

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	August 19, 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. 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	Extensive smoke. High temperature 21C and low RH near 25%. Winds N-15-25 km/h gusting to 40 km/h by afternoon. Conditions may differ in the valley bottoms, particularly with wind speeds during the morning. Nocturnal inversion up to 1300m with a breakdown temperature near 22C. 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 50%. Winds North 10-20 km/h. A tightening of the gradient may keep winds up overnight and into Monday morning. On Monday/Tuesday an upper low may bring some instability, but moisture is lacking. Temperatures over the next few days will be reaching the low twenties and afternoon RH values near 20%. As the low weakens and tracks across the region on Wednesday, some showers may occur in eastern sections of the region. Temperatures will reach near twenty degrees, and RH values may drop into the 20s. Winds on Monday and Tuesday will continue from the north, but on Wednesday will be light to moderate gusty southwesterly.
Fire behavior prediction	Likely poor visibility due to smoke in the morning and throughout the day. The potential for aggressive fire behavior exists. Crews should be aware of conditions. If smoke lifts, the forecast conditions are more likely to be realized, and fire behavior may intensify. Drier than average conditions will enable slash fuels and understory to be extensively involved and burn with high intensities. Forecast moderate to fresh winds today may drive high rates of spread in all fuel types.
Challenges	Due to poor visibility, aviation resources were grounded for safety.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews accessed the Barrington Creek by road and hiking in. Crews ensured the existing control line was sufficient and the hose lay was still in place. Crews then activated the sprinkler system and actively extinguished fire as it approached the line.
Today's objectives	Crews will remain in the Barrington Drainage to monitor conditions and extinguish the fire as it slowly progresses down the hill towards the control line.

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.