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BC Wildfire Service Seasonal outlook

Rain and cooler temperatures in late August and early September dampened fire behaviour, and assisted firefighters with initial attack response and progress on currently burning wildfires. However, entering into fall, warmer and drier-than-normal conditions are expected. with the potential for higher-than-normal fire activity later this fall.

And they expect warm, dry overwinter conditions that could affect existing drought and snowpack levels. They are not expecting "that areas suffering from drought will recover ahead of 2027."

From June through August, the total number of lightning strikes was lower-than-usual, at 73% of the 20-year average. Even with reduced lightning, 62% of the 1,413 wildfire starts this year are lightning caused. The proportion of lightning strikes causing fires in 2026 is comparable and even higher than some years with above average lightning activity, underscoring the underlying drought conditions on the landscape.

With an El Niño event intensifying, temperatures in the northern Pacific Ocean are forecast to be 2-5°C warmer than average moving into the fall and winter. In late fall and winter it could bring warm and dry weather to the Interior, more precipitation for coastal regions and lower winter snowpacks.

Low snowpack and underlying drought are a concern for the spring and summer of 2027. However, it remains to be seen how other weather factors that help determine the severity of the fire season —ie. precipitation levels and drying patterns into summer months — will materialize.

Winds of Syext

The Mount Mabel Wind Project has been renamed Winds of Syext. The Project is now held by the legal entity Winds of Syext Energy Inc. This 142.8 MW wind energy project is jointly owned by Lower Nicola Indian Band (51%) and Capstone Infrastructure Corp. (49%) and is being developed on the traditional, ancestral territory of the nlc'kepmx people, approx. 25km northeast of Merritt. The Project secured a 30-year Electricity Purchase Agreement in BC Hydro's 2024 Call for Power in December 2024.

Winds of Syext: Looking After Tomorrow

Syext means "tomorrow" or "future" in nlc'kepmxcin, the tra-

Cont'd, over

I burned 1400 calories today. ... I left my frozen pizza in the oven too long

A Scotsman and his wife are walking past a restaurant. The wife says, "Did you smell that food? It smells absolutely incredible!" The Scotsman thinks, "What the hell; it is her birthday." So they walked past it again.

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Winds *cont'd*

ditional language of the nte?kepmxcin Nation and LNIB. It is most closely pronounced "sh-ee-x-t."

LNIB members were invited to help shape the Project identity through a community naming and logo contest. LNIB Chief and Council selected the name submitted by Sophie Beckett and the artwork submitted by Katie Smith, which were combined to create the final logo. The artwork draws from the Nicola Valley landscape and the lived experience of being on the land. Its flowing forms evoke wind, movement, and connection, while the landscape-inspired shapes speak to the hills, rivers, wildlife, and gathering places that continue to shape community life.

FMI www.windsofsyext.com

Community *continued*

Community Band

The Nicola Valley Community Band meets Tuesday nights 7-9pm in the music room at MSS. They are always looking for new members. If you play a band instrument, even if you're a bit rusty but you still have your instrument they want you to join them. FMI 250-378-1595.

Fall Harvest Psychic and Healing Arts Fair

MysticaFair Psychic Fair is coming to the Civic Centre October 3 — a day of inspiration, healing, and hang out with like-minded people! Mystics are experienced professionals from all over the Okanagan. "We are venturing out of our local area to come over the mountain to you! We have all varieties of psychic readers, healers and magical vendors to visit with all day. We will have over 20 Mystics to serve you! Don't miss us!" FMI www.mysticafair.com Saturday Oct. 3, 10am - 5pm. Admission \$5 cash at the door. Come out and sign up for timeslots with any of the mystics or Pre-book with them directly from the website.

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PFR calling for volunteers

The Pacific Forest Rally will be held October 16-17, and organizers need volunteers to help make it safe and successful! It's a chance to be part of the action, help keep competitors and spectators safe, and watch rally cars tear through the forest! No rally experience needed, training and support provided, great views of the cars and stages. FMI rally.volunteer@rallyinterior.ca. To sign up, go to volunteer.rallyinterior.ca/

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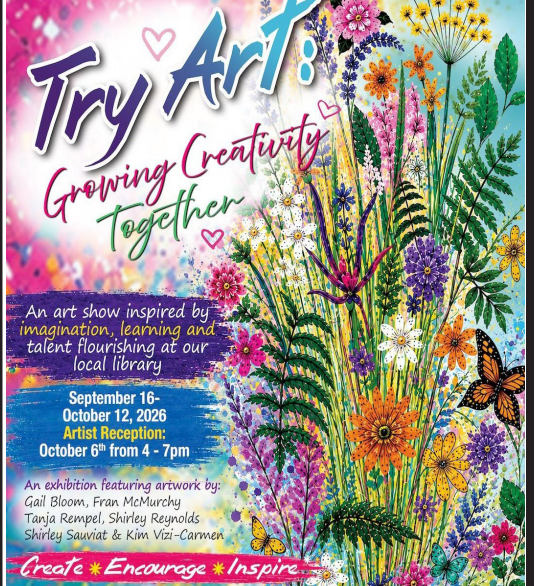


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