

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	August 15, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	This wildfire is estimated at 13, 359 hectares in size and is classified as Out of Control. There are 11 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	Isolated thunderstorms possible though mainly sunny with smoke. In the valley bottom, high temperature 34°C and low relative humidity near 18%. Winds NW-NE 10-25 km/h in the morning, becoming SE 10-20 km/h near noon. For higher elevations, high temperature 26° C and low relative humidity near 18%. Winds becoming W-SW 15-25 km/h by 15:00. Tonight: In the valley bottom, overnight low near 17° C and relative humidity recovery to near 60%. Winds light W-SW. For higher elevations, overnight low near 12° C and relative humidity recovery to near 70%. Winds light W-SW. Flow will remain generally westerly throughout the week. An upper trough may develop a low off the Oregon coast on Thursday and isolated thunderstorms may appear. Afternoon temperatures will rise into the high 20s/low 30s. Winds will be generally light to southwesterly. Isolated thunderstorms may return on Friday and Saturday, with similar temps and light south-westerly winds, becoming light northwest on Saturday.
Fire behavior prediction	Conditions are likely to remain smokey today, with better ventilation possible on Thursday. High drought code values will enable heavy fuels to be extensively involved and burn with high intensities. Nocturnal inversion is predicted to occur at 200m. There is a small possibility of decent upslope winds developing today. Crews should monitor their location and take regular weather readings. There is some uncertainty as to how smokey conditions may alter the forecast. Max temps and Min relative humidity may be subdued by the smoke below the inversion. If the forecast conditions do not eventuate, this may reduce the predicted fire behavior.
Challenges	Increasing temperatures yesterday and communication dead spots made for a challenging day for crews on this incident yesterday.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews continued to mop up in the Snehumption drainage in the south. Demobilisation of equipment continued.
Today's objectives	Crews plan to complete demob of the Snehumption drainage and map a contingency line in the northeastern drainage.

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.