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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **MCBRIDE MILL FIRE UPDATE**

This is an update on the sawmill fire near McBride, first reported on Wednesday, April 5.

Winds last night caused the fire to flare, but crews worked through the evening to keep it contained. Today crews will continue work on extinguishing the fire in a nearby mulch pile. Protection works have been applied to keep the fire from spreading to neighboring properties and crews continue to monitor closely. Additional heavy equipment has arrived this morning to support suppression efforts and enhance crew safety.

The fire is contained, but still active with investigations ongoing. Crews are expected to be on hand throughout the weekend. The public is asked to avoid the area as this fire is still under investigation and the scene is not safe for public access. Only authorized people are allowed on scene for the safety of the fire fighters and the public, as well as the integrity of the investigation. The public's cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

McBride and District Volunteer Fire Department are on scene with support and crews from many of the volunteer fire departments within the Regional District. Also on scene today are crews from BC Wildfire Branch, along with the Beverly, Red Rock, Salmon Valley, Pilot Mountain and Valemount fire departments.

The next update will be provided at 4:00 pm Saturday, April 8

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