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Ministry of Forests

BC Wildfire Service

Off-road vehicle prohibition to be rescinded throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre

KAMLOOPS – Effective at 12:00 (noon) Pacific Time (PT) on Friday, August 28, 2026, the off-road vehicles (ORV) prohibition will be rescinded on Crown land throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre. Recent precipitation across much of the southern Interior has reduced wildfire risk enough to lift the ORV prohibition. While conditions have improved, wildfire risk remains and can change quickly, so the BC Wildfire Service will continue to monitor conditions closely.

The rescindment applies to off-road vehicles as defined in the *Off-Road Vehicle Act* section 2 (a) of the *Off-Road Vehicle Regulation*

All-terrain vehicles

- Motorcycles
- Off-road side-by-side vehicles

A reminder, Category 1 campfire, Category 2 open fire, and Category 3 open fire remain prohibited throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre until October 9, 2026 at 12 p.m. (noon) PT, or until the orders are rescinded.

Also prohibited are the following equipment and activities (*Wildfire Act*, Section 12):

- Air curtain burners
- Carbonizers
- Binary exploding targets
- Fireworks, as defined in the *Fireworks Act* of BC
- Burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description
- Controlled air incinerators
- Sky lanterns
- Wood fired hot tubs, wood fired pizza ovens and other wood fired devices unless vented through a structure that has a flue and is incorporated in a building

A map of the affected area is available online and below:

The Kamloops Fire Centre is asking the public to remain vigilant and follow all wildfire prevention regulations when operating off-road vehicles, including ensuring their ORV is maintained within the manufacturer's specifications and equipped with a safe and effective spark arrestor. Wildfire conditions can change quickly, and people are reminded to check for current prohibitions and restrictions before heading out.

The rescindment of the ORV prohibition applies to all Crown land that is outside of municipal boundaries. The rescindment also applies to the following types of land within municipal boundaries:

- Parks, conservancies and recreation areas (*Park Act*)
- Recreation sites, recreation trails, interpretive forest sites and trail-based recreation areas (*Forest and Range Practices Act*)
- Ecological reserves (*Ecological Reserve Act*)
- Wildlife management areas (*Wildlife Act*)
- Private managed forest land (*Private Managed Forest Land Act*)

Municipalities may impose different prohibitions or restrictions based on conditions in their local area. Please check with your local government prior to ORV use.

For everyone's safety, please stay clear of active operations, follow all posted signs and directions from emergency personnel, and give crews the space they need to work to protect public safety.

Reminder that wildfires are dynamic and conditions can change quickly. Before traveling, check the Prohibitions and Restrictions page for any area restrictions, and review DriveBC.ca for road impacts.

Report a wildfire

The Kamloops Fire Centre would like to thank the public for its continuing help in preventing wildfires.

Report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation by:

- Dialing *5555 on a cell phone
- Calling 1 800 663-5555 toll-free
- Reporting through the BC Wildfire App with the Report a fire function
    - Reporting through the app lets you upload images and can be used without service

Stay up-to-date with the latest wildfire news

- BCWildfire.ca
- BC Wildfire Map
- BC Wildfire App: Apple (iOS) or Android
- Facebook and Instagram

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