



## Media Release

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### **Grass fire north of Kekuli Bay along Highway 97**

UPDATE: As of Sept. 7 @ 2:28 p.m.

Vernon Fire Rescue is asking all boaters and water users to clear the area near Kekuli Bay on Kalamalka Lake, where emergency responders are using water from the lake to fight the grass fire on the west side of HWY 97.

Three helicopters and an air tanker are currently drawing water from Kalamalka Lake. Please clear the area for everyone's safety.

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As of Sept. 7 @ 2:15 p.m.

Vernon Fire Rescue Services (VFRS) and the BC Wildfire Service are currently responding to a grass fire north of Kekuli Bay, on the west side of HWY 97.

Firefighters are currently managing the fire, however, they are experiencing difficulties with traffic levels in the area.

To assist firefighters with their response, please avoid traveling along HWY 97 and the side roads near the fire scene.

VFRS appreciates everyone's patience while firefighters respond to this event.