



July 28, 2026, Situation Update

A new area restriction has been implemented around the Inonoaklin Creek wildfire near Needles to support wildfire suppression operations and protect public safety. The restriction affects Crown land surrounding the wildfire and remains in effect until October 15, 2026, unless rescinded earlier.

New Area Restriction – Inonoaklin Creek Wildfire (Near Needles)

The BC Wildfire Service has established an area restriction around the Inonoaklin Creek wildfire (N51198), located approximately 17 km northwest of Needles. The wildfire is currently estimated at 597 hectares.

The restriction applies to designated Crown land surrounding the wildfire and is intended to keep the public out of active suppression areas where firefighting operations are underway.

What this means for tourism partners

- Visitors should avoid the restricted area and respect all closures and signage.
- Highway 6 remains open; however, access to Crown land, forest service roads, and recreation opportunities within the restricted area is prohibited unless specifically authorized.
- Encourage visitors travelling through the area to check current wildfire restrictions and road conditions before departing.

Failure to comply with the area restriction may result in a \$1,150 fine under the Wildfire Act.

Tourism partners can view the official area restriction map and monitor the latest wildfire information through the BC Wildfire Service.

Resources

- [BC Wildfire Service](#)
- [DriveBC](#)

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