

INCIDENT UPDATE

Cool Creek (K62690)

This information is current as of:	September 8, 2018
Incident Commander (IC)	Kim Janowsky
Contact information	Information Officer: Kamloops Fire Centre 250 554-5965
Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	<p>This wildfire is estimated at 12,685 hectares in size and is classified as Out of Control.</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The Area Restriction was rescinded effective August 30 at 12:00 PDT.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>TODAY: Becoming mainly cloudy. High temperature 20 C (68 F) and minimum RH 40%. Winds becoming W-SW 15-25(9-15mi/hr).G40km/h(25mi/hr).</p> <p>TONIGHT: Mainly cloudy with a 20% chance of a shower or thunderstorm. Low temperature 6 C (41 F) and RH recovery to 70%. Winds W-SW 20-30(12-18mi/hr) G 50 km/h(31mi/hr) until midnight then diminishing to W 10-20 km/h (6-12mi/hr) by morning.</p> <p>TOMORROW: Mainly cloudy. High temperature 11 C (50 F) and low RH near 43%. Winds becoming W-SW 15-25 km/h (9-15mi/hr) by afternoon. Overnight low near 4 C (39F) and RH recovery to near 80%. Winds diminishing to SW 5-15 km/h (3-9mi/hr) by midnight.</p>
Fire behavior prediction	Thunderstorms could have the potential to create gusty and erratic winds through the afternoon / evening. Down drafts could increase wind speeds and rate of spread. Fire behaviour may pick up in the fine fuels early in the morning after another night of moderate RH recovery. Inversion not expected to develop overnight tonight, so fire behavior may pick up earlier in the burn period (by 1300 hours) should this occur and no rainfall in the fire area.
Challenges	Increasing winds challenged crews on every front due to the steep terrain throughout the fire. There was very active fire behaviour yesterday. The fire made some runs at control lines in a few areas. We did see major growth and were challenged with control.
Yesterday's achievements	Crew are continuing to mop up on the west flank.
Today's objectives	We will be working to re-establish control lines and begin the process of suppression and mop up again. We expect more favourable weather the next few days.

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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