

Mt. Gottfriedsen (K52361)

This information is current as of:	August 23, 2018
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Fire camp	Merritt ICP
Incident overview	This incident was discovered on August 9 th . The current size of the fire is estimated at 633ha. This fire is now Under Control.
Weather forecast	A few cloudy periods. High temperature 21 C and low RH near 28%. Winds W 10-20 km/h, strengthening during the afternoon to W 15-25 G 35 km/h by 15:00. No nocturnal inversion is expected on Thursday morning due to good overnight mixing. The upper trough passes to the east on Friday and another upper trough digs in for Saturday and Sunday. Isolated to scattered showers may occur over the weekend or early parts of next week. Temperatures will remain in the teens and RH values will be in the thirties and forties. Winds will be light to moderate west to southwest each day.
Fire behavior prediction	Poor RH recovery (40%) over Wednesday night may mean that fire behaviour picks up a little earlier in the day. There may be some marginal instability in the afternoon, although thunderstorms are not currently expected. 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	Poor visibility decreased ability to locate smokes and will hinder ability to spot flare ups as well as limit ability to utilize aerial support. Active fire burning in green islands continues to complicate and slow down mop up. Majority of spots are in partially burned or marginally burned timber areas that contain hazardous trees.
Yesterday's achievements	Effective use of military to patrol large sections of ground. Continued to locate and extinguish hot spots 200 ft from perimeter. Strong coordination between fallers and contract crews working hot spots.
Today's objectives	Military continue patrol and mop up of spots in non-timbered areas while contract crews and fallers continue mop up of spots in timbered areas. Heavy equipment support mop up operations. Retrieve and remove unneeded gear.

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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