



# WILDFIRE UPDATE

## Placer Mountain Fire (K61241)

**Location:** Approx. 37 km south of Princeton, north of McBride Creek fork. Fire is located west of Ashnola River and Cathedral Park. The fire is not in Cathedral Park.

**Date of Discovery:** July 17, 2018

**Fire Size:** 320 ha

**Status:** Out of Control

**Cause:** Lightning-caused

**Resources:** 18 firefighters, 3 helicopters, 7 pieces of heavy equipment and industry personnel.

**Today's Objectives:** Construct fire guard with heavy equipment on the fire's north flank. Assess east and south flanks to establish machine guard. Determine opportunities for controlled burning.

**Evacuations:** No current evacuation orders or alerts.

\*Note: Traffic on the Ashnola Road has been an issue and a road or area restriction may be implemented.

**Link to Wildfire of Note:** <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp?ID=699>



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## Snowy Mountain Fire (K51238)

**Location:** Approx. 14 km south of Keremeos

**Fire Size:** 1,360 ha

**Status:** Out of Control

**Cause:** Lightning-caused

**Resources:** There are no resources currently on this fire. It is being monitored due to the extremely remote and inaccessible location.

A remote camera is being setup to provide information about growth on the fire.

**Today's Objectives:** Modified response. BCWS will continue to monitor and assess.

**Other:** This fire is located in the Snowy Protected Area. BC Parks has closed Ewart and Wall Creek trails pending further assessment of the fire.

For more information go to: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/wildfire/>



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### ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

**Information Officer:** Ken Juvik | 604-819-7205



[www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)



BC Forest Fire Info

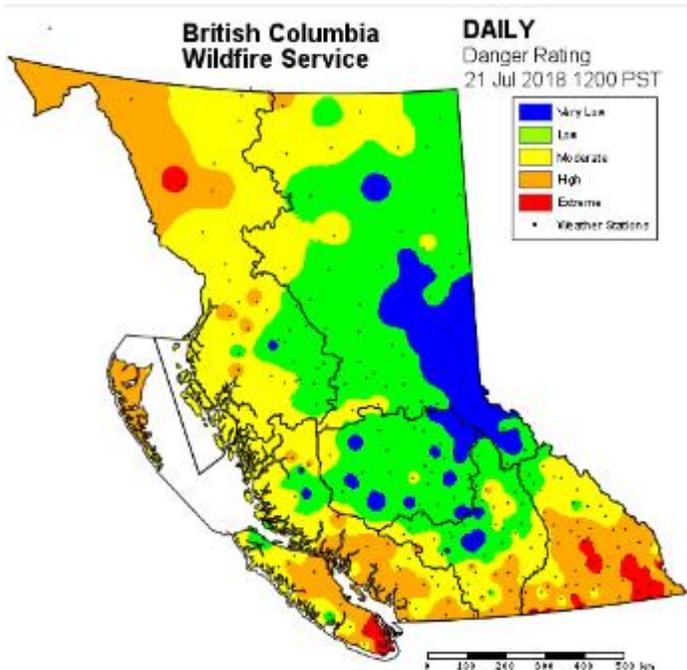


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## Fire Danger Rating



**Holdover Fires:** A fire that remains dormant and undetected for a considerable time after it starts (particularly lightning-caused fires).

## Spot a wildfire, smoke or illegal fire activity?

Call 1-800-663-5555 or  
\*5555 on your cell phone

## Reporting a Wildfire

If the fire in the area the BCWS is working to suppress is a lightning fire, there is a possibility that there may be more fires that become visible in the next few days or weeks.

Lightning in the area can strike and burn subsurface until conditions bring them to the surface. If you see a column of smoke outside of the present perimeter please report it.

Reporting a wildfire is a serious responsibility, so it's important for members of the public to know what sort of information they may be asked to provide when they call in.

First of all, you will be asked for your name, a phone number where you can be reached, and the fire's general location. The more specific information you can provide about the fire's location (e.g. directions or other considerations), the better.

Providing your information calmly — and with as much detail as possible — is important. You'll also be asked about what sort of material is burning (trees, brush, grass, slash or something else) and other details:

- Can you see smoke? (If so, is it white, grey, black, brown, blue or some other colour?)
- Do you know roughly how big the fire is?
- Is anyone currently fighting the fire?
- Is the fire spreading?
- Is the fire burning close to any "values" (e.g. structures, roads, infrastructure)?

Regardless of who provides this information, it is important for all British Columbians to take action when they spot a forest fire and call

1 800 663-5555 or \*5555 on a cellphone.

## HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Drifting Smoke: [www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html](http://www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html)

Smoke Health Concerns: HealthLink BC | dial 8-1-1 | [www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp)