

INCIDENT UPDATE

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	August 14, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	This wildfire is estimated at 13, 359 hectares in size and is classified as Out of Control. There are 9 helicopters assigned to the incident in order to support ground crews. The fire remains to the west of Chopaka Road and continues to burn within the managed area set by the fire analysis. The south flank remains approximately 3 km from the U.S. border. The BC Wildfire Service Incident Management Team assigned to the Snowy Mountain Fire is working collaboratively with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.
Weather forecast	The upper ridge flattens today and the flow becomes more zonal. In the valley bottom, Mainly sunny with smoke. High temperature 28° C and relative humidity near 19%. Winds NW-NE 10-25 km/h in the morning, becoming SE 10-20 km/h near noon. For higher elevations, mainly sunny with smoke. High temperature 23° C and relative humidity near 17%. Winds light and variable in the morning, becoming E-NE 10-20 km/h near noon. Tonight, In the valley bottom, Overnight low near 12° C and relative humidity recovery to near 60%. Winds light W-SW. For higher elevations, overnight low near 8° C and relative humidity recovery to near 80%. Winds light W-SW. Afternoon temperatures will rise into the mid to upper twenties each day with RH minimums in the teens. Winds will be generally light to moderate northerly.
Fire behavior prediction	Fuels are likely to start drying out from any recent rainfall, and likely to burn with high intensity. The air mass will remain fairly stable up to 2000m. Crews working in higher elevations should monitor conditions. Conditions in the valley bottom are likely to remain smoky. There may be some inconsistencies with the forecast conditions below the inversion with the smoky conditions.
Challenges	Crews had a delayed start to the day as there was still carry over from moving camp the previous day. Limited visibility yesterday still proved challenging and crews were not able to get to the higher elevation of the fire until the afternoon.
Yesterday's achievements	Crew were able to demob more equipment from the east side of the fire. Crews on the northeast side of the fire were able to completed hand lines out of Barrington Creek. The US Incident Management Team has been monitoring this fire and is very happy with our efforts in keeping this fire from creeping over the border.
Today's objectives	Crews will complete demobbing of all equipment from the west side of the fire. Crews in the Snehumption drainage will begin demobbing that area today. Crews will also begin setting up and testing the water delivery system in the Barrington Creek area..

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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