

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

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Fire camp	Princeton Fire Base
Incident overview	This wildfire is estimated at 13, 359 hectares in size and is classified as Out of Control. There are 10 helicopters assigned to the incident in order to support ground crews. The fire remains to the west of Chopaka Road and continues to burn within the managed area set by the fire analysis. The south flank remains 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.
Weather forecast	A weak trough will sit from the southern interior into Alberta, giving a mix of sun and cloud. Temperatures will be several degrees cooler. In the valley bottom, a mix of sun and cloud. High temperature near 22 and minimum RH near 30%. Winds NW-NE 10-20 km/h. For higher elevations, a mix of sun and cloud. High temperature near 22 and minimum RH near 36%. Winds W-NW 10-20 km/h
Fire behavior prediction	Fuels occurring in areas that received rainfall yesterday are still likely to burn, as DMCs and DCs remain high due to previous rainfall deficits. Fire behaviour in areas that received precipitation is likely to still smolder. Smoke may remain in the valleys through the early morning, but is likely to dissipate once the winds pick up. Possibility of unstable conditions returning.
Challenges	Crews continue to work in difficult terrain (strong winds, steep slopes and unstable ground) to establish dozer access on the north side of the fire. Strong winds occurring in the afternoon caused crews to suspend operations in the north end of the fire. Winds in the lower south east corner of the Snowy Mt. fire caused the fire to creep down the west side of the drainage. Crews were able to catch it early and were successful in extinguishing this small escape. In the afternoon, crews were chased out of the drainage by dangerous winds, but were able to continue work after the winds subsided.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews completed the demob of hoses along Chopaka Rd. and are continuing to mop up along the southeast corner of the fire. Crews assigned to the north corner of the fire have established a hose lay and fuel free guard along the dozer line in the lower elevation. They set and tested overnight sprinklers, higher up the draw. The south flank is being tied off today.
Today's objectives	Crews will continue to move further west into the Snehumption drainage, continuing with mop up, joining another crew doing mop up along that edge. Crews on the north edge of the fire will continue to work along the line to ensure a fuel free zone and to establish a water delivery system anchoring into the scree slope. They will run dozer line to the guard hose trail, tying everything in with hose and sprinkler lines.

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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