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August 17, 2018 Fire Update -

The status of the wildfire has not changed since yesterday. BCWS has categorized the fire as “Out of Control”. The firefighting efforts are concentrating on structure protection. A five member Structure Protection Unit with one specialist are on their way now from Comox. A five member Strategic crew has been onsite since Thursday and we also have a four member unit from the Port McNeill Volunteer Fire Department on the ground. We are expecting heavy helicopter support this afternoon. We appreciate the resources being brought to bear on our situation. Your Zeballos Volunteer Fire Department has gone above and beyond, not only fighting the fire, but providing expert local knowledge to the fire crews and coordinating as required.

Regarding the Forest Service Road, BCWS reports intermittent delays at the 13km fire for a maximum of 30-40 minutes at a time to allow fire crews to work alongside the road. Flaggers are onsite and a pilot car will be leading cars through this section of road. There is no indication on how long this situation will last.

We continue to urge residents in the Evacuation Alert Zone to make preparations in the event an “Evacuation Order” is issued. Thank you for your calm compliance.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Community Dinner tonight.