



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—no change

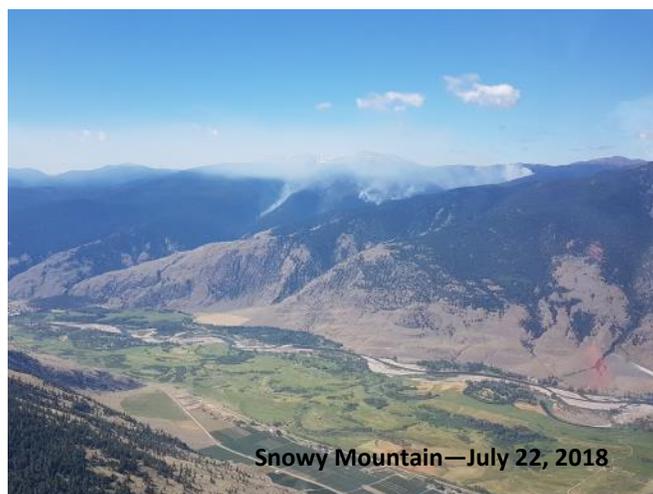
Status: Out of Control

Cause: Lightning-caused

Resources: 22 firefighters, 4 helicopters, 8 pieces of heavy equipment and industry personnel.

Objectives: Crews are constructing a wet line around the fire perimeter on the north end moving eastward. They are also conducting planned ignitions as opportunity arises to solidify the line. Progress with heavy equipment eastward and to the south. Operations is developing plans for controlled burns along the south and east fire flanks.

Evacuations: No current evacuation orders or alerts.



Snowy Mountain Fire (K51238)

Location: Approx. 14 km south of Keremeos

Fire Size: 1,360 ha - no change

Status: Out of Control

Cause: Lightning-caused

Resources: 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.

Objectives: Land managers have been consulted and trigger points are being set to determine at what point this fire will be actioned. It is burning at a high elevation and is not threatening any structures or infrastructure at this time. This fire is highly visible to surrounding communities.

Other: This fire is burning Rank 2/3 in some areas. 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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RANK 1	RANK 2	RANK 3	RANK 4	RANK 5	RANK 6
Smoldering ground fire with no open flame.	Surface fire that produce open flame and are either moving slowly or not at all. Thee head of the fire is typically erratic.	A more vigorous surface fire and rate of spread starts to increase. This is when we might see candling (trees ignite and flare up) in the trees.	When a fire gets to Rank 4 the smoke changes to grey or black, and the rate of spread continues to pick up along the ground. Spotting ahead of the fire can occur.	Fire will produce black to copper smoke, and the entire fire will move forward together. The rate of spread and spotting increases as does the distance of spotting.	Fire exhibits violent fire behaviour. Fire behaviour may be too extreme for fire suppression efforts and may be halted and the fire allowed to run its course. Indirect methods (from a distance) may be used.

Fire danger rating - A general term used to express an assessment of both fixed and changeable factors of the fire environment that determine the ease of ignition, rate of spread, difficulty of control, and fire impact.

For Daily Fire Danger Rating go to:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation/fire-danger>

Spot a wildfire, smoke or illegal fire activity?

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

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

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

Drifting Smoke: www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html

Smoke Health Concerns: HealthLink BC | dial 8-1-1 | www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp