



INCIDENT UPDATE

Mabel Creek (K41813)

This information is current as of:	August 10, 2018
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Fire camp	A camp has not been established at this time. Set up is expected to start Friday east of Lumby
Incident overview	The area of this fire is estimated to be approximately 200 hectares. Please note: the estimated size of this fire is out-of-date and we are currently unable to get updated data due to smoke. There are 16 fire fighters, 2 danger tree assessors/fallers, and 7 pieces of Tolko Industries Limited’s heavy equipment working on the suppression of this wildfire. There are 8 helicopters available for support as needed. This wildfire is classified as out of control
Weather forecast	The weather forecast for today is for mainly sunny with smoke with highs of 25°C and a low relative humidity (RH’s) at 33 %. This afternoon the winds are expected to be south southwest, 10km/hr, easing to 5 -10 km/hr. Outlook: Mainly sunny at first then increasing convective cloud by the evening. Risk of a late day thunderstorm. Winds south to southwest 10 to 15 km/h by early afternoon. Gusts to 30 km/h by the evening. Brief wind gusts to 50 km/h near possible late day thunderstorm activity. Min RH 26%. High near 27° C.
Fire behavior prediction	With the incoming change to the weather expect fire behaviour to be very high with gusty winds and steep slopes. Fuels are very dry and fires have been picking up with a little wind pushing them. Today expect fires to be even more active than in the past few days. The area has been smoky the past few days and this has kept things a few degrees cooler and suppressed the potential for convection. This instability is not expected to arrive late on Friday but a look out needs to be kept in case an early arrival.
Challenges	With the drying trend and higher temperature there is increased fire behaviour Smokey conditions are making it difficult for crews to move equipment. Steep terrain is also an issue. Safety of the crews is the number one priority on the worksite.
Yesterday’s achievements	Yesterday, there was very active fire behaviour on this wildfire and it continued to grow to the west past Mabel Creek and smoke has been highly visible from this fire.
Today’s objectives	This fire continues to be active and has crossed Mabel creek on the west flank. Operations staff are working to establish guards on the west flank to limit growth toward Mabel Lake. Crews are also establishing hoselay for wetlining along the south flank and are working to establish helipads where needed.
Other	An Area Restriction Order was put in place at 16:00 PDT on August 4, 2018 and remains in force until the earlier of 12:00 noon (PDT). The Order is for Crown land in the vicinity of Mabel Lake. The Order was put in place to address a public safety concern arising from the Mabel Creek Wildfire (K41813) and in order to avoid interference with fire control.

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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