

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	August 17, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	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.
Weather forecast	Mainly sunny with smoke. High temperature 25C and low RH near 26%. Winds NW 10-20 km/h. Conditions may differ in the valley bottoms. Tonight, expect an overnight low near 14C and RH recovery to near 70%. Winds W 10-20km/h. Airmass will remain stable up to 1600m this morning and venting will be poor. Breakdown temperature will be 26C. Outlook for the coming 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 upper 20s, and RH values may rise slightly. Winds will be light.
Fire behavior prediction	Likely poor visibility due to smoke in the morning and throughout the day. The potential for aggressive fire behaviour exists and may be difficult to see until nearby. Both understory and slash fuels are likely to burn with high intensity. Crews should be aware of conditions if smoke starts to lift. High drought code values will enable slash fuels to be extensively involved and burn with high intensities.
Challenges	Due to increasing temperatures and decreasing relative humidity fire behaviour has been picking up within the fire perimeter in the afternoons.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews continued patrolling for hot spots and made good progress on establishing contingency lines near Barrington Creek.
Today's objectives	Continue to patrol and action hot spots as required. Continue establishing contingency control lines near Barrington Creek.

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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