



INCIDENT UPDATE

SAGE CREEK WILDFIRE (N12024/CBZ-001)

This information is current as of:	August 19, 2018
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Fire camp	PINCHER CREEK ATB
Incident overview	1947 hectares in size (estimated) 107 personnel on site (96 AB/5 Alberta Parks/6 BC) 11 helicopters assigned to the complex. Air support, as required 2 airtankers This wildfire is classified as: Mutual Aid – Assistance Started
Weather forecast	Mainly sunny with smoke cover, maximum temperature of 21°C, relative humidity of 35-40%, and winds SE 20-25 km/h, gusting to 40 km/h. Chance of light precipitation in the afternoon.
Fire behavior prediction	The wildfire is 65% contained, and has experienced no significant growth since Aug. 16, 2018. Any changes in size since then have been a result of more accurate mapping. In the next 24 hours, the wildfire will remain active within its current perimeter; no growth is expected.
Challenges	Crew placement due to steep slopes, falling debris in burnt areas; shifting winds due to mountain terrain; inversions causing poor visibility.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews and equipment made good progress along the perimeter, achieving 65 per cent containment. Bucketing and airtanker drops continued in priority areas.
Today's objectives	Crews will continue to work the line with pump and hose supported by helicopter bucketing; aerial suppression will continue to limit further spread along the perimeter. Ignition sites to be identified in the north.
Other	With continued hot and dry weather, wildfires can change rapidly. If you are planning to enter the backcountry, please remain situationally aware of existing wildfires and avoid areas with active firefighting operations.

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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