



INCIDENT UPDATE

Old Tom Creek (K52670)

This information is current as of:	September 8, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	<p>This fire was discovered on August 15, since then ground crews, helicopters, air tankers and heavy equipment have been assigned to this fire. The current size of the fire is estimated at 1,130ha. This wildfire is classified as Being Held.</p> <p>The fire was quite active yesterday and was moving aggressively upslope. The only active area is the west flank.</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>
Weather forecast	<p>TODAY: Becoming mainly cloudy. High temperature 19 C and minimum RH 26%. Winds becoming W 15-25 G 40 km/h by 18:00.</p> <p>TONIGHT: Mainly cloudy with a 20% chance of a shower or thunderstorm. Low temperature 7 C and RH recovery to 80%. Winds W 15-25 G 40 km/h until 03:00 then diminishing to W-NW 10-20 km/h by morning.</p> <p>TOMORROW: Mainly cloudy. High temperature 14 C and low RH near 27%. Winds becoming SW 15-25 km/h by afternoon. Overnight low near 6 C and RH recovery to near 80%. Winds diminishing to W-NW 5-15 km/h after midnight.</p>
Fire behavior prediction	<p>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. Surface fires could pick up by midday while the RH is still low and Fire behaviour may pick up in the fine fuels early in the burn period.</p> <p>Good overnight RH recovery (80%) is forecast for Saturday night. Fire area has received no significant rainfall and large fuels are available for extreme fire behavior under forecast conditions.</p>
Challenges	Steep slopes, challenging terrain.
Yesterday's achievements	Continue to mop up east, south and north flank to a minimum of 100 feet from perimeter. Crews continued to work with the licensee to move timber along the road and build control lines.
Today's objectives	Continue to patrol north, east and south flank and extinguish any hot spots within 100 ft of perimeter. Plan and assess the west flank for planned ignitions to strengthen the control line

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.