

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	August 23, 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 W-SW 5-15 km/h in the morning, becoming W 15-25 G 35 by 15:00. Conditions may differ in the valley bottoms, particularly with wind speeds during the morning. No nocturnal inversion expected in the morning overnight from Wednesday. Overnight low near 7 C and RH recovery to near 60%. Winds diminishing to W 10-20 km/h overnight. 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 in the fire area over the weekend or early next week. Temperature 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. 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. There may be some marginal instability in the afternoon, although thunderstorms are not currently expected.
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 conducted successful small scale planned ignitions along the Barrington Creek drainage outlet to tie the fire into 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. If required and conditions allow crews will continue to use small scale planned ignitions as an effective suppression tactic 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.

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