



INCIDENT UPDATE

Mabel Creek (K41813)

This information is current as of:	August 11, 2018
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Fire camp	A camp has not been established at this time. Set up is expected to start Sunday east of Lumby
Incident overview	The area of this fire is estimated to be approximately 1861 hectares. There are 9 fire fighters, 2 danger tree assessors/fallers, and 8 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	Today the weather forecast is for increasing convective cloudiness. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected by this afternoon. Wind South Southwest 20 km/h with gusts to 35 km/h. Brief gusts to 60 km/h near convective cells. Min relative humidity is expected to be 35%. High temperatures in the low 20’s C. The outlook for Sunday is scattered showers for Sunday morning. Total rainfall in the 6 to 12 mm range. Decreasing showers by the afternoon. Winds West/Northwest 25 km/h with gusts to 40 km/h. Min relative humidity 55%. High temperatures near 16°C. Fire behavior prediction
Fire behavior prediction	Fire behaviour will still be fairly active in the morning depending on the timing of the weather system. 6 to 12 mm of precipitation is forecasted however some areas may receive less. Anticipate that fire behaviour will still challenge control lines and winds associated with thundercells will increase any active fire behaviour.
Challenges	There will be erratic fire behaviour in front of today’s expected precipitation. Despite today’s weather forecast the fuels will remain dry unless we receive significant precipitation. This fire is located in heavy fuels and closed canopies that can be challenging if there are flare ups. Steep terrain is also an issue. Safety of the crews is the number one priority on the worksite.
Yesterday’s achievements	The fire grew to 1861 ha due to current conditions despite crews efforts
Today’s objectives	Operations staff are working to establish guards on the west flank to limit growth toward Mabel Lake. The terrain in this area is resulting in limitations on where crews can build machine guard. Crews are also establishing hoselay for wetlining along the south flank and are working to build 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. For the purpose of public and responder safety the BC Wildfire Service has recommended the closure of the recreation site near fire K41791 on the North East corner of Sugar Lake, along with the Kate Creek FSR access road. We have also recommended a closure to all recreation traffic from Km 8 to Km 59 on the Mabel Lake FSR and the closure of all recreation sites along that road. The closure does not apply to the residents in the Mable Lake Holdings community, nor other private residences along the Mabel Lake FSR. These closures are not due to fire threat but for road safety for our crews and industry partners traveling to and from the fires. This is currently in effect

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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