

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

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Fire camp	Princeton Fire Base
Incident overview	<p>This wildfire is estimated at 13, 359 hectares in size and is classified as Out of Control. There are 10 helicopters assigned to the entire complex that are being interchanged amongst the two wildfires in order to support ground crews and heavy equipment on site. The fire remains to the west of Chopaka Road, but is burning in a southward direction and the south flank is approximately 3 km from the U.S. border. The BC Wildfire Service Incident Management Team assigned to the Snowy Mountain Fire is working collaboratively with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. We have engaged with our US Counterparts due to the fire's proximity to the border and the potential that the fire will move southward.</p>
Weather forecast	Scattered showers may linger in the morning. Potential total rainfall expected to be in the 2 to 5 mm range on Snowy Mountain and 4 to 8 mm on Placer Mountain. Potential for isolated showers will decrease in the afternoon. Winds W/NW 25 km/h with gusts to 40 km/h. Min RH 45%. High 18° C to 22°C
Fire behavior prediction	With the unstable atmosphere and shifting winds expected later in the morning, expect more active surface fires at all elevations. There is also potential for the development of convection columns.
Challenges	Crews continue to work long days in extreme temperatures and steep terrain with rolling debris. Additionally, the terrain in this area influences weather with variable wind direction.
Yesterday's achievements	Mop up was completed on the southeast corner and the structural protection unit demobbed the Chopaka area. A successful small scale planned ignition was completed on the northeast flank to clean up the fire perimeter and tie into a natural containment line. Fuel free line with guard and hose lay was established halfway up a natural containment line and overnight sprinklers were deployed.
Today's objectives	Continue working to contain the southeast and north corners of the fire by continuing the containment line westward into a talus slope. Monitor burn operations from yesterday and patrol for hotspots.

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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