BC Wildfire Service

INCIDENT UPDATE

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	August 25, 2018
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Incident overview	This wildfire is estimated at 13, 359 hectares in size. The BC Wildfire Service continues to monitor and respond to the Snowy Mountain fire. As temperatures remain warm, visibility improves and relative humidity decreases, fire activity within the perimeter of this fire will increase and be visible to surrounding communities. This is normal and to be expected as it is still considered an active fire. As a result the public will see the fire moving up and down draws within this area and as the fire backs down the draws crews will be responding with suppression efforts. Because the fire activity remains within the identified fire analysis area the status of this fire remains Being Held. This means we do not expect the fire to spread beyond this determined area.
Weather forecast	Smokey! Much cooler today, mix of sun and cloud. High temp of 14 C and RH low of 32%. Winds W-NW 10-20km/hr. No rain. Overnight low near 6 C and RH recovery to near 85%. Winds diminishing to light and variable NW overnight. It will continue to be smokey. In the north to northwest flow on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday a series of impulses will make their way into the region, triggering isolated to scattered showers. (2 to 3mm) High temps each day only reaching the teens. Wind on Sunday will be light west to southwest, turning to light to moderate north to northwest on Monday and back to light to moderate southwest on Tuesday.
Fire behavior prediction	With winds and temperatures dropping and RH recovering better overnight, fire behaviour should be moderate 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	Increased fire activity along the ridgetops and within the Barrington Drainage. Ignited rolling debris. Inoperable terrain, unsafe locations for crews to work. Smoke limiting visibility for aircraft.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews worked over night continuing to mop up the fire edge. Crews conducted successful small scale planned ignitions along the Barrington Creek drainage outlet to tie the fire into the control line at the bottom of the slope. Crews continued mopping up as the day progressed
Today's objectives	Overnight a crew remained on scene to continue this operation as fire progressed towards the west. If required and conditions allow crews will continue to use small scale planned ignitions as an effective suppression tactic to burn off the control line as the fire approaches the valley bottom. Aviation support will be available as required as visibility permits.

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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