BC Wildfire Service

INCIDENT UPDATE

Placer Mountain (K61241)

This information is current as of:	August 08, 2018
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Fire camp	Princeton Fire Base
Incident overview	Placer Mountain wildfire is estimated at 2,372.0 hectares in size and is classified as Being Held. There are 10 helicopters assigned to the entire complex that are being interchanged amongst the two wildfires (the other wildfire being Snowy Mountain). This wildfire is 90% contained.
Weather forecast	Today will be mainly sunny, with smoke likely to be present in the valley bottom at the beginning of the day. Temperatures down in the valley will reach 38 degrees today and southwesterly winds will be 15-25 km/h, becoming light and westerly at the end of the day. At higher elevations, temperatures will reach 29 degrees and winds are predicted to be southwesterly at 15-25 km/h. The upper ridge will persist until late Friday, which will continue to increase temperatures. An upper trough will set up late Friday, breaking down the ridge into Saturday. This trough will bring moderate southwesterly winds with thunderstorms and cooler temperatures.
Fire behavior prediction	Creeping and running surface fires with potential candling should always be expected under any inversion.
Challenges	Crews continue to be challenged by the steep terrain on this wildfire. Rattlesnakes are present in some areas as well.
Yesterday's achievements	Firefighters had a successful day yesterday mopping-up and patrolling.
Today's objectives	Crews will continue to patrol and mop-up today. More fire equipment will be demobilized in areas where it is no longer needed.

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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