

# SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY

2017-04

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## Rising Temperatures Intensify Wildfire Threats

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is reminding industry to exercise extreme caution for all activities as the province enters a period of unseasonably hot weather across the northeast. The current fire danger rating is high to extreme (see map attachment) and temperatures are expected to rise above 30 degrees, further intensifying the significant wildfire threats that continue for many communities. The Province's [Wildfire Status webpage](#) is a valuable resource for updates on current wildfires.

With drought conditions and firefighting resources already heavily committed to existing wildfires, companies are strongly urged to review Emergency Response Plans with their employees, specifically wildfire procedures. [Safety and Environmental Advisory 2017-03](#) provides further information on proactive measures companies should be taking, such as providing employees with regular updates of fire hazards and preventative measures. Operators should also ensure their staff are prepared to respond to any urgent requests from BC Wildfire Service with respect to fire operations around facilities and pipelines.

Wildfire maps and resources are available on the Commission's [Provincial Emergency Updates webpage](#), including the FireSmart Guidebook for the Oil and Gas Industry. If operations are affected by a wildfire, permit holders must report the disruption to the Commission by calling the Emergency Officer at 250-793-7084.

If you have any questions regarding this Safety and Environmental Advisory, please contact:

Security and Emergency Management Branch  
BC Oil and Gas Commission  
[EMP@bcogc.ca](mailto:EMP@bcogc.ca)  
250-794-5268

If you see smoke, flames, or an open fire violation,  
immediately call 1-800-663-5555 (or \*5555 on cell phones).

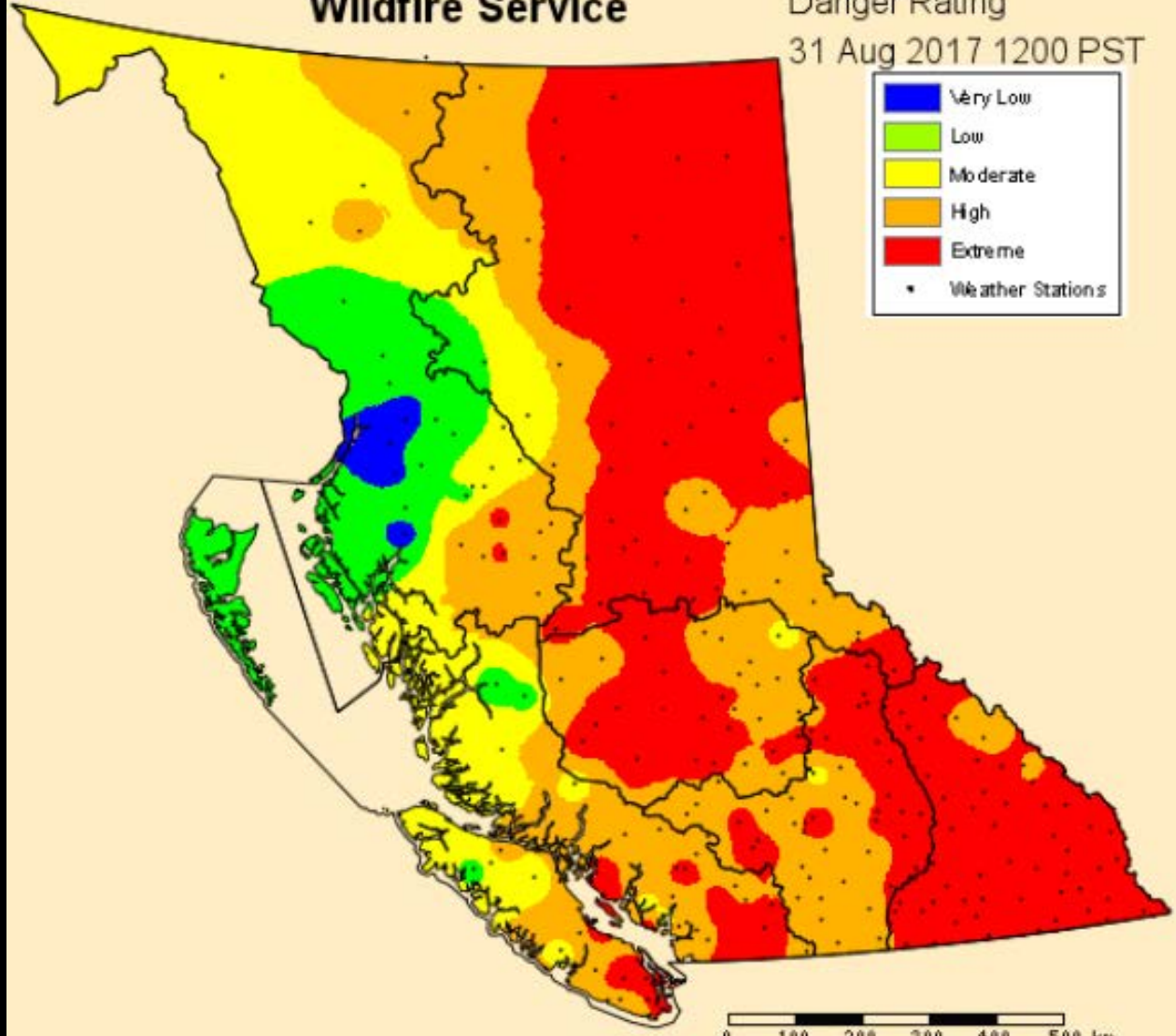
*Map attachment*

**British Columbia  
Wildfire Service**

**FORECAST @ 0800**

Danger Rating

31 Aug 2017 1200 PST



0 100 200 300 400 500 km