

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

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| This information is current as of: | August 22, 2018 |
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| Fire camp | Keremeos |
| Incident overview | 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. |
| Weather forecast | A few cloudy periods. High temperature 26C and low RH near 28%. Winds will begin strengthening near noon, becoming W 15-25 G 35km/h by 18:00. Conditions may differ in the valley bottoms, particularly with wind speeds during the morning. Nocturnal inversion to 1600m with a breakdown temperature of 25 C. Overnight low near 9 C and RH recovery to near 40%. Winds diminishing to W 5-15 km/h after sunset. An upper trough along the coast will start to bring cooler temperatures on Thursday, with mid to upper twenties expected. An associated weakening cold front will cross the region late Thursday, with light to moderate SW winds. Thursday night the trough will move eastward, leaving the region on Friday with some light scattered showers. Temperatures will not rise above 20 C. Saturday may see some lingering showers, with cool temperatures and light southwest winds. |
| Fire behavior prediction | Moderate RH recovery (50%) over Tuesday night may mean that fire behaviour picks up a little earlier in the day than the previous few. Peak temperatures and dry parts of the day are expected around 13:00 ahead of the gusty conditions. The potential for aggressive fire behavior exists with fast rates of spreads and elevated intensities in all fuel types. Gusty winds may lead to erratic fire behaviour and spotting. |
| Challenges | Increased fire activity along the ridgetops and within the Barrington Drainage. Ignited rolling debris. Inoperable terrain, unsafe locations for crews to work. Smoke limiting visibility for aircraft. |
| Yesterday's achievements | Crews worked over night continuing to mop up the fire edge. 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. |
| Today's objectives | Overnight a crew remained on scene to continue this operation as fire progressed towards the west. 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

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| 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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