



INCIDENT UPDATE

Mabel Creek (K41813)

This information is current as of:	August 12, 2018
Incident Commander (IC)	Jane Park
Contact information	Information Officers: Kim Weir Fire Information Officer Ph: 780-852-8852 Email: MonasheeComIN@gov.bc.ca Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. only
Fire camp	A camp is being established near Lumby and should be operational on Aug. 13.
Incident overview	The fire was mapped on Aug. 10 at 1861 hectares. There are 9 fire fighters, 2 danger tree assessors/fallers, and 9 pieces of Tolko Industries Limited's heavy equipment working on the suppression of this wildfire. There are 8 helicopters available for support as needed. This wildfire is classified as out of control.
Weather forecast	Between yesterday and today, the Monashee complex of wildfires, in which this fire is located, received up to 10mm, but as little as 0 mm of rain. The weather forecast is calling for mainly cloudy with morning showers today and a high near 19 C. Sunny skies with cloudy periods and warming temperatures are expected for Monday.
Fire behavior prediction	The recent rain and cooler temperatures will result in less fire behavior for a few days, but the building ridge will result in rapid drying of fuels and increases in fire behaviour.
Challenges	This fire is in very steep terrain that can be challenging. Safety of the crews is the number one priority.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews were able to lay a hose line along the south flank and made good progress on the west flank yesterday.
Today's objectives	Crews are working to establish guards on the west flank to limit growth toward Mabel Lake. The terrain in this area is resulting in limitations on where crews can build machine guard. Crews are also establishing hoselay for wetlining along the south flank. Steep terrain is also an issue and has limited some suppression operations in these areas. Objectives for today include establishing a guard on the western flank, completing a hose lay for wet lining the south flank, establishing further helipads.
Other	There is an Area Restriction Order along the northeast side of Mabel Lake. This Order was put in place to address public safety concerns and to avoid interference with fire control. There is also a closure along the Mabel Lake FSR to all recreation traffic from Km 10 (north the Mabel Lake Provincial Park) to Km 59 (at the junction of Highway 1) and all recreation sites along that road. The closure does not apply to the residents in the Mabel Lake Holdings community, nor other private residences along the Mabel Lake FSR. This closure is not due to fire threat but for road safety for our crews and industry partners traveling to and from the fires.

Definitions: Stages of Control

Out of Control:	Describes a wildfire that is not responding (or only responding on a limited basis) to suppression action, such that the perimeter spread is not being contained.
Being Held:	Indicates that (with the resources currently committed to the fire) that sufficient suppression action has been taken that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions.
Under Control:	Indicates that the fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.
Out:	Indicates that the fire has been extinguished.

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