BC Wildfire Service

INCIDENT UPDATE

Mt. Gottfriedsen (K52361)

This information is current as of:	August 24, 2018
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Fire camp	Merritt ICP
Incident overview	This incident was discovered on August 9th. The current size of the fire is estimated at 633ha. This fire is now Under Control.
Weather forecast	Much cooler today, mix of sun and cloud. High temp of 17 C and RH low of 33%. Winds WNW 15-25 G35km/hr later in the afternoon. Overnight low near 5 C and RH recovery to near 80%. Winds diminishing to W 5-15 overnight. 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. Temperatures 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.
Fire behavior prediction	Winds are still staying up, but with temperatures dropping and RH recovering better overnight, fire behaviour should be moderate/high today. 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.
Challenges	High winds occurred in the afternoon earlier than anticipated resulting in spotting and flare ups in unburnt timber. Beetle kill stands in the fire area will be challenging if fire activity spots in to one of those stands.
Yesterday's achievements	Continued integration of military personnel and instilled safe work habits. Established contingency guard on north east flank. Were able to respond quickly to several priority spot flare ups that occurred as a result of the increased wind.
Today's objectives	To mop-up green sections connected to guard. Assess North-East flank and effectiveness of primary guard.

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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