



INCIDENT UPDATE

Meachen Creek Complex

This information is current as of: September 1, 2018

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Incident overview An 8-person Incident Management Team from Alberta has assumed command of these fires.

The Meachen Creek Fire (N11886)
9113 hectares in size (mapped)
21 firefighting personnel on site
4 helicopters are assigned to the complex
5 pieces of heavy equipment

This wildfire is in the Kianuko Provincial Park and the Meachen Creek drainage, approximately 4 kilometres southwest of St. Mary Lake and is classified as Out of Control.

All containment lines have continued to hold in the northeast corner and there has been no further encroachment towards the St. Mary Lake community. Today's objectives will be much the same as Friday. Crews will continue establishing hose lines around the excursion. When safe to do so, helicopters with buckets will be used to support the suppression efforts. Crews will work the lower end of the spine in the northeast corner and bucket hot spots as required. Structural protection will continue in zones 1 and 2. There are currently crews from BC and New Zealand working on the fire.

The Lost Dog Complex (N12314, N12419, N12420)
714 hectares in size (mapped)
12 firefighting personnel on site
4 helicopters are assigned to the complex

This wildfire is located approximately 14 kilometres north of Kimberley and is classified as Being Held.

The Lost Dog Complex was originally a cluster of 4 fires. N12420, the 7-hectare fire to the east, was declared out on August 28. N12419 is Under Control and in patrol stage and N12413 is considered as Being Held. Crews will continue working the south flank headed west creating a 50 to 100-foot-wide black line. They will also continue working on a 50-foot-wide black line on the north flank towards the east as well as the west flank the with skidders. Today this fire was scanned for heat sources.

The Mount Dickson Fire (N71602)
1659 hectares in size (mapped)
4 helicopters are assigned to the complex
This wildfire is classified as Out of Control

	Fire behaviour has been continued to be quiet the past several days and it has showed no significant growth. The fire is approximately one and a half kilometres south of the Meachen Creek fire.
Weather forecast	Saturday: Mix of Sun and Clouds. Possible smoke. Temperatures just below seasonal in the low twenties with relative humidity values near 18%. Moderate to strong winds out of the North to Northwest of 15 to 30km/hr developing in afternoon. Gusts to 50km/hr.
Fire behavior prediction	Increased fire behavior can be expected on steep south and west slopes.
Other	<p>The Evacuation Order issued to the St Mary's Lake area from the West boundary of the City of Kimberley to the Redding Creek / St Mary's River convergence including St Mary's Lake Road and Lakeside Road area was partially rescinded by the Regional District of East Kootenay Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 15:00. The rescind applies to properties along St Mary's Lake Road from the West boundary of the City of Kimberley to Lakeside/Lakefront Road. These areas remain on Evacuation Alert.</p> <p>The rescind does not apply to properties along Lakeside Road or properties along St. Mary's Lake Road west of Lakeside Road, which remain on Evacuation Order.</p> <p>The evacuation alert issued by the Regional District of East Kootenay for the entire City of Kimberley Municipal Boundary, and properties in the RDEK directly south and southeast of the City of Kimberley Municipal Boundary remains in effect.</p> <p>For more information, please call the RDEK at 250 426-2188 or visit their website at: www.rdek.bc.ca</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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