



# INCIDENT UPDATE

## Old Tom Creek (K52670)

<b>This information is current as of:</b>	August 25, 2018
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<b>Fire camp</b>	Merritt ICP
<b>Incident overview</b>	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.
<b>Weather forecast</b>	Smokey! Much cooler today, mix of sun and cloud. High temp of 14 C and RH low of 32%. Winds W-NW 10-20km/hr. No rain. Overnight low near 6 C and RH recovery to near 85%. Winds diminishing to light and variable NW overnight. It will continue to be smokey. In the north to northwest flow on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday a series of impulses will make their way into the region, triggering isolated to scattered showers. (2 to 3mm) High temps each day only reaching the teens. Wind on Sunday will be light west to southwest, turning to light to moderate north to northwest on Monday and back to light to moderate southwest on Tuesday.
<b>Fire behavior prediction</b>	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.
<b>Challenges</b>	Areas of this fire consist of steep inaccessible terrain that is unsafe for crews to work. Visibility for air support has been intermittent. Yesterday the fire spotted north of the Shuttle drainage on the east flank.
<b>Yesterday's achievements</b>	Push more heavy machinery line in on the east flank. Dug hand line down to grass knob in South. Mopped up Joe Eins drainage. Continued small scale planned ignitions moving east from the southeast corner.
<b>Today's objectives</b>	Crews will continue planned ignitions along the southeast flank of the fire and follow with mop up. Crews will continue to patrol and mop-up the west and north flanks.

### 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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