



INCIDENT UPDATE

Old Tom Creek (K52670)

This information is current as of:	August 22, 2018
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Fire camp	Merritt ICP
Incident overview	This fire was discovered on August 15, since then ground crews, helicopters, air tankers and heavy equipment have been assigned to this fire. This wildfire is classified as out of control.
Weather forecast	A few cloudy periods. High temperature 24 C and low RH near 28%. Winds will become W 20-30 G45 km/h by 18:00. Nocturnal inversion to 1600 metres with a breakdown temperature of 25C. 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	Fire behaviour indices given for 18:00 as it is anticipated that this will be the peak of the day. 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	An increase in fire activity due to the high winds. Terrain is unworkable in areas and creates safety issues for firefighters as well as influences the wind on site.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews continued to directly action the fire as it burned towards containment lines. Small amounts of fire growth were quickly actioned.
Today's objectives	Limit the amount of growth and action as much active fire as possible prior to forecasted winds this afternoon.

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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