

INCIDENT UPDATE

Cool Creek (K62690)

This information is current as of:	September 11, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	<p>This wildfire is estimated at 12,685 hectares in size and is classified as Being Held.</p> <p>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The Area Restriction was rescinded effective August 30 at 12:00 PDT.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>Becoming mainly cloudy with isolated showers by afternoon. High temperature 9 C(48 F) and minimum RH 61%. Winds W 20-30(12-18mi/hr) G 50 km/h (31mi/hr).</p> <p>TONIGHT: Mainly cloudy. Isolated showers beginning near 18:00 and ending by midnight. Low temperature 0 C (32 F) and RH recovery to 95%. Winds W 20-30 (12-18mi/hr) G 45 km/h(28mi/hr) diminishing after midnight to SW 15-25 km/h(9-16mi/hr) by morning.</p> <p>TOMORROW: Mainly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight risk of thunderstorms. High temperature 9 C (48 F) and low RH near 53%. Winds W-SW 15-25 km/h (9-16mi/hr) Overnight low near 0 C (32 F) and RH recovery to near 100%. Winds diminishing to SW 10-20 km/h (6-12mi/hr) after midnight.</p> <p>Outlook: Unstable airmass with isolated to scattered showers. At the same time a surface high will be pushing cooler air toward the region. Similar conditions will prevail for Thursday and Friday.</p>
Fire behavior prediction	<p>The region will be in a cool and unstable airmass through the period giving unsettled conditions and varying amounts of rainfall. Overnight temperatures may well fall below freezing each night. Nocturnal inversion not expected due to winds and cloud cover.</p>
Challenges	Access is challenged due to the remoteness and lack of roads in the area of the fire. Steep slopes, danger trees and rolling debris along the scree slopes.
Yesterday's achievements	All machine guard has been completed. Great progress continues to be made on all flanks of the fire.
Today's objectives	Crews will continue mop up and patrol as hot spots are identified.

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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