

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	August 21, 2018	
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Fire camp	Keremeos	
Incident overview	<p>This wildfire is estimated at 13, 359 hectares in size. The BC Wildfire Service continues to monitor and respond to the Snowy Mountain fire. As temperatures remain warm, visibility improves and relative humidity decreases, fire activity within the perimeter of this fire will increase and be visible to surrounding communities. This is normal and to be expected as it is still considered an active fire. As a result the public will see the fire moving up and down draws within this area and as the fire backs down the draws crews will be responding with suppression efforts. Because the fire activity remains within the identified fire analysis area the status of this fire remains Being Held. This means we do not expect the fire to spread beyond this determined area.</p>	
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	<p>Smoke thinned as a result of wind, but may thicken up again today as winds diminish. Moderate RH recovery (50%) over Monday night may mean that fire behaviour picks up a little earlier in the day than the previous few.</p> <p>The potential for aggressive fire behavior exists. Crews should be aware of conditions. If smoke lifts fire behavior may intensify.</p> <p>If breakouts occur, there is potential for fast rates of spread in the high elevation all fuel types today, with continuous crowning predicted to occur in areas of the understory that have active flame.</p>	
Challenges	Increased fire activity along the ridgetops and within the Barrington Drainage. Ignited rolling debris. Inoperable terrain, unsafe locations for crews to work.	
Yesterday's achievements	Crews attended the fire at 0430am due to increased activity. They established a new hose lay and began mopping up fire edge by 0900am. Crews rotated throughout the day and conducted small scale hand ignitions as the fire slowly approached the control line at the bottom of the slope. Crews continued mopping up as the day progressed. Overnight a crew remained on scene to continue this operation as fire progressed towards the west.	
Today's objectives	Crews will continue to burn off the control line as the fire approaches the valley bottom. Aviation support will be available as required.	

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.