



# INCIDENT UPDATE

## Old Tom Creek (K52670)

<b>This information is current as of:</b>	August 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
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<b>Fire camp</b>	Merritt ICP
<b>Incident overview</b>	This fire was discovered on August 15, since then ground crews, helicopters, air tankers and heavy equipment have been assigned to this fire. This wildfire is classified as out of control.
<b>Weather forecast</b>	Mainly sunny with smoke. High temperature 21C and low RH near 35%. Winds E-NE 10 - 20 km/h. There is some uncertainty as to how temperature and RH will be affected by the lingering smoke. Overnight low near 10C and RH recovery to near 70%. Winds becoming light northeast. The coming days will see the upper ridge over the coast and the fire area will still be a northwest flow. Temperatures will rise to the upper twenties and RH minimums will be high teens to low twenties. Light to moderate northerly winds will prevail. Similar conditions for Monday and Tuesday. Possible cold front passage for mid to late next week.
<b>Fire behavior prediction</b>	Likely poor visibility due to smoke in the morning and throughout the day. The potential for aggressive fire behavior 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. If smoke lifts, the forecast conditions are more likely to be realized, and fire behavior may intensify.
<b>Challenges</b>	Steep terrain, canyons and valley bottoms in certain areas of the fire proving difficult for ground crews to access. Smoke from this fire and others will be visible from Olalla and Keremeos.
<b>Yesterday's achievements</b>	Low temperatures, kept fire activity low. Crews made good progress on continuing construction and consolidation of control lines
<b>Today's objectives</b>	Continue building control lines and consolidation of existing lines.
<b>Other</b>	Crews will be operating out of the Keremeos Fire Camp to reduce travel time to this incident.

### 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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