



# WILDFIRE UPDATE

## Placer Mountain Fire (K61241)

**Location:** Approx. 37 km south of Princeton.

Fire is located west of Ashnola river and Cathedral Park. The fire is not in the Park.

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

**Fire Size:** 434 ha Approx. 115 ha growth over the last 48 hrs.

**Status:** Out of Control

**Cause:** Lightning

**Resources:** 22 firefighters, 4 helicopters, 7 pieces of heavy equipment and industry personnel.

**Objectives:** Crews are continuing to establish a 3 m wet line around the fire perimeter. Danger tree assessments and danger tree felling are ongoing. A dozer line is being completed in East gully.

**Evacuations:** No current evacuation orders or alerts. Future road or area restrictions may be implemented due to traffic on the Ashnola Road.

**Other:** The fire has crossed McBride Creek and is progressing upslope into the old Diamond Fire of 2017. Bucketing is being carried out in areas where the fire is burning at Rank 3.

## Snowy Mountain Fire (K51238)

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

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

**Fire Size:** 1,530 ha Just under 200 ha growth over the last 48 hrs.

**Status:** Out of control.

**Cause:** Lightning

**Resources:** The fire is being monitored due to the extremely remote and inaccessible location. A remote camera has now been set up and is providing real time imaging.

**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. **Evacuations:** No current evacuations.

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

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### ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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## Planned Ignition

The BC Wildfire Service uses controlled fire to help contain large wildfires. These tactics are used when the fire is beyond the initial attack stage.

The goal of controlled fire is to remove the majority of available fuels so there are no fire areas left to burn. Ignition is carried out on wildfires to promote safety on the fire line and to increase the effectiveness of forest fire fighting.

Planned ignition operations are used when attacking the fire directly, such as with water and removing fuels with equipment or by hand, is no longer effective or safe. Some factors that can limit the effectiveness of direct attack are lack of available water, extreme fire behaviour, unsafe conditions or inoperable terrain.

Safety is always a top priority for controlled burns and they always involve substantial planning that considers weather, terrain, fire behaviour, wind speed and wind direction.

Burn operations are only utilized when these factors are favourable under current conditions.

## 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](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)