

Juliet Creek (K62317)

This information is current as of:	August 17, 2018
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Fire camp	Merritt ICP
Incident overview	The fire was discovered on August 8 th and was actively monitored due to the remote location of the incident and stretched resources across the Province. On August 12 th heavy equipment resources commenced work on the incident.
Weather forecast	Mainly sunny with smoke. High temperature 24 C and low RH near 27%. Winds Light northwest, becoming NW 10-20 km/h by 19:00. Tonight, expect an overnight low near 10 C and RH recovery to near 70%. Winds becoming light NW. Nocturnal inversion to 1700m with a breakdown temp of 17C. Outlook for the week, a ridge in the eastern Pacific will result in a northwest flow over the region on Saturday. By Sunday it will be moving inland, and on Monday it will be over the BC interior. Temps will reach mid 20s, and RH values may rise slightly. Winds will be light.
Fire behavior prediction	Both understory and slash fuels are likely to burn with high intensity. Crews should be aware of potential increase in conditions if smoke starts to lift. Drier than average conditions will enable slash fuels to burn with high intensity.
Challenges	This incident is wind driven and extensive long-range spotting created three large independent fires separated by large areas of heavy, un-burnt timber. As a result, much of this fire is unsafe to put fire fighters into. Poor visibility due to smoke. Strong SW winds in the afternoon, combined with low relative humidity is creating aggressive fire behaviour that can result in spotting and may challenge fire suppression efforts.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews were successful in completing the majority of the contingency line from 9 km on the upper spur road tying into the alpine. The machine guard was completed on Maka Creek by crews tying existing dozer line in with the creek. Crews worked to mop up to 50 ft on the north side of Michael Lake.
Today's objectives	Today crews will continue hose lay efforts from 7km on the upper spur road working east. Danger tree assessing and falling to be completed as required. Mop up efforts south of Michael Lake should be completed by days end today. To support burn operations, crews will continue building hose lay along the fire guard in the Maka drainage area. Air support will be available to support ground crews as needed.

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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