



INCIDENT UPDATE

Meachen Creek Complex

This information is current as of:	September 11, 2018
Incident Commander (IC)	Brian Lopushinsky
Contact information	Southeast Fire Centre 250-365-4014 or 250-365-4056
Incident Command Post	Teck Cominco
Incident overview	<p>An 8-person Incident Management Team from Alberta has assumed command of these fires.</p> <p><u>The Meachen Creek Fire (N11886)</u> 9113 hectares in size (mapped) 46 firefighting personnel on site 1 helicopter is assigned to the complex 1 piece of heavy equipment</p> <p>This wildfire is in the Kianuko Provincial Park and the Meachen Creek drainage, approximately 4 kilometres southwest of St. Mary Lake and is now classified as Being Held.</p> <p>All containment lines have continued to hold on the east side and there has been no further encroachment towards the St. Mary Lake community. The Meachen Fire is now contained and Being Held. Today's objectives will be much the same as Monday. Crews will continue establishing hose lines around the excursion and continue to work in the Fiddler Creek drainage and Meachen Creek drainage. Helicopters with buckets will be used to support the suppression efforts if required. Crews will work the lower end of the spine in the northeast corner and bucket hot spots as required. Removal of structural protection equipment has been completed. There are currently crews from BC and Ontario working on the fire.</p>
Weather forecast	Tuesday: Cloudy with Sunny breaks. 60% chance of showers. Temperatures in the high teens with relative humidity values near 35%. Winds will be from the Southwest to 10km/hr to 20km/hr with gust to 60km/hr.
Fire behavior prediction	Fire behaviour is continuing its reduction. BUIs are still elevated.
Other	<p>All Evacuation Alerts issued to the St Mary's Lake area has been rescinded as of 12:00, September 10, 2018. For more information, please call the RDEK at 250 426-2188 or visit their website at: www.rdek.bc.ca</p> <p>Restrictions remains in effect for Meachen Creek and White Boar Forest Service Roads starting at the 25.3 km mark of the Hellroaring Forest Service Road junction. There is a security check point located at the "Y" of Meachen Creek and Hellroaring Forest Service Road. The Hellroaring Forest Service Road is open. Starting at the 31 km mark of St. Mary Lake Road, the Redding Creek and Gray Creek Forest Service Road are now open.</p>



Wildfire Rank

Rank 1 – Smouldering ground fire: no open flame, white smoke, slow rate of spread.

Rank 2 – Low vigour surface fire: visible open flame, unorganised or inconsistent flame front, slow rate of spread.

Rank 3 – Moderately vigorous surface fire: organised flame front, occasional candling may be observed, moderate rate of spread.

Rank 4 – Highly vigorous surface fire with torching, or passive crown fire: grey to black smoke, organised surface flame front, moderate to fast rate of spread on the ground, short aerial bursts through the forest canopy, short range spotting.

Rank 5 – Extremely vigorous surface fire or active crown fire: black to copper smoke, organised crown fire front, moderate to long-range spotting and independent spot fire growth.

Rank 6 – A blow up or conflagration; extreme and aggressive fire behaviour: organised crown fire front, long-range spotting and independent spot fire growth, possible fire balls and whirls, violent fire behaviour probable, a dominant smoke column may develop which influences fire behaviour.

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