

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	August 26, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	<p>This wildfire is estimated at 13,359 hectares in size. 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. The BC Wildfire Service continues to monitor and respond to the Snowy Mountain fire. If 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</p> <p>This fire is located in the Snowy Protected Area. For information pertaining to closures at the Cathedral Provincial Park and Protected area please visit BC Parks website.</p>
Weather forecast	<p>Mainly cloudy with smoke. Isolated showers with totals less than 5mm. High temp of 4 C and RH low of 70%. Winds W-NW 15-25 km/hr. The airmass will become stable to 1300m, with breakdown temperature of 13C.</p> <p>Tonight: Overnight low near 2 C and RH recovery to near 90%. Winds diminishing to light NW overnight.</p> <p>Outlook: An upper ridge building into BC on Monday will bring a drier more northerly flow and may push temperatures up into the teens. A slack pressure gradient will result in light northwesterly winds. The ridge flattens and weakens on Tuesday and the flow again becomes northwest. A drier and more stable airmass will result with temperatures warming into the mid to upper teens. Winds will again be light westerly. The next upper trough will be sliding down the coast on Wednesday. The flow will shift westerly and temperatures will warm one or two degrees. Winds will again be light westerly.</p>
Fire behavior prediction	<p>With winds and temperatures dropping and RH recovering better overnight, fire behaviour should be moderate today.</p> <p>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.</p>
Challenges	Increased fire activity along the ridgetops and within the Barrington and Snehumption Drainages. Ignited rolling debris, inoperable terrain, and 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 throughout other flanks of the fire 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 as visibility permits.

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.