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Copper Canyon wildfire status unchanged with shifting weather conditions on horizon

DUNCAN, BC – The Copper Canyon wildfire remains at 32 hectares in size and is still considered out of control by BC Wildfire Service as of 5 p.m. Monday.

The BC Wildfire Service reports that significant progress has been made to contain the fire since crews began battling it on Friday. Resources now on scene now total 46 firefighters including a Parattack crew, three helicopters, four water tenders and heavy equipment.

The <u>State of Local Emergency</u> and <u>Evacuation Order</u> for a single property on Mount Prevost Road remain in place. Shifting winds and forecasted extreme temperatures for later this week may pose further challenges to containment efforts. The CVRD Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) continues to monitor the situation in partnership with the Municipality of North Cowichan and the Halalt First Nation.

Residents are encouraged to check the <u>BC Wildfire Dashboard</u> to monitor the situation, as well as the <u>CVRD website</u> and <u>Facebook page</u> for further status updates as they become available.

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