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Fire crews working to establish control line around Mt. Hayes wildfire

DUNCAN, BC - The BC Wildfire Service's (BCWS) objective on Sunday is to establish a control line around the perimeter of the Mt. Hayes wildfire.

BCWS is actively working to create a 20 foot control line involving the use of fireguards.

Light winds in the weather forecast on Sunday are not expected to impact the progress made by fire crews up until this point.

The public is reminded to self-monitor for symptoms such as eye irritation, running nose, sore throat, mild cough, wheezing or headaches, which may be associated with exposure to wildfire smoke.

Visit [Island Health's website](#) for more information on how to reduce your own personal risk.

On Sunday, BCWS is deploying three helicopters, 56 firefighters, four officers and 10 pieces of heavy equipment, including water tenders and excavators.

As a reminder, the joint Evacuation Alert issued by the Regional District of Nanaimo and Cowichan Valley Regional District on Friday for addresses on Takala Road, David Road and Ivey Road remain in place.

Please stay prepared in the event that conditions change suddenly.

An Evacuation Order is also in place for the Bush Creek Fish Hatchery, near Christie Falls.

We appreciate the cooperation of the public in respecting the area restrictions around the wildfire. Please continue to obey all signage and barricades that are in place to ensure your safety as well as the safety of fire crews.

For urgent public inquiries over the weekend please contact the Regional Emergency Operations Centre after hours phone line by dialling 778-402-9596.

The next scheduled update on the Mt. Hayes wildfire will be provided on Sunday night, or earlier if the information is time sensitive.

For the latest information and updates, please check the [CVRD's website](#) and download the [Cowichan Alert Alertable app](#) for your smartphone.

You can also visit the [BCWS' dedicated webpage](#) for updates on the Mt. Hayes wildfire.

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