



INCIDENT UPDATE

Old Tom Creek (K52670)

This information is current as of:	August 24, 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	Much cooler today, mix of sun and cloud. High temp of 16 C and RH low of 34%. Winds W 10-20km/hr. Low possibility of the odd shower. Overnight low near 7 C and RH recovery to near 80%. Winds diminishing to light and variable 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. 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	With winds and temperatures dropping and RH recovering better overnight, fire behaviour should be moderate today. The underlying indices are still high, so any increases in wind will create the potential for aggressive fire behavior, with fast rates of spreads and elevated intensities in all fuel types.
Challenges	As a result of increased wind speeds an excursion occurred on the east flank of the fire north of Shuttle Creek drainage.
Yesterday's achievements	Mopped up 50 ft in along the west flank and in to the northwest corner. The southeast corner is ready for small scale planned ignitions (when conditions permit) and a machine line has begun to be established around the excursion on the east flank.
Today's objectives	To conduct small scale planned ignitions and mop up southeast corner and tie it into a scree slope. Continue to establish hose lay down the south drainage and continue machine line around the east flank excursion.

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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