



INCIDENT UPDATE

Placer Mountain (K61241)

This information is current as of:	August 10, 2018
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Fire camp	Princeton Fire Base
Incident overview	Placer Mountain wildfire is estimated at 2,372.0 hectares in size and is classified as Being Held. There are 10 helicopters assigned to the entire complex that are being interchanged amongst the two wildfires (the other wildfire being Snowy Mountain). This wildfire is being held.
Weather forecast	<p>Today (Friday): Smoke associated with a thermal belt inversion near 1500m dissipating overnight tonight. Mainly sunny with increasing convective cloud later in the day. Risk of a late evening thunderstorm with brief wind gusts to 60 km/h.</p> <p>In the valley bottom, a high temperature near 34°C and low RH near 18%. Forecasted winds S 10-15 km/h with late day gusts to 25 km/h. Gusty overnight winds possible with incoming instability.</p> <p>For higher elevations, high temperature near 27°C, min. RH values in the mid twenties. Forecasted S-SW winds 10-15 km/h with afternoon gusts to 25 km/h. Winds may gust to 35 km/h by the evening. Gusty overnight winds possible with incoming instability.</p> <p>Tomorrow : Increasing convective cloudiness and trending cooler. Scattered thunderstorms. Some dry early but thunderstorms becoming increasingly wet. Gusty south winds with afternoon gusts to 40 km/h. Brief gusts to 70 km/h near thunderstorm activity. Valley bottom temperatures in the low 30's°C with 20-30% RH. Upper elevation temps in the mid to upper 20's°C with 20-45% RH.</p>
Fire behavior prediction	Similar to the past two days, above the inversion expect active surface fires, torching and short crown bursts in the afternoon especially in closed timber on slope. Afternoon weather conditions with incoming instability allow for convection column development following breakdown of the inversion.
Challenges	Crews continue to be challenged by the steep terrain on this wildfire. Rattlesnakes are present in some areas as well.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews continued to patrol and mop-up today. The scan identified hotspots and crews worked to mop up those identified as necessary. More fire equipment was demobilized in areas where it is no longer needed.
Today's objectives	Crews will continue to patrol and mop-up today. Hotspots will be actioned and more fire equipment will be demobilized in areas where it is no longer needed.

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.

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