

## State of Emergency Declared

Premier David Eby and Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, have announced a [state of emergency](#) in response to the wildfires raging in communities across British Columbia. The declaration comes under provincial powers provided in the Emergency Program Act.

A provincial state of emergency allows the Province to enact emergency orders. Emergency orders could include travel restrictions to specific for non-essential travel to the central Interior and southeastern B.C.

Local governments are encouraged to advise residents of the provincial state of emergency and the need to listen to local officials and follow evacuation orders.