

Cool Creek (K62690)

This information is current as of:	August 30, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	<p>This wildfire is estimated at 14,372 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. This fire has joined with fires K62691 and K62695.</p> <p>Community members can still expect to see smoke within the perimeter over the coming weeks. This is common with large wildfires and will continue until the region receives significant rainfall or snowfall. If smoke is seen coming from well within a fire's perimeter and the area is surrounded by black, burned material, this is typically not a concern.</p> <p>The Area Restriction will be rescinded effective Aug 30 at 12:00 PDT.</p> <p>For further information regarding evacuation alerts, please visit the RDOS https://www.rdos.bc.ca/home/. The south flank of this fire is located within the Cathedral Lake provincial park. For more information please visit the BC Parks website at: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/cathedral/.</p>
Weather forecast	<p>Today: A mix of sun and cloud. Winds W to NW 15 to 20 km/h by midday. Late afternoon gusts to 35 km/h. Minimum RH around 30 %. High temperature near 16 C. 10% chance of a shower through the afternoon.</p> <p>Tonight: Minimum temperatures in the 4-7 C range, and maximum RH between 75% and 90%.</p> <p>Outlook: On Friday a zonal upper flow along with a continued surface gradient will give W/NW winds in the 15 to 20 km/h range by early afternoon. Afternoon gusts to 35 km/h. Min rh in the 30% range. Highs near 16 C.</p>
Fire behavior prediction	Afternoon gusts may eventuate again this afternoon, but not as strong as yesterday. This will assist in drying out the fuels further. Surface spread may pick up today, particularly on the slopes where fuels are exposed and beginning to dry out. Slow/moderate rates of spread are predicted for the slash and grass fuel areas, with creeping surface fires anticipated in the standing forests. The underlying indices are still high, so any increases in wind will create the potential for fire behaviour to pick up, with moderate rates of spreads in grass and slash
Challenges	Strong winds (60km/hr) were a challenge yesterday for crews working on this incident. There were three small areas of growth that kept the crews busy. Resources are spread thin due to the large geographic span of this fire..
Yesterday's achievements	Crews continue mopping up along the west and east flanks of this incident. At 1400, the winds picked up which increased the fire activity on the SW and N/NE flanks. Crews were supported by heavy equipment and aircraft while conditions allowed.
Today's objectives	Crews will continue with hose lay from staging to Smith Creek and mop up of the west guard. Crews working on the south flank of the fire will work on containment of the excursion. Crews working the east flank will continue with establishing machine 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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