

## Snowy Mountain (K51238)

<b>This information is current as of:</b>	August 16, 2018
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<b>Fire camp</b>	Keremeos
<b>Incident overview</b>	This wildfire is estimated at 13, 359 hectares in size and is classified as Being Held. There are 2 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.
<b>Weather forecast</b>	Mainly sunny with smoke. Isolated thunderstorms are possible. If storms eventuate, they are likely to be dry and fast moving. High temperature 28°C and low relative humidity near 14%. Winds NW 5-15 km/h in the morning, becoming W 10-20km/h by the afternoon. Conditions may differ in the valley bottom. Overnight low tonight near 12°C and relative humidity recovery to near 50%. Winds W 5-15km/h. The upper trough tracks with an embedded upper low south of the region, with isolated convection on Friday. Temps will remain near 30°C and winds will be NW 10-20 km/h. An upper ridge in the eastern Pacific on Saturday will put the region under a northwest flow. Weather conditions will be sunny with temperatures near upper 20s and light northwest winds.
<b>Fire behavior prediction</b>	Conditions in the valley may begin to clear again today. Drier than average conditions will enable heavy fuels to be extensively involved and burn with high intensities. Extremely vigorous surface fires and active crown involvement should be expected As the smoke lifts, the forecast conditions are more likely to be realized. Crews can expect to see an increase in fire behaviour. Airmass will remain stable to 1600m. Breakdown temperature of inversion is 24°C.
<b>Challenges</b>	New danger trees due to the wind events over the last few days. The winds have caused a shift in the fire's direction, and the fire is now travelling upslope away from communities and no structures or communities are currently threatened.
<b>Yesterday's achievements</b>	Crews continued to patrol the fire perimeter. Despite increased fire behaviour visible from local communities, the fire was burning upslope and is not currently threatening structures or communities.
<b>Today's objectives</b>	Crews will continue to patrol the fire and will continue to construct contingency control lines near Barrington Creek drainage on the north perimeter. Snowy staging helipad to be closed down.

### Definitions: Stages of Control

<b>Out of Control:</b>	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.
<b>Being Held:</b>	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.
<b>Under Control:</b>	Indicates that the fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.
<b>Out:</b>	Indicates that the fire has been extinguished.

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