

Cool Creek (K62690)

This information is current as of:	August 24, 2018
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Fire camp	Merritt ICP
Incident overview	<p>This wildfire is estimated at 6,900 hectares in size and is classified as Out of Control. This incident was a holdover lightning strike detected on August 15th. Due to limited visibility with smoke coverage in the area, the size of the fire was estimated at 100ha at time of detection. There was a limited initial response due to the fire burning in an isolated area with no priority values at risk and no opportunity for heavy equipment resources to be deployed. The steep terrain is inoperable in some areas, and poses a safety risk to firefighting personnel. With increasing late afternoon temperatures and decreasing relative humidity, fire behaviour increased significantly on August 16th which saw this fire spread and join with fires K62691 and K62695.</p> <p>For public safety an area closure for the area west of Cathedral Provincial Park will come into effect at noon on August 24, 2018. For further information please visit the main Cool Creek Fire of Note page.</p>
Weather forecast	<p>Much cooler today, mix of sun and cloud. High temp of 16 C and RH low of 34%. Winds W 10-20km/hr. Low possibility of the odd shower. Overnight low near 7 C and RH recovery to near 80%. Winds diminishing to light and variable overnight.</p> <p>The upper trough passes to the east on Friday and another upper trough digs in for Saturday and Sunday. Isolated to scattered showers may occur in the fire area over the weekend or early next week. Temperature will remain in the teens and RH values will be in the thirties and forties. Winds will be light to moderate west to southwest each day.</p>
Fire behavior prediction	<p>With winds and temperatures dropping and RH recovering better overnight, Fire Behaviour should be moderate today.</p> <p>The underlying indices are still high, so any increases in wind will create the potential for aggressive fire behavior, with fast rates of spreads and elevated intensities in all fuel types.</p>
Challenges	Areas of this fire are burning in steep, inaccessible terrain that is unsafe for crews to work and carry out suppression efforts. Yesterday the fire spotted across the Ashnola Forest Service Road and exhibited aggressive fire behaviour.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews and heavy equipment continued to build control lines and conduct small scale planned ignitions (conditions permitting) off the control lines.
Today's objectives	Re-establish anchor points in safe zones and continue to build control line and conduct small scale planned ignitions (conditions permitting).

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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