

Cool Creek (K62690)

This information is current as of:	August 21, 2018	
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Fire camp	Merritt ICP	
Incident overview	This wildfire is estimated at 6,900 hectares in size and is classified as Out of Control.	
Weather forecast	<p>Extensive smoke. High temperature 21C and low relative humidity (RH) near 21%. Winds becoming NE 10-20 km/h by the afternoon. Conditions may differ in the valley bottoms, particularly with wind speeds during the morning. Nocturnal inversion to 1200m with a breakdown temperature of 18 C. Temperature and RH values will continue to be affected by widespread smoke, and therefore may differ from forecast.</p> <p>Overnight low near 9 C and RH recovery to near 40%. Winds NE 5-15 km/h.</p> <p>Over the week ahead, the ridge flattens and moves eastward on Wednesday as an upper trough starts digging along the Pacific coast and the region is in a westerly flow, but still dry. Temperatures will reach to the low twenties, but winds will be light to moderate southwest. The upper trough with an associated cold front moves over the region on Thursday, and will give cooler temperatures and winds light to moderate from the southwest.</p>	
Fire behavior prediction	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. Crews should be aware of conditions if smoke starts to lift. If smoke lifts fire behavior may intensify. Gusty conditions may occur today and could cause fast rates of spread in all fuel types and spotting.	
Challenges	Due to poor visibility on the 18 th and 19 th , aviation resources were grounded for safety.	
Yesterday's achievements	Equipment task forces were assembled and began control line construction.	
Today's objectives	Ground crews, heavy equipment and aviation resources will continue work in locations that they can safely access.	

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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