BC Wildfire Service

INCIDENT UPDATE

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	September 3, 2018
Incident Commander (IC)	Glen Burgess
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	This wildfire is estimated at 17,565 hectares in size. The fire activity remains within the identified fire analysis area the status of this fire remains Being Held. This means we do not expect the fire to spread beyond this determined area. The BC Wildfire Service continues to monitor and respond to the Snowy Mountain fire. 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 This fire is located in the Snowy Protected Area. For information please visit the BC Parks website at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/snowy.
Weather forecast	A weakening cold front approaches the area in the early morning. Winds may shift from WSW ahead of the front to NW behind the front, between 05:00 and 06:00. During the day, occasional cloudy periods. High temperature 10 C (50 F) and low RH near 34%. Winds NW 20-30 G 50 km/h (13 – 18 G 31 mi/h) in the morning, diminishing to NW 10-20 km/h (6 – 12 mi/h) by noon. 10% chance of 1mm with the passage of the cold front during the early morning. Tonight: Overnight low near 1 C (33 F) and RH recovery to near 80%. Outlook: An upper ridge will begin building off the Pacific coast on Tuesday, ushering in a period of slight warming and dry conditions. At the surface a ridge across northern BC will give light northwest to northeast winds. Wednesday and Thursday will be similar with temperatures warming one or two degrees each day.
Fire behavior prediction	Fine surface fuels are approaching values that sustain surface spread in continuous fine fuels. DC values are very much above average, and heavy coarse fuels are likely to burn well and at high intensity. Slow to moderate rates of spread are possible in the C-3 and C-7 fuels today, with fast rates of spread for grass areas that carry continuous fuel loads. Vigorous surface fires are possible in the early morning with the gusty winds (despite cool temps and high RH), and again during the peak of the day.
Challenges	Steep, difficult terrain and a large geographical area.
Yesterday's achievements	Helicopters bucketed in the Snehumption Creek area to reduce fire intensity. Despite high winds fire remained within the identified control lines.
Today's objectives	Aviation resources will continue to monitor the fire and will continue bucketing operations as required. Bucketing operations may be undertaken on the north west flank of the fire in the vicinity of the Barrington drainage.

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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