



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Placer Mountain Fire (K61241)

Location: Approx. 37 km south of Princeton

Date of Discovery: July 17, 2018

Fire Size: Estimated at 2,372 hectares in size

Status: Being Held, 90% contained

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 98 firefighters that are supported by heavy equipment are on site today. There are 10 helicopters assigned to the entire complex that are being interchanged amongst the two wildfires.

Objectives: A scan was conducted on the fire today to utilize infrared heat scanning in order to locate remaining hot spots. Today, crews will patrol and extinguish any hot spots that they find. Fire equipment will be demobilized in areas where it is no longer required.



← If you have a QR code-reading app on your cellphone, scan this code to be directed to the Placer Mountain update on our website. This webpage gets updated regularly.

Snowy Mountain Fire (K51238)

Location: Approx. 14 km south of Keremeos

Date of Discovery: July 17, 2018

Fire Size: Estimated at 12,219 hectares in size

Status: Out of Control, 40% contained

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 106 firefighters that are supported by 8 pieces of heavy equipment are on site today. There are 10 helicopters assigned to the entire complex that are being interchanged amongst the two wildfires.

Objectives: Yesterday's burn-off was very successful in helping us with our suppression efforts, and crews have continued again today to mop-up the area. Crews will continue to work to secure the north flank and tie it into rocky slopes in order to keep the fire from wrapping around towards Keremeos. The fire has moved into a bowl above Keremeos, so smoke and flame will be visible up high. Other crews continue their work on the east flank to mop-up and patrol along Chopaka Road. The BC Wildfire Service Incident Management Team assigned to the Snowy Mountain Fire is working collaboratively with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources given the fire's proximity to the border. The steep terrain is inoperable in some areas, and poses a safety risk to firefighting personnel. Crews are being strategically placed where it is safe and where suppression objectives can be met. Crews are positioned in rotations for 24 hour coverage, working on the south flank to protect communities around where evacuation orders have been implemented. Control lines are being constructed with heavy equipment. Fire equipment will be demobilized in some areas where it is no longer required.



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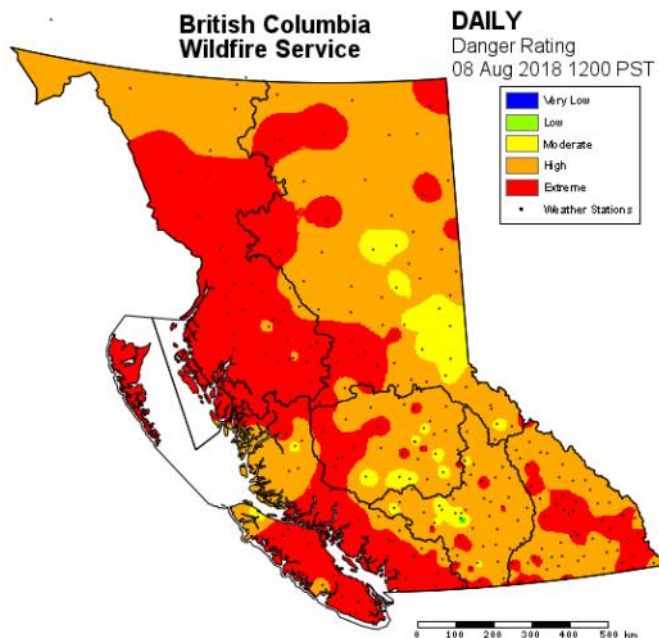
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FIRE DANGER RATING:



FIRE WEATHER:

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-southeasterly winds will be 15-25 km/h, becoming light and southwesterly at the end of the day. At higher elevations, temperatures will reach 32 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

A campfire prohibition is in place throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre. For more information go to:

<http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/prScriptsWildfireNews/Bans.asp>

To report a Wildfire call: **1-800-663-5555** or ***5555** on your cell

To call in a violation of the prohibition (if you do not consider the violation an immediate threat) you can call: Report all Poachers



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PUBLIC WEATHER—KEREMEOS:

Fri 08/10	Sat 08/11	Sun 08/12	Mon 08/13	Tue 08/14	Wed 08/15	Thu 08/16
Sunny	Risk of a thunderstorm	Chance of a shower	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
						
37°	26°	24°	29°	33°	33°	32°

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ALERTS AND ORDERS:

July 29, 2018 14:30—Evacuation Alert For 4 Properties (2 Addresses) on Chopaka Road in Electoral “B”

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre is issuing an Evacuation Alert. Protected Area wildfire K51238 in the vicinity of Cawston in Electoral Area “B” and adjacent to the Lower Similkameen Indian Band.

July 31, 2018 18:00—Evacuation Alert for 481 Properties in Keremeos and Cawston

The precautionary Evacuation Alert includes all homes south and west of Highway 3 from 1143 Highway 3, south of Cawston, to the Fas Gas Plus service station at 3163 Highway 3, west of Keremeos. This includes selected homes within Electoral Area “B”, Electoral Area “G” and the Village of Keremeos closest to the Snow Mountain wildfire. [See RDOS for details.](#)

Aug. 01, 2018—Smalqmix (Lower Similkameen Indian Band) Expanded evacuation alerts

Citizens can contact their band office at <https://www.lsib.net/> for any updates.

Aug. 01, 2018—Cathedral Provincial Park and Protected Area

There is an evacuation order for Cathedral Park Lodge and access routes within the vicinity. Please refer to [BC Parks](#) for updates.

Aug. 01, 2018 10:00—Evacuation Order for Cathedral Lakes Lodge

Under a State of Local Emergency in RDOS Electoral Area “G”, an Evacuation Order has been issued for Cathedral Lakes Lodge. [See RDOS for full details.](#)

Aug. 01, 2018 19:00—Evacuation Alert for Crown Land in the Cawston Area

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen issued an expanded precautionary Evacuation Alert area to include Crown Land/Snowy Mountain Protected Area to prepare for pre-emptive cattle relocation.

Aug. 02, 2018 08:00—Evacuation Order for Lower Similkameen Indian Band

Precautionary evacuation order recommendation for five properties on the Lower Similkameen Indian Band.

Aug. 03, 2018 11:00—Evacuation Order for Chopaka Road

The Lower Similkameen Indian Band issued an evacuation order for homes on Chopaka Road. Please see the [Lower Similkameen Indian Band information release](#) for details. The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen issued an evacuation order for properties in their jurisdiction, please see [the RDOS release](#) for complete details.

Aug. 06, 2018 2:00—Evacuation order rescinded for four properties

An Evacuation Order for four properties in the vicinity of Cawston in Electoral Area “B”; issued on August 3, 2018 has been rescinded. Please see the [Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen information release](#) for further details.

Aug. 07, 2018—Evacuation order for Cathedral Lakes Lodge rescinded

The Evacuation Order will now be replaced with an alert. Please see [the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen information release](#) for more information.

Aug. 07, 2018—Evacuation Order for properties on Chopaka Road rescinded

The Evacuation Order was lifted for three properties on this Road. Please see the [Lower Similkameen Indian Band release](#) for more details.

Aug. 8, 2018—Area Restriction is rescinded. BC Parks partially opens Cathedral Provincial Park.

The Area Restriction around Placer Lake has been rescinded. See BC Parks for complete details on park access.

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Wildfires of Note: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp?ID=699>

Drifting Smoke: www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html

Smoke Health Concerns: HealthLink BC | dial 8-1-1 | www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp