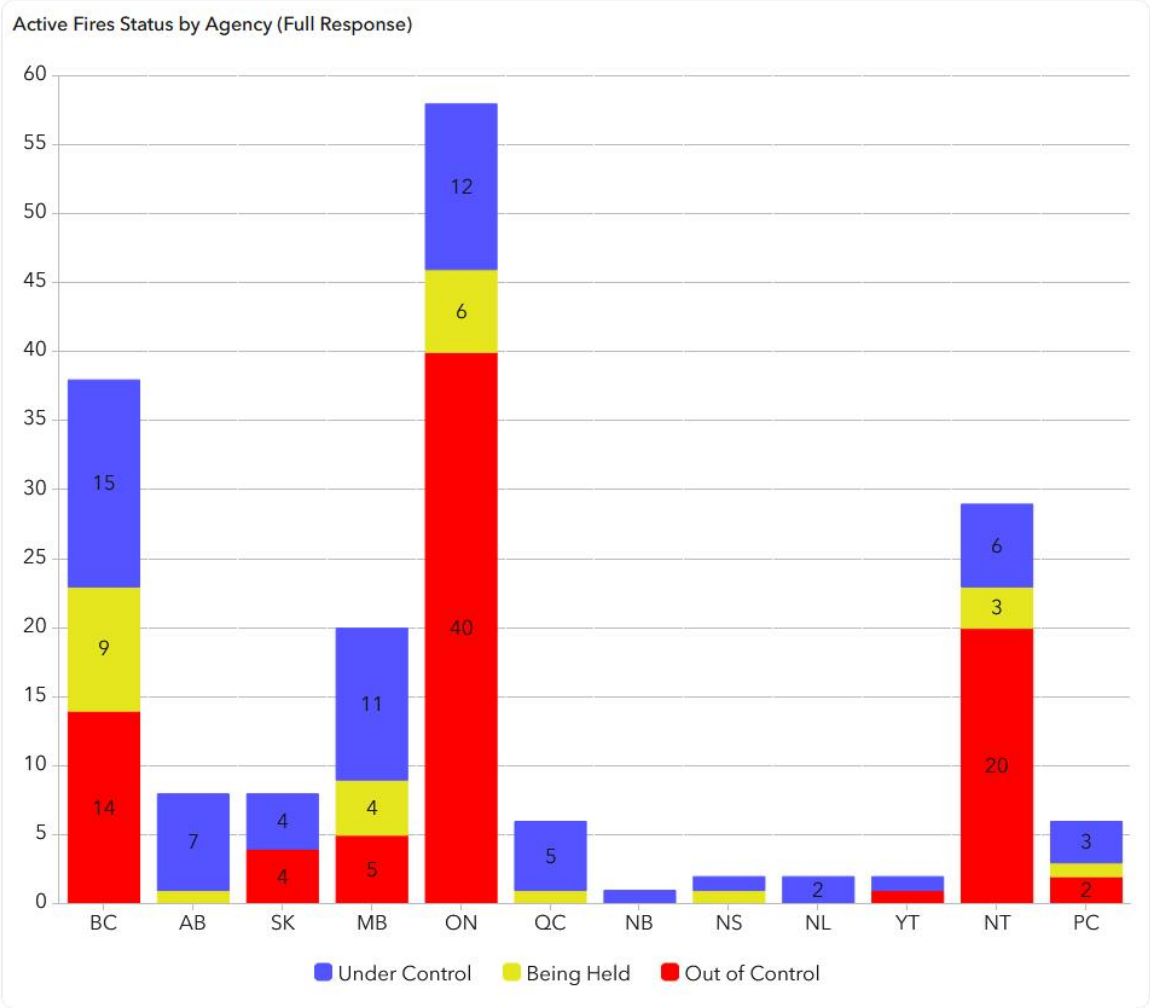
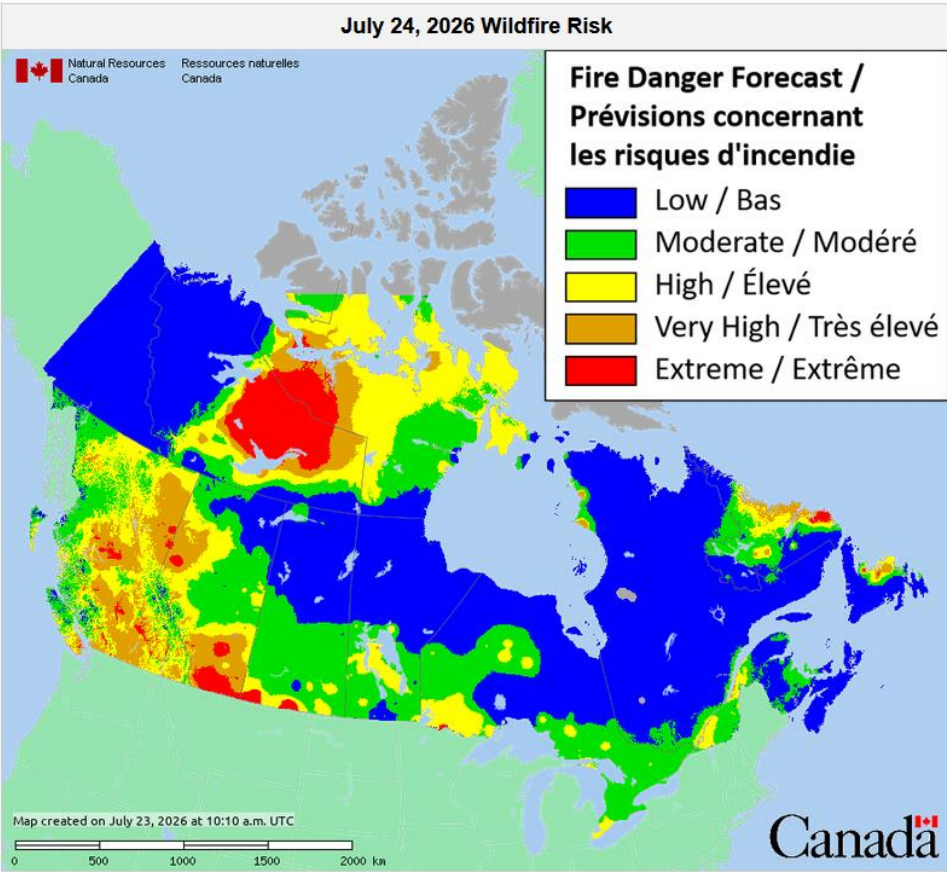
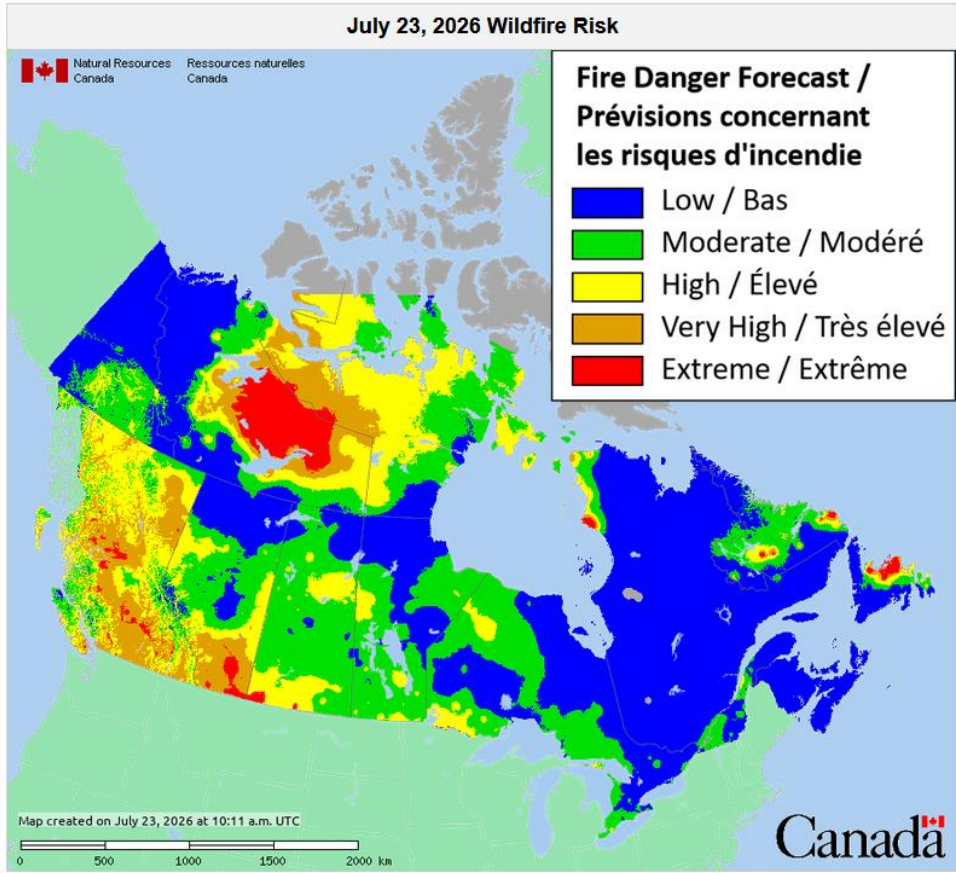
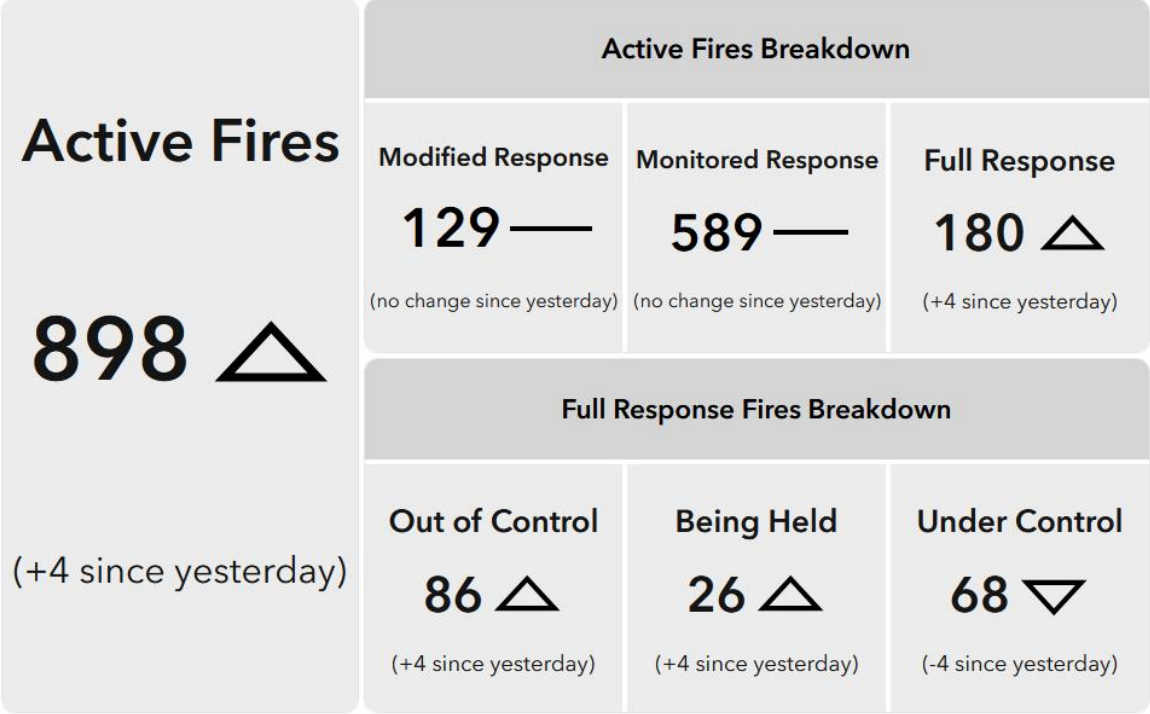
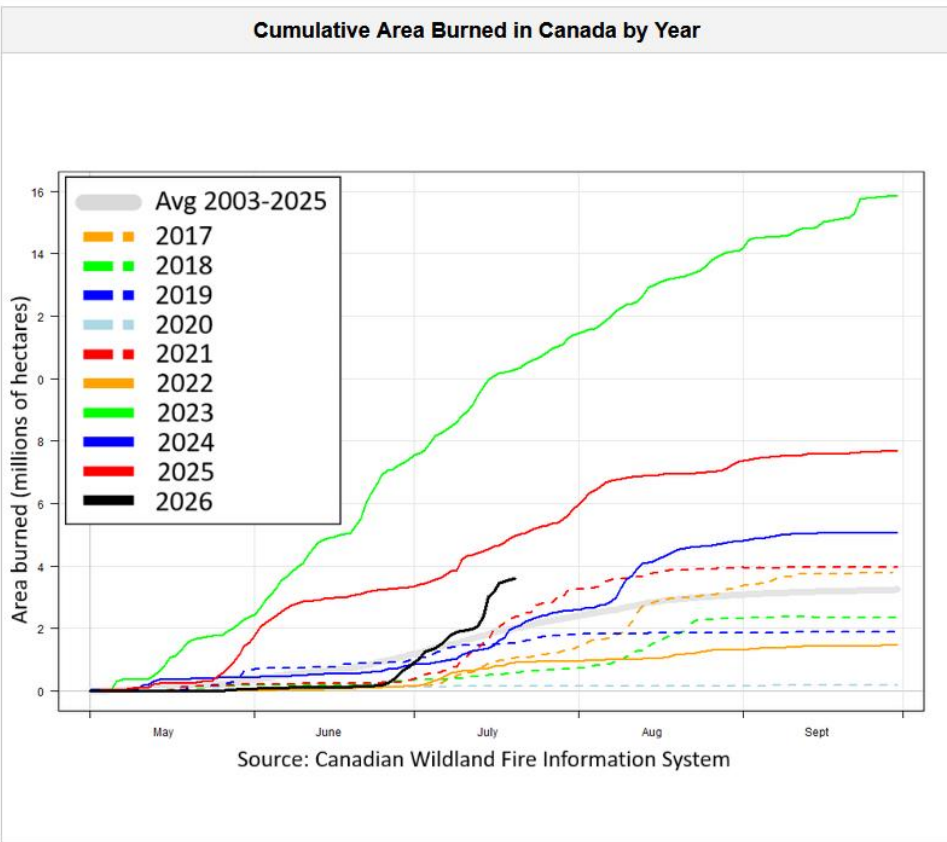
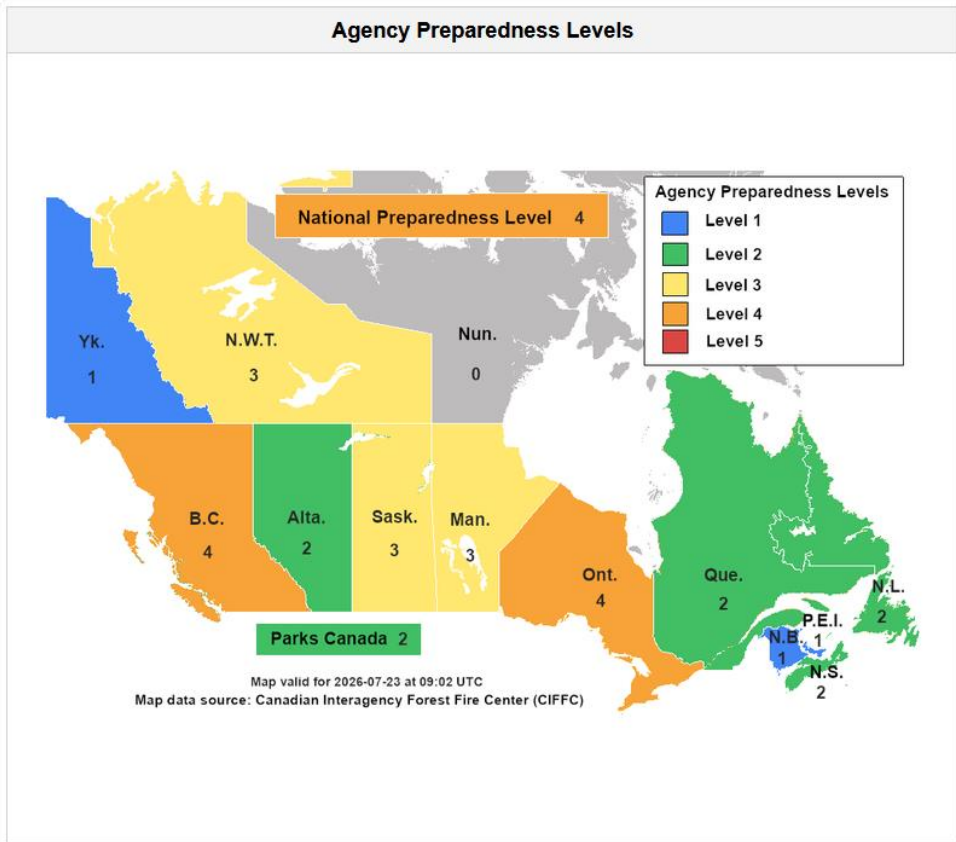
Bootleg Complex (Kimberley & St. Mary Lake) N11020: 567 ha and N10947: 250 ha (Out of Control)
The Matthew Creek and Tower Creek fires are now considered part of the Bootleg Complex. As of 22 Jul, there has been no significant growth. The City of Kimberley remains under evacuation alert for 8,700 residents due to the wildland fire being located about 12 km west of the community. **Preliminary planning continues while fire suppression efforts are ongoing.**

DECISION POINTS
None at this time.



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National Support – 23 Jul 2026

Federal Organizations and Agencies	Activation Level and Support Provided	Emergency Support Function (ESF)
Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)	- Level 2 - Full Activation (Monitoring, Reporting and Coordination of Activities as Required) - Monitoring Cyclical Hazards and Response. - ESDC continues to support affected communities through Service Canada mobile outreach activities and engagement with clients impacted by ongoing wildfire evacuations.	#7 Human and Social Services (Primary)
Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)	- Level 3: Complex Coordination in response to the Cyclical Events Season. - There are currently 23 First Nations impacted due to a Wildland Fire event (6 BC, 2 SK, 2 MB, 13 ON). - ISC has deployed subject matter experts to the GOC to assist with FN impacts during wildland fire Cyclical Events Seasons.	N/A
Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)	- Level 2: Increased Reporting and Planning in response to the Cyclical Events Season. - The Departmental Emergency Operations Centre (DEOC) has been activated in support of the 2026 wildland fire season.	#4 Energy Production and Distribution (Primary)
Parks Canada (PC)	Level 1: Enhanced Monitoring and Planning in response to the Cyclical Events Season.	#6 Environment (Supporting)
Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	- Level 0: Routine Operations - ECCC has deployed a subject matter expert to the GOC to help assist with risk analysis and forecasting.	#6 Environment (Primary)
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)	- Level 1 – Enhanced Monitoring in response to wildfire activity - ISED remains connected to emergency management organizations and telecommunication service providers to understand and communicate emerging risks to infrastructure.	#2 Telecommunications (Primary)
Heavy Urban Search & Rescue (HUSAR)		N/A

Reference: [Federal Emergency Response Plan \(2011\): Annex A - Emergency Support Functions \(ESFs\)](#)

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NGO Support – 23 Jul 2026

NGO	Status	Current or Projected Activities
 Team Rubicon	Inactive	
 Canadian Red Cross	Active	• SK ○ Provision of support to evacuated individuals from Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation (current: individuals displaced from Denare Beach) in Saskatoon. ▪ Services activated: Registration, reception and information, lodging • MB ○ Provision of support to evacuated individuals from O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation in the host communities of Winnipeg, Thompson, and Brandon, and evacuated individuals from Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation in Thompson. ▪ Services activated:Evacuation transportation, Registration, reception and information, emergency accommodation personal services, safety and wellbeing, financial assistance. • ON ○ Provision of support to evacuated individuals from Cat Lake First Nation in the host community of Toronto, Mishkeegogamang First Nation in the host community of Barrie, Neskantaga First Nation in the host community of Toronto; support to Emergency Management Ontario in Thunder Bay for emergency lodging to other communities evacuated due to wildfires. ▪ Services activated: Registration, reception and information, personal services, safety and wellbeing, emergency lodging. ○ Provided support to evacuated individuals from Kasabonika Lake First Nation due to wildfires in the host community of Toronto and at the transit hub in Thunder Bay. Previous support to Mattagami First Nation and Weenusk First Nation in Barrie and Thunder Bay, respectively. ▪ Services activated: reception and information, registration, personal services, safety and well-being, and health navigation. • NT ○ Provision of psychosocial support and referrals to local supports to evacuated individuals from Fort Simpson and Liidlîi Kue First Nation in Yellowknife. ▪ Services activated: Mental health and psychosocial support
 St John Ambulance	Inactive	
 The Salvation Army	Active	• BC ○ Provision of support for evacuees and firefighters impacted by the Brunswick Wildfire Complex. ▪ Services activated: Feeding rural firefighters and providing hygiene kits and other incidentals to evacuees at Brunswick Wildfire Complex.
 Search and Rescue Volunteer Association of Canada	Inactive	