



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Placer Mountain Fire (K61241)

Location: Approx. 37 km south of Princeton.

Date of Discovery: July 17, 2018

Fire Size: 1,017 hectares

Status: Out of Control

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 98 firefighters, 8 helicopters, 5 water tenders and 7 pieces of heavy equipment.

Objectives: Crews will work on mop up after a planned ignition conducted on July 29, 2018, with a 6 metre blackline along a northeast section of the fire. A crew will also continue to build a fuel free line in the south from the Ashnola River along a scree slope, as well as examine opportunities to establish an indirect line up the McBride drainage. Crews will be conducting burnouts as required. A 3 metre wetline and a helipad are being established along the east flank of the fire.

Structural Protection (SPU): A team has been sent to the Cathedral Lakes Lodge to install additional aids to the Lodge's existing structural protection.

Snowy Mountain Fire (K51238)

Location: Approx. 14 km south of Keremeos

Date of Discovery: July 17, 2018

Fire Size: 1,910 ha

Status: Out of Control

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 21 firefighters, 3 Helicopters. A remote camera continues to provide real time imaging to assist in monitoring this fire.

Objectives: Crews will continue to bucket as required to slow the fire in the sub-alpine pass. Crews will establish a fuel free handline to the gully on the north flank, tying into the retardant drop of July 29, 2018. Helipads are being established on the ridge along the control line. Relay tanks will also be positioned along the control line for mop-up. Hand ignitions are planned for today when, and if, conditions are favourable.

Structural Protection (SPU): A team will assess structures in the valley bottom as directed by Operations.

A compilation of all Evacuation Alerts, Orders, and other details is on the next page.

A new Incident Management Team will be transitioning in tomorrow. Transition is one day of turnover in order to familiarize the new team with what has been accomplished to date and what is planned going forward.



Planned Ignition on the Placer Complex, July 29, 2018. Note where the fuel free line is in the foreground. This type of operation is carried out only when conditions are favourable, and only conducted by an Ignitions Specialist with the full support of Operations. This fire is fuel and terrain driven and not wind driven. It is optimal to remove fuels prior to any wind being present. Note how the fire is drawn upslope.

We have a new email address for anyone who would like to contact us here at the Placer Complex:

PlacerComIN@gov.bc.ca



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Alerts and Orders

July 29, 2018 2:45 pm—Evacuation Alert For 1 Property at Cathedral Lakes Lodge in Electoral “G”

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) is issuing an Evacuation Alert due to the threat of the Placer Mtn. wildfire, K61241 in the vicinity of Cathedral Lakes Lodge north of Keremeos in Electoral Area “G,” for the following properties: Cathedral Lakes Provincial Park - The Lodge. For more information go to: <http://www.rdos.bc.ca/home/>

July 29, 2018 2:30 pm—Evacuation Alert For 4 Properties (2 Addresses) on Chopaka Road in Electoral “B”

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) is issuing an Evacuation Alert due to the threat of the Snowy Mtn. Protected Area wildfire K51238 in the vicinity of Cawston in Electoral Area “B” and adjacent to the Lower Similkameen Indian Band. The Alert is for the following properties along Chopaka Road: 1050 and 1101.

Smalqmix (Lower Similkameen Indian Band) citizens can contact their band office at <https://www.lisib.net/> for any updates.

Cathedral Provincial Park and Protected Area, July 29, 2018: Wall Creek and Ewart Creek Trail accesses are currently CLOSED due to wildfire activity.

Wall Creek and Ewart Creek Trail accesses are currently CLOSED as part of a broader area closure due to nearby wildfire activity. As well, the Ashnola Fores Service Road (FSR) is closed at 25km. Cathedral Lakes Lodge and core area campgrounds and trails, as well as the Lakeview trail and private road access remain open but are under an evacuation alert. Wildfire is not threatening the park, but park users are asked to remain vigilant and refer to park staff or emergencyinfo.bc.gov.bc.ca for changing information.

For updated messages go to information go to: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/cathedral/>

Snowy Protected Area, July 28, 2017: Smoky conditions due to wildfire in Washington State

The Diamond Creek fire, 20km southwest of Cathedral Park in Washington State, may create smoky conditions in the local area. At this time the park is not threatened. BC Parks will update this alert and inform park visitors as required.

Posted July 19, 2018: There is an active fire within the protected area east of Joe Lake The Ewart Creek trail access is closed, pending further assessment of the fire.

An Area Restriction is in place for the area around the Placer Mountain Fire for a map of the Restriction go to: [\[Link\]](#).



Retardant holding the line on the Snowy Mountain Fire (K51238), July 29, 2018.

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



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Remember that a Campfire Prohibition is in place throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre.

For more information go to: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp>

To report a Wildfire call: 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell

To call in a violation of the prohibition (if you do not consider the violation an immediate threat) you can call:

Report all Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) at 1-877-952-7277 or #7277.

Fire Weather

Hot, dry trend continues, possible isolated thundershower.

Monday: Mainly sunny with a slight risk of an afternoon thunderstorm. High temperature near 29 and minimum RH near 12%. Winds southeast 5-15 km/h.

Tuesday: Hot and dry. Wind light and variable. Temp around 27 C.

Outlook: Tuesday will see more hot and dry weather, although a sharpening thermal trough at the surface will bring some convergence and aid instability. Winds will be light and variable and temperatures will be a degree or two cooler. An upper trough will be arriving at the BC coast on Wednesday with more instability into the north. The fire area will remain dry. Temperatures will cool to the low to mid twenties with light to moderate west to southwest winds. Thursday will see the trough cross the region with an embedded closed low to the north, giving a slight chance of convection. Winds will be light to moderate southwest.

Public Weather

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
07/31	08/01	08/02	08/03	08/04	08/05	08/06
Mainly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	A mix of sun and clouds	A mix of sun and clouds	Chance of a shower	A Few showers
35°	30°	25°	23°	24°	24°	23°

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Information Officer: Ken Juvik | 604-819-7205



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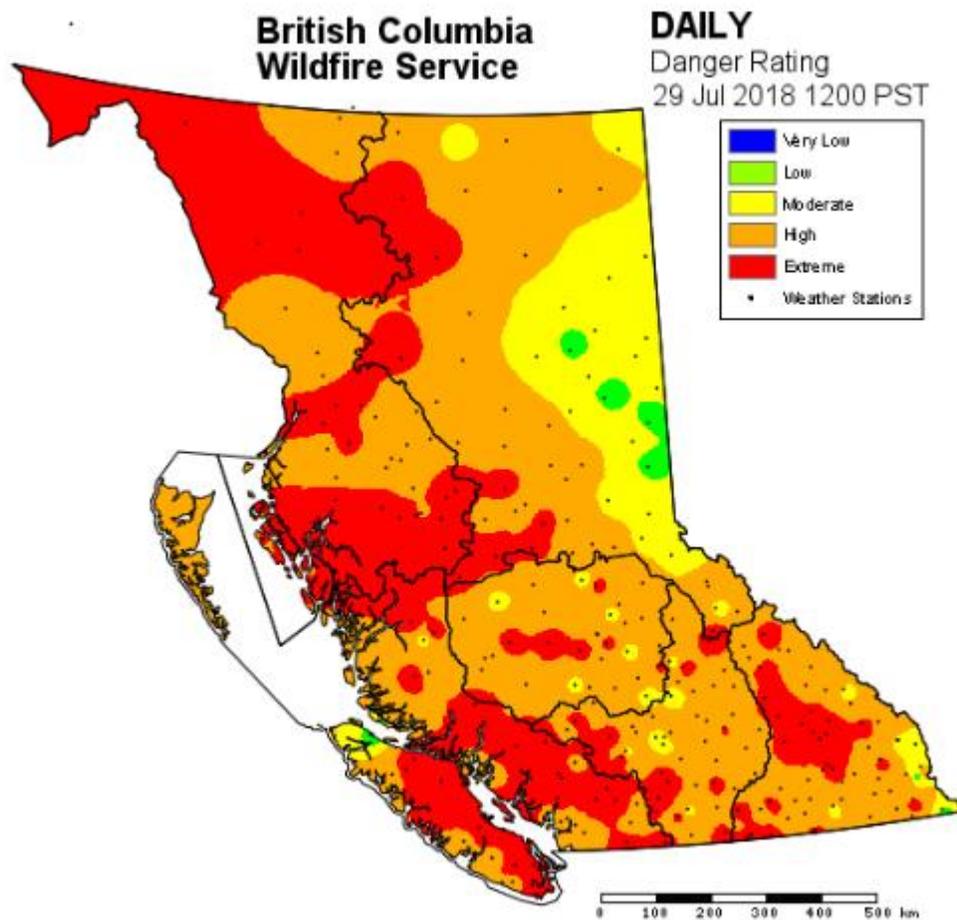


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Fire Danger Rating:



Spot a wildfire, smoke or illegal fire activity?

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