



# WILDFIRE UPDATE

## Placer Mountain Fire (K61241)

**Location:** Approx. 37 km south of Princeton.

**Date of Discovery:** July 17, 2018

**Fire Size:** 1,521 hectares—growth occurred yesterday, personnel will be remapping the fire to a more accurate and larger size today

**Status:** Out of Control

**Cause:** Lightning

**Resources:** 116 firefighters, 9 helicopters, 5 water tenders and 9 pieces of heavy equipment.

**Objectives:** Firefighters continue to mop-up towards the Ashnola River and on the southwest corner up the Ashnola Forest Service Road, and operations will make assessments for crew placement on the north of the fire and will prepare for planned ignitions if safe conditions allow in order to reinforce the perimeter of the fire.

**Structural Protection (SPU):** A structural protection specialist team has finalized the Cathedral Lakes Lodge structural protection plan as of yesterday and installed sprinklers and pumps.

## Snowy Mountain Fire (K51238)

**Location:** Approx. 14 km south of Keremeos

**Date of Discovery:** July 17, 2018

**Fire Size:** 6,155 hectares

**Status:** Out of Control

**Cause:** Lightning

**Resources:** 19 firefighters, 3 Helicopters and 4 pieces of heavy equipment. A remote camera continues to provide real time imaging to assist in monitoring this fire (see image to right).

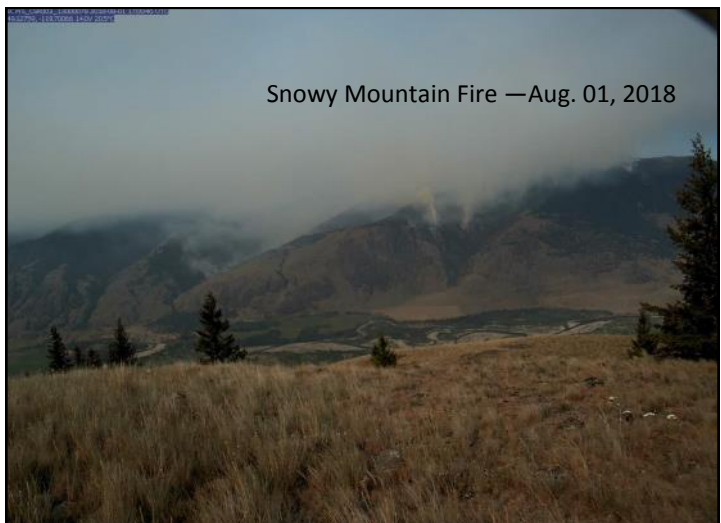
**Objectives:** Significant growth occurred yesterday on the north and east sides due to strong winds and continued dry and hot conditions, pushing the fire towards Keremeos, Cawston, and Highway 3. Structural protection specialists worked to assess at-risk properties, and BCWS crews and the local fire department worked overnight to monitor and respond as needed. Today will continue with bucketing via helicopters as required to cool the fire, and crews will work to continue establishing a fuel free and hand dug control line along the gully. Additional firefighters have been requested for this incident to replace the BC Wildfire Service unit crew who departed yesterday for some well-deserved days of rest after 14 days on the wildfire.

**Structural Protection (SPU):** Structural protection specialists worked to assess properties along the valley bottom.

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

[PlacerComIN@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PlacerComIN@gov.bc.ca)



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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 and slightly cooler temperatures overall.

**Wednesday:** Mainly sunny in the morning. Patchy afternoon cloud with a slight risk of a thunderstorm. High temperature near 30 and minimum RH near 20-25%. Winds south to southwest to 20 km/h. Gusts to 30 km/h.

**Thursday:** Temps 28, RH 25%. Winds SW anticipated to be stronger due to potential thunderstorm development, and by the afternoon are expected to gust up to 40 km/hr from the west— southwest. A chance of showers in the evening or overnight.

The week ahead may hold some cooler temperatures and rain showers through the weekend, with a mix of sun and clouds next week.

## Public Weather

Wed 1 Aug	Thu 2 Aug	Fri 3 Aug	Sat 4 Aug	Sun 5 Aug	Mon 6 Aug	Tue 7 Aug
31°C Mainly sunny	26°C A mix of sun and cloud	21°C 30% Chance of showers	23°C 60% Chance of showers	25°C 30% Chance of showers	28°C A mix of sun and cloud	27°C A mix of sun and cloud
<b>Tonight</b>	<b>Night</b>	<b>Night</b>	<b>Night</b>	<b>Night</b>	<b>Night</b>	
11°C Clear	12°C 40% Chance of showers	9°C 40% Chance of showers	11°C 60% Chance of showers	16°C Cloudy periods	16°C Cloudy periods	

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## Alerts and Orders

### 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.

### July 31, 2018 6:00 pm—Evacuation Alert for 481 Properties in Keremeos and Cawston

The precautionary Evacuation Alert includes all homes south and west of Highway 3 from 1143 Highway 3, south of Cawston, to the Fas Gas Plus service station at 3163 Highway 3, west of Keremeos. This includes selected homes within Electoral Area “B”, Electoral Area “G” and the Village of Keremeos closest to the Snow Mountain wildfire. [See RDOS for details.](#)

**Smalqmix (Lower Similkameen Indian Band)** citizens can contact their band office at <https://www.lsib.net/> for any updates. Expanded evacuation alerts occurred Aug. 01, 2018.

### Cathedral Provincial Park and Protected Area, Aug. 01, 2018:

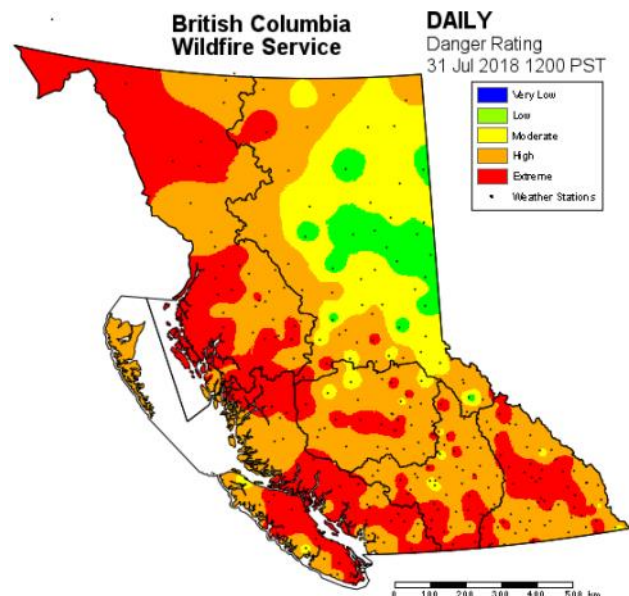
There is an evacuation order for Cathedral Park Lodge and access routes within the vicinity. The BC Wildfire Service has recommended a closure of Cathedral Provincial Park to BC Parks. Please refer to [BC Parks](#) for updates.

### Aug. 01, 2018 10:00—Evacuation Order for Cathedral Lakes Lodge

Under a State of Local Emergency in RDOS Electoral Area “G”, an Evacuation Order has been issued for Cathedral Lakes Lodge. [See RDOS for full details.](#)

Anyone requiring Emergency Social Services can contact the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen EOC RDOS Emergency Operations Centre at 250-490- 4225.

## Fire Danger Rating:



## HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Link to Wildfire of Note: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp?ID=699>

Drifting Smoke: [www.bc.airquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html](http://www.bc.airquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html)

Smoke Health Concerns: HealthLink BC | dial 8-1-1 | [www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp)